

Pope Pius Calls Cardinals 'Living Image of Church'

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Image of the entire Church of which it is the august senate. For the Catholic Church... is foreign to no nation and no people but belongs to all and cherishes all with the same love and solicitude."

Referring to Cardinal Stepinac, the Pope said:

"We cannot do otherwise than extend our sorrowing affection towards our Venerable Brother, the Archbishop of Zagreb, who in the present circumstances has not been able to travel freely in order to reach this city and approach the Common Father."

The Pope went on to say that he embraced the absent Cardinal Stepinac with a fatherly love.

HE EXPLAINED his selection of Cardinal Stepinac as follows:

"We strongly desire that everyone should know that when We decided to decorate him with the nobility of the Roman purple We had nothing else in mind save to reward in a fitting manner his deserving merits, and also to give testimony of our benevolence to his whole nation, and in a particular way to show high praise and offer deep comfort to our Beloved sons and daughters who, with great fortitude of soul in these difficult times, make open profession of their Catholic faith."

"It is especially far from the truth to say that We decreed his admittance into your Sacred College with the intention of offending the political authorities of Yugoslavia by provocation."

The Pope stated he did not want the announcement of the choice of Cardinal Stepinac to be taken as a reply in any way to the violent language the Yugoslav authorities have been using against the Pontiff.

"It is a discourteous way of speaking which our Holy Father readily pardon and forgive," the Holy Father declared.

"OUR CONSCIENCE does not permit us to acknowledge or approve the grounds of the accusations against him," the Pope added referring to Tito's "trial" and jailing of the Archbishop of Zagreb.

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purple of a pastor who is an example of apostolic zeal and Christian fortitude."

"Furthermore, the cardinalate is a purely ecclesiastical dignity, even though governments and people rejoice when one of their citizens is raised to the honors of your College," the Pope declared.

THE HOLY FATHER referred to Cardinal Wyszynski as follows:

"He informed us in a brief message that he could not reach this beloved city as he so ardently wished... The reasons for his failure to come are until now unknown to us."

"It is very certain however—and we desire that it be known to all—that when We determined to raise him to the dignity of the Roman purple We not only intended to reward fittingly this Archbishop so well deserving of the Church, but We intended besides to give high testimony of our vivid, paternal affection for the most noble Polish nation which in the pages of Christian history has written, even in difficult and stormy times, chapters of shining glory."

The Pontiff ended his discourse by remembering the late Patriarch Carlo Agostini of Venice, whom he has named to the Sacred College but who died before the Consistory. He said he felt the Patriarch's absence strongly and expressed the hope that God had given him the reward in heaven which the Pontiff had tried also to give him on earth.

Ousted Veteran Diplomat In Rome

Rome —(RNS)— Mgr. Silvio Oddi, Vatican diplomat ousted by the Yugoslav government, arrived here to report to Pope Pius XII.

Mgr. Oddi was charge d'affaires of the Papal Nunciature at Belgrade. Marshal Tito's government broke off diplomatic relations with the Holy See Dec. 17 and asked that Vatican representatives be withdrawn from the Yugoslav capital.

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Food, Water Boycott New Red Tactic

Hong Kong —(NC)— The arrival of nine priests and four nuns across the border from Red China in one day, a record for such arrivals, indicates a stepped-up campaign to force the remaining 710 Catholic Missionaries out of China.

Most of the priests experienced a new technique which is becoming more widely used by the Communists.

AFTER ALL funds are stopped, the priests are not allowed to buy food in public or obtain any water. Unable to continue their missionary activities through starvation, they are forced to request their exit visa.

This hunger-thirst pressure tactic of persecution was used against Father Joseph Caron, S.J., 58-year-old native of Quebec; Father Aurelian Demers, S.J., 54, from Montreal; Father Matthias Haber, S.V.D., 51, from Bavaria; Father Giuseppe Muttoni, S.J., 50, and Father Pietro Donatelli, S.J., 43, from Italy; Father Luis Castillo, S.J., 65, and Father Francis Xerica, 49, from Spain.

FATHER Innocente Burroni, O.F.M., 73, native of Torino, Italy, and Father Barlume Elmar, O.F.M., 41, from Munich, were expelled from China after 13 months in jail. Father Innocente had spent 46 years in China in the Changsha Diocese, and Father Barlume, 14 years.

The four nuns from Wuhu, where their superiors had earlier been expelled on the usual "crucial" to orphans' charges, are Sister Angeles Acha, Sister Pilar Ibanez, Sister Josefa Iraola and Sister Gregoria Otazu, all from Spain.

Red Hatred Of 'Our Lady' In China Cited

Detroit —(NC)— In the long annals of religious persecutions there never has been so much hatred of the Blessed Mother as that now practiced by the communists of China, a Maryknoll Missioner, who survived two years of Red persecution and torture, declared here.

"But our age is also the Marian age—a period in which the world is accepting Mary's spiritual motherhood as never before," Father Robert M. Gross told the First Friday Club here.

"True, communism is gaining in some parts of the world," he continued, "but as the doctrine of Mary's motherhood is accepted, communism will die."

