

Three Cardinals Lead Last Rites For Beloved St. Louis Prelate

St. Louis (NC) — Three of this nation's four Cardinals were present at the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiescat for 83-year-old John Cardinal Glennon, Archibishop of St. Louis, which commenced a three-day period of mourning, seldom if ever equalled in the long annals of this city.

The Cathedral of Saint Louis was filled to overflowing when Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, pontificated at the Mass. Besides the Cardinals, who occupied thrones beneath a canopy of penitential purple, there were scores of Archbishops and Bishops in the Sanctuary, while hundreds of priests and Religious from many communities filled a section of the vast edifice.

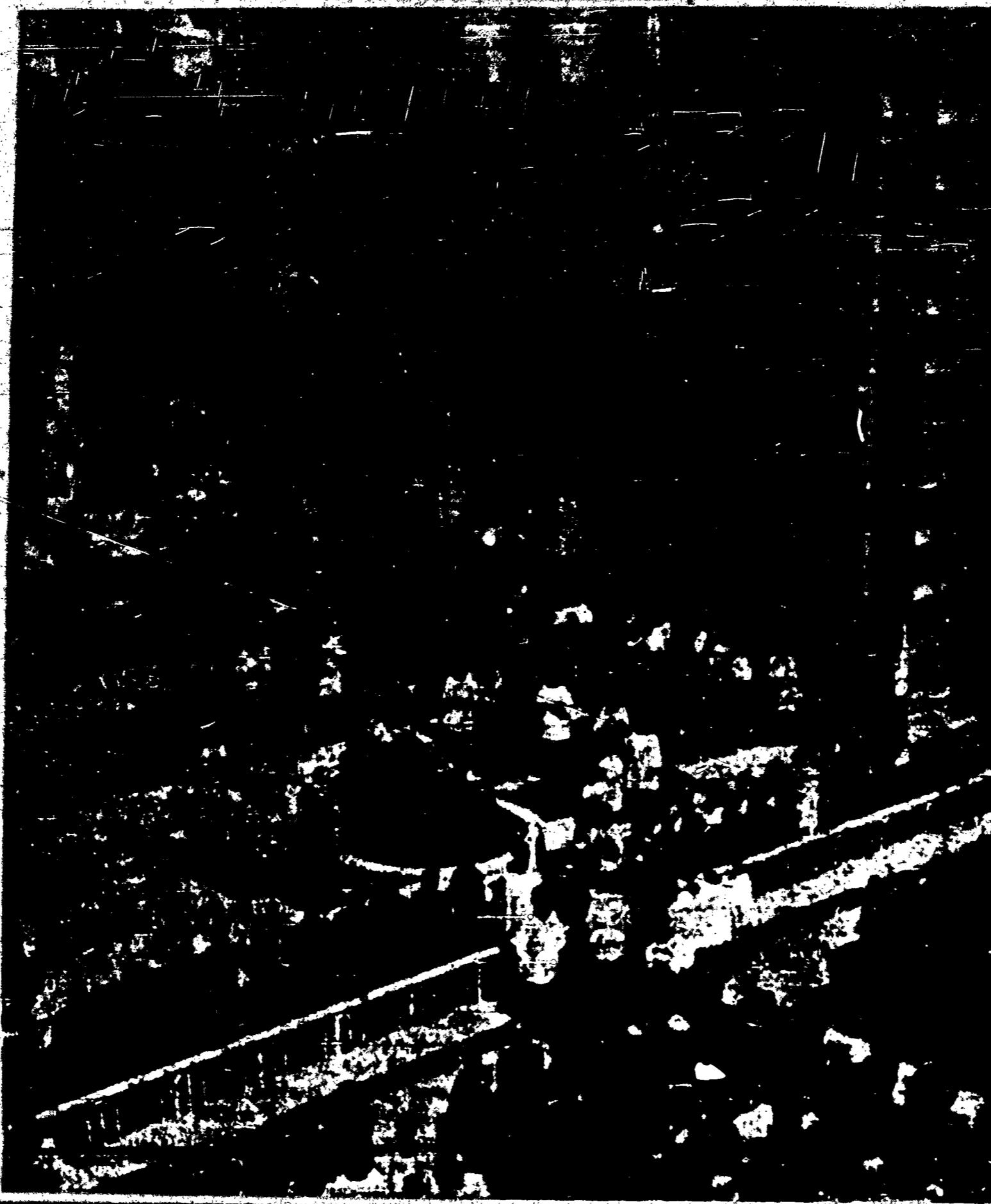
Besides the dignitaries of the Church, personalities of the Federal, State and city governments were in attendance. These included Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan; Governor Phil M. Donnelly of Missouri; Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann of St. Louis, and Sean Nunan, Counsellor of the Irish Legation in Washington.

