

Newsmen Tell Archbishop Of Elevation To Cardinalate

Los Angeles — (NC) — A pledge to promote peace and true liberty throughout the world and in the nation was made by Cardinal-elect James Francis McIntyre in a statement to newspaper reporters Saturday.

"We pledge our loyalty to God and to country in the promotion of all things that work for domestic and international tranquility, provide for the common good, and will preserve to ourselves and posterity the blessings of true liberty," Archbishop McIntyre said.

HIS STATEMENT was made to newsmen, who had asked for comment on his coming elevation to the College of Cardinals even before the prelate had received official notification of his appointment.

The Cardinal-designate said news of his appointment by the Holy Father was a "complete surprise." He first learned of it at 2:40 a. m. when reporters phoned his residence to seek a statement.

"Is it true? Is it official?" Archbishop McIntyre asked the newsmen. "I am completely in the dark."

By dawn, official notification of his elevation had reached the Archbishop's house, together with felicitation from Messrs. Giovanni B. Montini, Papal Pro-Secretary of State, and Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. By 11 in the morning some 50 reporters, photographers, television and newsreel cameramen had gathered at the Archdiocesan Chancery for a press conference.

WITH THE gentility that characterizes him, the Cardinal-designate greeted them. Tall, spare and smiling, the 66-year-old prelate posed for newsreel and television cameras under a battery of glaring lights.

"If you don't mind," he said, "I'd like to have Bishop (Timothy) Manning and Bishop (Joseph T.) McCucken in the picture with me — they're my right-hand men."

IN HIS STATEMENT to the press, the newly-appointed Cardinal said: "The announcement from His Holiness in Rome, as

33 Sisterhoods
Detroit — (NC) — Two floors of Cathedral Central High School here were taken over for the biggest religious vocation exhibit ever staged in Detroit. It depicted the roles of the 33 religious communities of Sisters in the Detroit Archdiocese.

ONE AMERICAN Cardinal lived less than a month after his elevation to the purple. Cardinal Glennon of St. Louis was made a Cardinal in Rome on February 18, 1946, and died in Ireland, March 9, 1946 while enroute home.

One American Cardinal Gibbons, was a member of the Sacred College for 35 years.

Of the American Cardinals, the youngest was 52 and the oldest 83 at the time of their nomination.

American Cardinals have participated in the election of three Popes — Plus X in 1903, Benedict XV in 1914 and Plus XII in 1939.

The United States has not been without a Cardinal since 1911.

A quarter of a century elapsed between the naming of James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore in 1886 and the nomination of the next American Cardinal (Farley of New York and William O'Connell of Boston) in 1911.

The American Hierarchy was in existence 85 years before one of its number was elevated to the Cardinalate.

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JAPANESE PRELATE VISITS U.S.



Visiting in the United States en route to Rome, Archbishop Peter Tatsuo Doi, (center) of Tokyo and his secretary, Rev. Laurence Nagao, (left) are greeted by Bishop Fulton Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Archbishop will visit Ireland before making his ad limina visit to Rome, and will return to Tokyo via India about January 5. (NC Photos.)

U. S. Sailors Confirmed In Rome Basilica

Vatican City — (NC) — Nine U. S. Navy combat veterans returning home from Korean waters stopped at St. Peter's Basilica with their chaplain and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The men, who were enjoying a brief leave from their ships of Destroyer Squadron II, anchored at Naples, were confirmed by Archbishop Francesco Beretti of St. Peter's Basilica.

ATTENDING THE ceremony, in addition to the sponsors for Confirmation, were Msgr. Joseph F. McCough of the Vatican Secretariate of State and Father Raymond Eiteldorf, Iowa priest attached to the Sacred Oriental Congregation.

Their Chaplain, Father (Lieut.) Robert L. Stanton of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., had instructed most of the men and received them into the Church since their cruise began last May. Some had previously entered the Church but never had had opportunity to be confirmed.

THEIR USUAL practice for instructions, according to Father Stanton, was to find a quiet spot in a turret or on the fantail of their destroyers during the day, at night they fought their battles in the Korean war.

Ranking man of the group confirmed was Commander Harvey J. Seim, who had been in command of the destroyer "Barton" which was struck by a floating mine last August.

