

Only Pope Knows

Will New Cardinals Be Named?

The following article republishes persistent press reports that new Cardinals are soon to be named. The *NEW YORK TIMES* writer indicates:

that no one except the Pope himself knows whether he will fill up vacancies in the College of Cardinals.

By E. BRUNST

ROME (NC)—There is one sure sign here in Rome that Advent approaches. The rumor mongers polish up as they do every year an old piece of machinery for which there is always a market.

Will the Holy Father soon call a Consistory for the election of new members of the Sacred College of Cardinals? Who are the leading candidates in the various countries to receive the Red Hat as members of the College?

We can say right now and categorically: Those who talk and write about these matters, don't know, and those few who know the Pope's intentions regarding the appointment of new Cardinals, most assuredly will not talk about it.

This is the situation in a nutshell and it will remain so until the moment when it is officially announced in Osservatore Romano that His Holiness plans to call a Consistory and to appoint a certain person to the Sacred College.

It does not matter whether the "pre-consistorial rumors" are attributed to "usually well-informed persons" or "Vatican circles," or a ranking prelate who cannot be identified by name. They still remain rumors with no more substance than that furnished by more or less intelligent guesses by backstairs gossip, by wishful thinking, or doubtful analogies.

THE FEW BASIC facts are a matter of record:

(1)—The reigning Pontiff has so far called two Consistories in 1946 and 1953. Both were officially announced before Christmas. On December 23, 1945, Osservatore Romano published the news that the Pope had completed a Consistory for February, 1946, to raise 32 prelates to the Purple. On November 29, 1953, it was announced that the Holy Father would hold a Consistory on January 12, 1953, to present the Red Hat to 24 new Cardinals.

(2)—There are at present eight vacancies in the Cardinals' College which traditionally consists of 70 members.

(3)—The eight seats which have become vacant through death were occupied by five Italian Cardinals and one each from Peru, Netherlands and Austria. These last three countries are at present not represented in the College of Cardinals.

(4)—One of the five Italian Cardinals whose death occurred since the Pope brought the College back to its full strength in 1953 was Cardinal Schuster. He was Archbishop of Milan, which is traditionally considered to be one of Italy's Cardinalitial sees. The incumbent is Archbishop Giovanni B. Montini. He is the former Pro-Secretary of State.

In 1953 the Pope revealed that he had planned to name both

Archbishop Montini and Monsignor Domenico Tardini, present Pro-Secretary of State for Extraordinary Affairs to membership in the Sacred College, but both begged him not to do so.

Those are the basic facts. EVERYTHING else from here on is surmise and speculation. Certainly the Pope could call a Consistory today or in a week month or year from now. But being sovereign ruler as head of the Church he is not obliged to do so. There is no rule that Consistories must be held at certain times of the year. In recent decades they have taken place in January, February, March, May, June, November and December.

Certainly the Pope could call a Consistory to fill all the existing vacancies, or some of them. But here, too, the Pontiff is under no binding rule. There is no law setting a minimum membership of the Sacred College. When the Pontiff called his first Consistory almost seven years after his election, the membership of the College had decreased to 38.

On the other hand, the Pope is not necessarily bound by the rule established in 1586 that the College should consist of 70 members. As a sovereign ruler, he would be perfectly free to increase the number of Cardinals beyond 70 if he deemed this necessary in the interest of the Church.

Communion Breakfast Held At Geneva USO

Geneva — A Communion breakfast was held at the USONCCS Club in Geneva on Sunday, Nov. 13, in honor of the National Catholic Community Services 15th Anniversary.

The breakfast was attended by Airman Errol Sampson, Air Force Base and Geneva Junior hostesses.

Arthur Cowan, chairman of the NCCS Operating Committee acted as master of ceremonies. Cowan traced the history of the USONCCS Club in Geneva and expressed a need for additional programs of this kind in the future.

REV. WILLIAM HICKEY, assistant pastor of St. Stephen Church in Geneva was the principal speaker and gave a talk on the life of the late Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Parents Nights Held in Geneva
Geneva—Parents nights were held at St. Stephen School, Geneva last week enabling the parents to view the work of the students and to talk to their teachers. Sister Madeline Louise, principal, said the next parents night is scheduled for January.

Committee were: Mrs. Mae Dickhoff, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Jennings, Mrs. Nicholas Fleming, Mrs. Charles Carroll, Miss Josephine Lazio, Miss Marianne Morocco and Miss Frances Merriam.

"Open House" was held at the club during the day with many almsmen, relatives and friends visiting the club.

The USO Club in Geneva is operated by the National Catholic Community Services.

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The 14th Seton Branch of St. Mary Hospital will hold its monthly luncheon meeting in the lounge of the nurses home on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at noon. Hostesses will be Mrs. Joseph Mahoney, Mrs. Orr Shiby and Mrs. Joseph Wanamaker.

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Grand Rapids (NC)—Joseph W. Fenstemacher of New York Catholic Charities' Family Service Bureau in Yonkers, said too many persons are upset by the so-called "tensions in marriage."

"TENSIONS" don't necessarily mean "difficulties in marriage," Mr. Fenstemacher said. "Actually, with thoughtfulness on the part of the couple, they usually lead to greater harmony."

He said the "most successful marriages" are built on five foundations—parenthood, companionship, interest in the home, religious concerns and a degree of economic stability.

"Conflict in marriage is troublesome but need not be damaging," he continued. "If there is the emotional immaturity of a young couple, in fact, necessitates differ-

ence of opinion and actually the differences are often the only means of avoiding unsound decisions."

Dr. Kathleen Davis, medical director of Adult Guidance Clinic of Catholic Charities in Brooklyn, said it's hard to isolate factors that wreck marriages.

"In other words, it is not easy to say that this or that marriage broke down because of some such thing as drink or mismanagement of money," she said. "If there is a common factor, it is the emotional immaturity of one or both of the partners."

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