

Kennedy Cabinet Religion Mosaic

Washington — (RNS) — President-elect John F. Kennedy has nominated to his Cabinet seven Protestants, two Jews, and a Roman Catholic — all active in their churches or synagogues.

Protestant nominees include two Presbyterians, two Methodists, a Lutheran, an Episcopalian, and a Mormon.

The President-elect's brother, Robert F. Kennedy, 35, who is the nominee for Attorney General, is the only member of the Roman Catholic Church named to the cabinet.

ROBERT KENNEDY has a reputation as a devout Catholic. He has taken an active role in the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, a charitable trust set up by the Kennedy family in memory of Sen. Kennedy's older brother who was killed in World War II.

Robert Kennedy and his wife, the parents of seven children, have been particularly interested in the welfare of crippled and retarded youngsters. They have made numerous gifts to Catholic charities in the Washington area.

Dr. Dean Rusk, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, the nominee for Secretary of State, is the son of an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church who held pastorates in Georgia and South Carolina. Dr. Rusk, an alumnus of Davidson (N.C.) College (Southern Presbyterian), is a member of the Hitchcock Memorial Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale.

The incoming Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, 44, is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillon, 51, is a prominent layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His nomination for Secretary of State in President Eisenhower's administration have frequently stressed the theme that America's program for aid to underdeveloped countries is the strongest test of this nation's moral character.

He has been a strong supporter of the Foundation of Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order (FRASCO), founded by Dr. Charles Wesley Lowry, an Episcopal clergyman, and has frequently urged churchmen to express their concern over moral issues in foreign policy.



Steel Skeleton For New St. Ann's

A vast net of steel spirals into the winter sky as the new St. Ann's Home for the Aged climbs its ten-story height on Portland Avenue, Irondequoit. Mild autumn weather pushed project ahead of schedule. Completion date is set for next December. (Courier Journal photo by Paul Costabile)

Youth Enroll For German Red Rites

Rep. Stewart L. Udall (D., Ariz.) who has been appointed Youth Dedications announced

Secretary of the Interior is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (Mormon) and is described as a staunch believer. He is the father of six children, and said the number represents over

entire family attends church every Sunday.

Both Albert J. Goldberg, 32,

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff, 30, of Connecticut, 700,000 boys and girls have par-

ticipated, a neighborhood civil

organization and three con-

gregations. Mr. Goldberg is

a member of Sinai Temple, an atheistic com-

munity of its committee. Gov.

Ribicoff is an active member of the Health, Education and Welfare, and active on part of the committee re-

garding the proposed legislation.

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Better I Don't Talk Freedom, Gift For Christmas

Chicago — (RNS) — A Polish priest who spent four years in a communist prison is looking forward this year to "most happy and holy Christmas in Chicago."

"Thank God I'm alive!" Msgr. Paul Hlinka exclaimed upon his arrival here. "It's a miracle how I finally came to the United States."

Miracle it may have been. Msgr. Hlinka's desire to lead a new life in the U.S. is actually the result of persistent efforts by a Chicago priest, a neighborhood civil rights leader, and three co-workers.

Prime mover in the cam- paign that brought the Polish churchman here was Father Stanley Rokicki, pastor of St. Boniface church.

Father Rokicki began his efforts on behalf of Msgr. Hlinka after the Monsignor managed to slip out of Poland by means of a temporary passport to Italy. With time running out he contacted Chicago's Back of the Yards Council, which in turn asked Rep. John W. McCormack to intercede with the state legislature for the priest.

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Church and State are not improving," he added.

Msgr. Hlinka was born in Wolyn, Poland, in 1903. His father, a Polish prince, and his mother, three brothers and a sister were killed by the Bolsheviks shortly after World War I.

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Through the combined ef-

forts of the priest, the civic group and the Federal legi-

lators, a permanent visa was obtained for Msgr. Hlinka. He arrived in New York December 12 and came from the airport to Chicago, where he will live with Father Rokicki.

"All I may say is that conditions there between the

country was cut short by the Polish communist regime, which refused to extend his one-year visa. On his way home he stopped in Rome, where he was made a domes-

tic prelate by the late Pope Plus XII.

In 1949 Msgr. Hlinka was arrested by the communists and accused of being a spy for the Vatican and the United States. On August 14 of that year he was sentenced to 10 years in jail. In 1954, however, he was granted a new trial and was acquitted when the court acknowledged that the charges against him were false. But even after his acquittal and release the Reds refused to permit him to exercise his priestly functions, and it was then he asked the permission of his superiors to leave the country.

It was in 1945 while he was in Chicago under the sponsorship of Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. Sholl of Chicago, founder of the Catholic Youth Organization, that he first met Father Rokicki.

Msgr. Hlinka's stay in this

Perils Today Said Same As Long Ago

Washington — (RNS) — President Eisenhower, in his last White House Christmas message to American servicemen, compared the perils of today with those facing the world when Christ was born.

Recalling the Christmas story, the President said: "It is not simply the birth of a child and the singing of the shepherds and the coming of wise men. The story also includes a cruel king, a pitiful flight of refugees and a tragic slaughtering of innocent children."

"So with the joy of that first Christmas," he continued, "we cannot forget the perils of that time or the perils of our time. We are also living in an age of cruel and aggressive leaders. To preserve our freedom and liberty against them we must stand firm."

"Whenever need requires we must make personal sacrifices on our own part—and on the part of our families."

The President told members of the armed forces: "I deeply believe in the Christmas message of peace on earth, good will toward men."

"This is the highest goal of mankind," he declared. "It requires—our finest efforts. It promises the greatest reward. Moreover, the peace of the world is the absolute necessity of our time."

President Eisenhower noted that for most of his adult life he had celebrated Christmas while in uniform; either in war or in peace.

"Invariably," he said, "each Christmastide awakens many memories of those years, of service friends and comrades, and it lifts up my hope for the future."

Land Reform

Sao Paulo — (RNS) — The Bishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, warned here that "violent revolution will inevitably come to Brazil if land reform is not adopted."

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