Titular Church of New U. S. Cardinal



Exterior and interior views of the ancient church of St. Anastasia in Rome, which has been assigned as the titular church of James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles. The historic church is located at the foot of Palatine Hill on the periphery of the Roman Forum. It is believed to date back to the Fourth Century. Known since earliest times as a "station" church, it is used on special days, especially Ash Wednesday, for services by the Pope.

Want To Meet People? —Learn To Talk Chinese

St. Columbus, Neb. — (NC) — If you meet a fellow-missionary and he doesn't speak your language—talk Chinese.

That's the advice of Father Daniel Fitzgerald, of the St. Columban's Foreign Mission Society here, who met quite a few priests of the nationality or another after he had pulled out of Hong Kong recently on a westward-bound Danish freighter.

WHEN THE BOAT docked at Isabela, a small port on Basilan Island in the southern Philippines, the Columban missionary met three white-casocked Spanish padres. Conversation limped along in halting Latin, until one of the group tripped upon a word and unconsciously used the Chinese equivalent.

The effect was dynamic. The talk switched immediately into high gear. The Spaniards were Claretians who had worked in China.

IN SINGAPORE, Father Fitzgerald fell in with a French Jesuit who was almost as unhappy in English as the former was in French. By mutual agreement they conversed in — you guessed it—Chinese. The Frenchman had formerly been a missionary in Peking.

While the freighter was unloading cargo at Haifa in Israel, the Columban Father drove to Nazareth, 30 miles away, to say Mass in the Church of the Annunciation.

New York, Los Angeles Cardinals Greet In Rome

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auditorium to await the papal messenger at 10:10 a.m., precisely the moment when the secret Consistory ended. Previously he had waited in his own apartment on the second floor, close to that of his host, Bishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the college.

AS SOON AS he was seated on a gold-edged, crimson-covered chair press photographers began flashing away at him. The Cardinal was apparently amused at the sudden and somewhat premature onslaught, and joked lightly with Bishop O'Connor and with Bishops Thomas K. Gorman, Coadjutor of Dallas; Thomas J. McDonnell, Coadjutor of Wheeling, and Joseph T. McGuiken, Auxiliary of Los Angeles, and various monsignori near him.

Promptly at 10:30 a.m., a Vatican Secretariate of State courier, Msgr. Thomas Ryan of Ireland, entered the hall, proceeded to Cardinal McIntyre and handed him the "biglietto." The new Cardinal opened the envelope and read silently the message from Msgr. Giovanni B. Montini, Vatican Pro-Secretary of State, and then handed it to Bishop O'Connor.

THE LATTER then read the contents of the "biglietto" aloud for the assembly:

"His Holiness in Secret Consistory this morning has graciously deigned to elevate to the Cardinalial dignity his Most Reverend Excellency James F. McIntyre. Such gracious act of sovereign consideration of the Holy Father is communicated to the distinguished Cardinal for his information and guidance."

Then a second messenger with a brief greeting bowed respectfully and handed the prelate an envelope containing a brief from the Apostolic Chancery signed by Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, informing him he now had all the rights and duties of the Sacred College.

A THIRD and final messenger—this time from the Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies—then informed Cardinal McIntyre he had an appointment for six o'clock Wednesday evening to receive the biretta from His Holiness, and extended to the new Prince the greetings of the Congregation.

Following this, the couriers withdrew, going immediately to the German-Hungarian College to repeat the ceremonies for Cardinal-elect Joseph Wendel, Arch-

bishop of Munich and Freising.

The messengers then stopped at the Apostolic Chancery to give the "biglietto" to the new Italian Cardinals, and went on to their fourth and final destination, the Irish College, to inform John Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland. The new Irish Cardinal expressed his thanks for the recognition in Gaelic, Italian and English.

AS WOMEN are barred from witnessing the first-day ceremonies or participating in the later amenities, only male members of Cardinal McIntyre's party — together with clergymen who accompanied him, and prelates, priests and students of the Roman colony—were present in the North American College auditorium.

American Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker to Italy, who was among the prominent guests invited to stand near the prelates during the ceremony.

Immediately after the couriers left, all present in the auditorium began to congratulate the new Cardinal informally. His Eminence also received all of the students of the North American College personally, asking the local diocese of each.

Then he descended to the college parlor, where prominent officials of the Vatican, the city of Rome, and clerical friends from many countries immediately began to arrive.

AMONG THESE visitors were the "gentiluomini" or gentlemen-in-waiting of the other prelates elevated to the Sacred College at the same time. Cardinal McIntyre's own, Cesare Federici—an official of the temporal administration of the Vatican City state—had left immediately and was going from one to the other of the new Cardinals with Cardinal McIntyre's personal card of greeting to them.

Late in the evening, streams of distinguished visitors still continued to call at the North American College to congratulate the new American Cardinal.

A reception for Cardinal McIntyre was held Thursday—after all of the ceremonies were over—at the home of Ambassador Bunker, with the American citizens of Rome invited.

German Prosperity Cologne, Germany — (NC) — His Eminence Josef Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, called on German Catholics for prayers of thanks for the country's improved economic conditions which, he said, have exceeded all expectations.

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