



Vatican City — (RNS) — Among the thousands who crowded into St. Peter's Basilica here to witness the coronation of Pope John XXIII were five members of the Roncalli family, seated in a special enclosure near the

Pope Crowned In Rome

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basilica raised their voices in a deafening roar of "Viva il Papa!" — a salute that the new Pope would hear many more times in his reign. Members of the diplomatic missions of more than 200 nations rose to their feet.

Among the national missions was that of the U.S. serving as personal representatives of President Eisenhower were Secretary of Labor James F. Mitchell, Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy and Mrs. (Jane) Bottice Luce, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy.

Canada was represented by Solicitor General Leon Baker.

Premier Amintore Fanfani headed the Italian mission while Great Britain was represented by the Catholic Duke of Norfolk, Premier Duke and Earl, and Hereditary Earl Marshal of England, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Huang Shao-ku represented his country. The Austrian delegation was led by Premier Julius Raab, who also acted as the personal representative of Austria. President Adnan Scherif.

Other national representatives at the coronation included Foreign Minister Alcide De Gasperi of Portugal, Ambassador Prince Albert of Liege, Ex-Imperator of Mexico Baudouin, Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and Defense

Minister Franz Josef Strauss of Germany, Premier Eamon de Valera of Ireland, French Minister of State Pierre Pflimlin, and former President Enrico Celo of the Swiss Federal Council. Monaco's mission was headed by Prince Ranier III's father, Prince Pierre.

The procession moved slowly to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament where the Pope dismounted and knelt for a moment of adoration before the Sacramental Lord whose Vicar on earth he is.

The procession then moved to the Chapel of St. Gregory, on the Epistle Side of the Basilica where the Pope received the obedience of the Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots and the college of confessors of St. Peter's. Then, after imparting his apostolic benediction, the Pope intoned the hour of Terce of the Divine Office. While the chant was concluded by the choir, he began vesting for Mass.

As the Pope was assisted in vesting in fawn, stole, tunic, dalmatic, gloves and chasuble the Cardinals vested themselves in mitre and cope.

When all were vested, the procession moved toward the main altar. The procession stopped before the main altar and the Pontifical Master of Ceremonies came before the Supreme Pontiff performed that rite which amidst

all this glory would remind him of the sobering reality of the passing of all things.

Taking in a silver basin a burning tuft of smoldering flax, the Master of Ceremonies genuflected and chanted three times: "Holy Father, so passes the glory of the world."

The Pope now began the Mass, which for the most part, was similar to any solemn pontifical Mass celebrated by a bishop. The Pope was assisted by Cardinal Canali, Cardinal Tisserant and Cardinal Ottaviani.

After the recitation of the "Glorificus" the first act special to the coronation was performed.

Here Cardinal Canali, Dean of the Cardinal Deacons, placed the white woolen pallium over the Pope's shoulders. Next Cardinal Tisserant intoned the Pope three times and kissed him on the cheek and breast. Cardinals Canali and Ottaviani then performed the same actions.

The Pope mounted his throne which stood at the rear center of the sanctuary in front of the Altar of the Chair, now completely hidden by a great crimson drape.

Then the Cardinals in the order of their seniority left the stalls to make a final obeisance to the new Pope, kissing his hand. They were followed by Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops and mitred Abbots. Then the Mass continued as usual.

After the chanting of the

Collects of the Mass, the assisting Cardinals, Swiss Guards, and bearers, Eton Judges and consistorial advocates at this point formed a procession that moved to the entrance of St. Peter's tomb and began the chanting of a litany imploring God's help for the new Pontiff.

"Hearken, O God, to our prayers for our master, the Pope, Saviour of the world, help him."

After the chanting of the Epistle in Latin by the subdeacon and the Gospel by the deacon, the same were chanted in Greek by a Greek subdeacon and a Greek deacon.

Following the chanting of the "Credo" came a ceremony which has remained in the liturgy from other more insecure times when violence might be done to the popes.

After the usual preparations were made for the Offertory of the Mass, the papal sacristan offered three hosts for the Pope's use. One was selected by the cardinal Sacram of the Mass and the other two were consumed by the sacristan in the Pope's presence. The same was done with the water and wine for the Mass with the Sacramentarium a bit of each in the Pope's presence.

The faithful filling the basilica



Vatican City — (RNS) — Conscribed into the Italian army during World War I, Pope John XXIII was assigned to a medical corps and given the rank of sergeant. This was the only time in his life that he wore a mustache. Later, promoted to the rank of lieutenant, he became a chaplain with the duty of attending the sick at military hospitals.

who a short time before had readily cheered the Pope's entrance, now fell silently to their knees. The Guardsmen lowered their swords. The torchbearers entered the sanctuary and knelt.

Came the words of Consecration that every priest speaks in his Mass: "This is My Body... This is My Blood..." Three times the Pope elevated the Host and the chalice, to the center, to the right and to the left, kneeling before and after each triple elevation to adore the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

From up in the dome of the basilica the trumpet choir sounded the "Largo" of Longhi to signal each elevation.

Before the Pope received Communion he gave the ceremonial Kiss of Peace to the cardinals assisting him in the Mass. Then this ritual embrace was passed from one to another until all clergymen present had received it.

Then with the repeated cheers on exit the procession was formed and moved through the basilica and out the main doors to the atrium, through the atrium, up the Scala Regia and into the Hall of Benedictions.

As he came into view the many thousands waiting in the Square who had been unable to enter the basilica greeted the Pope with a roar of acclaim.

The entire square became a surging mass of shouting, waving, humanity—men, women and children from every nation on the face of the earth demonstrated at the same time the universality and the unity of the Church. And in this moment, surely, of one heart and mind and voice to express their reverence and love for the occupant of Peter's Throne.

The actual coronation that followed was simple. The choir intoned the hymn "Corona Murex Super Caput Ejus" (A Golden Crown is Placed Upon His Head).

When it was finished, Cardinal Tisserant recited the Lord's Prayer, which would be the only prayer to accompany the act of coronation.

Then Cardinal Canali, taking the tiara in both hands, raised it over the head of the enthroned Pontiff, saying: "Accept this ornate tiara of the three crowns and remember that you are Father of Princes and Kings, Pontiff of the world and Vicar of Our Saviour Jesus Christ on this earth, whose honor and glory is forever and ever."

The Pope was crowned. "Viva il Papa" (Long live the Pope) burst from half a million throats in the earth's every language. The Vicar of Christ blessed his flock.

Pope John XXIII withdrew from the balcony to begin his reign.

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