Fellow-Parishioners Give Weather Man Bad Time

Los Angeles — (NC) — Albert K. Showalter, chief forecaster of the Los Angeles Weather Bureau, likes his work. There are times however, when he would just as soon not venture a forecast.

At least four times since he moved into Visitation parish in Westchester five years ago, he has been required — on the strength of all the scientific weather for a day when the parish had scheduled an outdoor carnival.

Each time Father Thomas Sullivan, his pastor, rallied the school children to pray for fair



ARCH. WENDEL

German Cardinal Given Bear Cub

Munich — (NC) — Archbishop Josef Wendel of Munich and Freising, a new Cardinal-designate, can take a most-unusual companion with him to the January 12 Consistory in Rome, if he so chooses.

He has just received a one-year-old brown bear cub from the Catholic youth organization of the Munich archdiocese. In presented him with this unusual gift the Catholic youth officials reminded the Archbishop of Munich and Freising that the founder of the archdiocese, St. Corbinian, used brown bears as beasts of burden.

St. Corbinian, a seventh-century monk and Bishop, evangelized Germany at the request of Pope Gregory II.

Countries Represented In Sacred College Increased 4; Total 27

Rome — (NC) — The appointment of 24 new Cardinals by His Holiness Pope Plus XII now extends membership in the Church's Senate to 27 countries or territories.

This represents an increase of four countries over the total represented after the naming of new Cardinals in 1945, and their formal elevation in 1946.

THE NEW countries represented in the Sacred College are Colombia, Ecuador, Ireland and Yugoslavia. It is the first time that Colombia and Ecuador have been honored with appointment of a Cardinal.

The largest number of Cardinals appointed are Italians. Eleven of the new appointees are Italians, bringing their number in the new College to 27. The full complement is 70.

Despite the Pope's naming of 11 Italians, the number from that country is actually one fewer than the total of 28 Italians scheduled for the Sacred College after the 1945 appointments. However, one of the Italian Cardinals, Pietro Cardinal Boetto, died before the 1945 appointments actually received the Red Hat. So there were only 27 Italians in the Sacred College after the new Cardinals received their Red Hats in February 1946.

It is recalled that the spreading of the Cardinalial appointments all over the world in 1945 made it the first time that the Italians were a minority in the Sacred College.

THE UNITED States which received four Cardinal appointments in 1945 received only one this year: Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre, of Los Angeles.

The 1945 American appointments were Their Eminence John Cardinal Glennon (now deceased), Edward Cardinal Mooney, of Detroit, Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, and Francis Cardinal Spellman, of New York. After the 1946 creation of Cardinals the United States had five members in the Sacred College. Now it is scheduled to have only four. The other Cardinal in 1946 was the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia.

AS IN 1946, the new College of Cardinals will represent all the continents of the world. The new college will have 49 from Europe, ten from South America (one Cuba), six from North America, three from Asia, one

Third Largest Single Group

Rome — (NC) — The 23 new Cardinals named by His Holiness Pope Plus XII on Nov. 28 is the third largest group ever elevated to the Sacred College at one time.

Pope Plus XII named the largest single group in the history of the Church when he elevated 82 prelates to the Roman purple at Christmas, 1945.

The second largest group of Cardinals, 81, was nominated on July 1, 1917.

from Africa and one from Australia.

France ranks next to Italy as the country with the largest number of members in the college. Then come the United States and Spain with four each, Brazil with three, Argentina, Canada and Germany with two and the other countries of territories with one each.

New Cardinals On Retreat With Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Three newly named Cardinals have joined His Holiness Pope Plus XII and other prelates now making their annual retreat here. They are Archbishops Gaetano Cicognani, Papal Nuncio to Spain, and Paul Emil Leger of Montreal, Canada, and Msgr. Alfredo Ottaviani, Assessor of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

Archbishops Cicognani and Leger are now visiting in Rome. Monsignor Ottaviani is a member of the Vatican Curia.

The retreat began on Sunday evening and is scheduled to end this weekend. It is being conducted under Father Giuseppe di Giovanni, a Jesuit.

Political Victims

Paris — (NC) — A new confraternity dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy has been founded in France to aid victims of political persecution throughout the world.



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