

Authority on Old English Dies
 Washington — (AP) — Funeral services were held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University of America here for Dr. Francis J. Hockett, associate professor of English at the university and an authority on old and medieval English, who died here at the age of 68.

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Costa Rican Prelate Acts In Vote Crisis

San Jose — (AP) — In the face of an unprecedented political crisis that threatens Costa Rica — hitherto considered one of the most stable democracies in the Americas — Archbishop Victor Sanabria of San Jose, as head of a citizens' council has issued a proclamation demanding that "the provisions of the Constitution and of the laws be strictly observed" and compelling the government to advance any measures aimed at frustrating the will of the people.

The crisis arose in the wake of last Sunday's ballot to elect a successor to President Teodoro Picado, after an election campaign marked by violence to an extent never before experienced in this country.

The citizens' council composed of judges and professional men who met at the archiepiscopal residence here issued a manifesto which:

AFFIRMED that power must be handed over to the citizens elected by the majority of votes in Sunday's elections;

Asked President Picado to pronounce himself clearly on the situation;

Invoked the ties of traditional brotherhood among the people, and pointed out that the proclamation was only motivated by the desire to uphold the legitimate interests of all citizens.

Bishop Juan Solis of Alajuela has joined in the proclamation. At least 90 per cent of 140,000 registered voters went to the polls last Sunday. The two principal outstanding candidates were former President Rafael Angel Calderon of the Republican party, which is still in power, and Otilio Ulate, editor of the Costa Rican daily Diario de Costa Rica, and leader of the opposition party, "Union Nacional." The communist party, Vanguardia Popular, presented as candidate one Humberto Gelmírez whose counted votes were not more than 1,000.

The elections themselves took place in perfect order. In armed columns patrolling the streets and highways. Up to the middle of the week, the counting of the ballots gave about 55,000 votes to Ulate, his opponent, Calderon, who received 43,000 votes, acknowledged his defeat but charged fraud.

Bandit Anxious To Join Army

Maryknoll — (NC) — A one-time Manchurian bandit, who spent quite a few years in distributing handouts to members of the Japanese occupation forces, has appealed to Maryknoll Missioner to help him enlist in the U. S. Army.

The missioner is the Rev. Armand Jacques, who now is at his Windsor, Ont. home on leave. He disclosed to a Maryknoll headquarters here that he had received the following letter from the gun-toter, one of many bandits in which his mission was located in Manchuria.

"Dear Father," the one-time bandit wrote, "I heard that you had gone back to America. It is so many years since I have not seen you. Remember when I stole into the concentration camp at Su Ping Kai to have a talk with you? I think I'd like to join up with the American Army. You know what I can do on horseback and you also know my shooting eye. Put in a good word for me. Father. Ever with endless affection and fatherly esteem."

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The new Anuario lists 61 Cardinals created by four Popes; 14 patriarchates, 157 metropolitan archdioceses, 38 non-metropolitan archdioceses, 1,022 dioceses, 1,629 titular sees, 53 abbacies and prelates nullius, 12 apostolic administrations, 13 oriental rite prelates, 223 vicariates apostolic, 130 prefectures apostolic, and 12 missions of their own right.

Statistics on its crosses during the present pontificate are: 47 new archdioceses, 12 dioceses elevated to archdioceses, 20 vicariates apostolic raised to archdioceses; 79 vicariates elevated to bishoprics; 25 prefectures raised to vicariates, and five missions elevated to prefectures. The Anuario also lists the following new creations during the pontificate: five abbeys and prelates nullius, 26 vicariates and 50 prefectures.

Papal Peace Moves Shown in Film

Rome — (NC) — The documentary film, "War Against War" depicting the activities of the Holy See for world peace before, during and after World War II, received its first preview here. As a result of the showing, further improvements and corrections are expected to be made.

The film, approximately 2,000 feet in length, is divided into three phases showing (1) the Pontiff's efforts to avert war, (2) his attempts to keep it from spreading, and (3) his work in healing the wounds of war.

Ex-Indo-China Ruler at Lourdes

Paris — (NC) — The former Annamese Emperor Bao Dai of Indo-China, who has come to France to carry on negotiations looking toward reconciliation of peace in Indo-China, has gone with his wife and two of their children to Lourdes, to attend ceremonies marking the 90th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous. The emperor is a Catholic.

The French High Commissioner of Indo-China, Edouard Belin, met Bao Dai in Geneva and stayed in Rome on his way to return to the Far East, being received by His Holiness Pope Pius XII and a number of Vatican officials.

Hull Explains Taylor Mission

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years or five years from now," there would be a very large number of refugees, Christian as well as Jewish, coming from many countries, including even England, France and Italy.

"I AM WARRING, there fore," he continued, "if you and I should not begin the consideration, while the war is still on, of discussing the whole subject with the Vatican and with the representatives of the Federal Council of the Church in America and some similar organizations in Europe. The contact with the Jews has already been made through the Myron Taylor committee.

"But contact with the Catholic Church ought to be made directly with the Vatican itself, because this question is of infinitely more importance in European Catholicism than in American Catholicism.

"It is my thought, therefore, that while there is no particular reason for haste, we might give consideration to sending at a later date a special Minister or Ambassador on Special Mission to the Vatican in order that we could have a direct system of communication covering the subject of European Catholic refugees.

IN HIS MEMORANDUM the President based his suggestion of a diplomatic representative to the Pope solely on the religious question. He did not mention the aspect, which later assumed great importance to him, that the Vatican would be a factor in obtaining peace.

On Oct. 13 he sent me another memorandum in which he referred to Ambassador Phillips' communication to the Observator. Henderson's report of the President's central message to Congress. Mr. Roosevelt said:

"For various reasons I think it would be a good idea for you to telegraph something along the following line to Phillips: 'Will you at your convenience intimate to the Papal Secretary of State that the President has been made very happy by the impartial printing of American news in the Observator Romano I sent Phillips a cable to this effect on Oct. 11, and on Oct. 20 received a cable from him expressing the Pope's gratitude.'



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action at the President's direction.

AFTER SEVERAL weeks of discussion at the Vatican, the United States and the Holy See, the President decided to send a special representative to the Vatican to discuss the problem of European Catholic refugees. The original letter was given the Apostolic Delegate in Washington through Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York.

The President sent similar letters to Dr. George A. Bailewick, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, an American leader, and to Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, as a Jewish leader.

A more definite suggestion that Mr. Taylor could not have been made, the President said, because of the sensitive nature of the work of initiating and developing the solution of a problem which would have a far-reaching effect.

Mr. Taylor called for Europe in February, 1940, and our present relations with the Vatican began. It developed that the Pope had the same realistic approach to the problem of peace in Europe as ourselves, and was determined not to put forward ideas for settlement unless a peace could be won that would last. That there was not to come until Germany lay in ashes.

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Gandhi Praised Aid to Lepers

Maryknoll — (NC) — The distinguished Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi, gave high praise to Catholic missionaries for their work in behalf of leprosy victims. His remarks are quoted in the March issue of Maryknoll, The Field Atan, mission monthly published here.

"If aiding the lepers is so dear to the missionaries, particularly the Catholic missionaries, it is because there is no other service which requires greater spirit of sacrifice," Gandhi declared, "working in a leper asylum, through the most difficult and the most perfect oblation."

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