150,000 View Bier

It was estimated that during the three-day period of mourning, more than 150,000 persons passed the bier of the Cardinal in a final gesture of homage.

As the procession of Prelates moved to the Cathedral for the Mass, it was estimated that some 20,000 persons were thronged in the streets outside. Half of this number remained during the two-hour ceremony, listening to the rituals which were broadcast through amplifiers.

Their Eminences Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit; Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and



The top photo shows the main altar in the new Cathedral of St. Louis, during the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiescat for the late Archibishop of St. Louis, John Cardinal Glennon, who died in Ireland, twenty days after receiving the Red Hat in Rome. The late

Cardinal's Red Hat may be seen at the foot of his bier. Three of the four living U.S. Cardinals are pictured in the lower photo at the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiescat for the late Cardinal Glennon.

Armenian Rites at Vatican Break 1800 Year Tradition

London — (NC) — The Solemn Celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the Armenian Rite, by Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, in the Sistine Chapel on the seventh anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII, marked one more notable departure from tradition.

Not since the second century, when St. Polycarp of Smyrna came to Rome to visit Pope Anicetus, has the Armenian Rite been used on such an occasion, according to The Tablet, London Catholic Weekly.

This Rite was at the request of the Holy Father and in accordance with his desire to emphasize the universality of the Church. Previous Cardinals of the Eastern Rite, including one Armenian, have always used the Latin Rite on public occasions in Rome. They have worn the usual robes of the Latin Cardinals and followed the Latin usages there.

In addition to Cardinal Agagianian, there have been only other representatives of the Eastern Rite in the Sacred College of Cardinals since it was

Final Tribute To Cardinal Glennon

25 Pct. of Pol. Face Death Says Priest

New York — (NC) — most ordinary necessities of life are today beyond the reach of fully one-quarter of the population in Poland, the Rev. Aloys J. Wycislo, relief representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, states in an article in the annual campaign newsletter of the Bishop's War Emergency and Relief Committee, published here.

The newsletter was issued in connection with the sixth annual appeal by the Committee funds to aid war victims refugees, which will be made Lecture Sunday, March 31.

About 18 per cent of the million children left in Poland Father Wycislo states, are suffering from tuberculosis brought by exposure, malnutrition, a generally severe living condition. The Sisters supervising seven old people's homes conducted Caritas stated that "50 per cent of the people in three hours would die within the next months unless medicines, clothing and even blankets were provided immediately," according the article.

Most Destroyed City
Warsaw is the most destroyed city in Europe, Father Wycislo writes. In his travels through the country, he adds, he saw practically no machinery, save only a "few starved horses pulling loads" that would probably never reach their destination. "Farmers who produced enough for export in pre-war Poland are today finding it impossible to produce for their own immediate needs," he writes, adding that "the new land reforms coming at a time when the farmer should be thinking of spring planting" are undecided, puzzled and ill-advised.

"With superhuman efforts the priest relates, "Caritas is striving to keep open its institutions despite increasing numbers of needy, and to meet the need of a people who have traditionally looked to the Church — people who today are without homes, starving, sick, orphaned and dying."

The Church in Poland is also in dire need, Father Wycislo states. "In several dioceses 75 per cent of the clergy have been killed or deported; their churches looted or destroyed," he writes. "In many others, people are trying to restore parish buildings, replacing by hand stone after stone, making every effort to clear at least a space sufficient for the priest to say Mass. The sacred vessels and vestments are in such a pitiable state, he adds, that the priest must be concerned lest the chalice topple over or the albs fall apart while celebrating Mass."

Red Hats Never Touched Hands Of Cardinals

(N. G. W. O., News Service)
The Red Hats which 28 of the new Cardinals received at the Public Consistory in Rome on February 21, never touched the heads of their owners, it has been disclosed.

At the imposition of the Red Hat, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, because of the unusually large number of new Cardinals, used only one Red Hat throughout the ceremony. The same Hat was imposed on each of the 28 new Cardinals.

Vatican sources have disclosed that none of the 28 Cardinals received the Red Hat which was used during the ritual. Their own Red Hats were sent to them at their residences in Rome after the Consistory, traditionally never to be used again until death.