

World Mourns Pope Paul VI

The great and the small around the world have been making plans to pay homage to the memory of Pope Paul VI who died at 9:40 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 6 at his summer home in Castelgandolfo, Italy.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced a diocesan Mass for 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Hogan will deliver the homily and concelebrate the Mass with Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty and the coordinators of the 10 diocesan regions.

The diocese has also sent letters to all pastors advising them of the cathedral Mass and also suggesting appropriate liturgies in each parish.

Although elaborate arrangements are under way in Rome, no official schedule had been announced as of Courier-Journal press-time Monday.

Preliminary plans include a mourning period of nine days, during which the Pope's body will lie in state for three days in St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Paul, who would have been 81 on Sept. 26, died at his summer palace in Castelgandolfo in the Alban Hills 15 miles from Rome.

He suffered a heart attack Sunday and was given the last rites of the Church. At first his condition was listed as serious but stable.

But his condition was aggravated by pulmonary edema, or seeping of fluid into the lungs bringing about his death.

He had canceled his weekend blessing from the balcony at Castelgandolfo because of a flareup of his arthritic condition.

The official statement of his passing from the Vatican Press Office read:

"With profound grief and

emotion, we must announce that Pope Paul VI died this evening ... in his summer residence at Castelgandolfo."

Immediately chains were drawn across the gates of the papal palace in the Vatican, a symbol that everything was halted until the selection of the next pope.

That responsibility will rest with 116 cardinals who will come from throughout the world to gather in the Vatican in the next 15 to 18 days.

The election is to be governed by 800-year-old rules established by Pope Alexander III in 1179, by provisions of an apostolic constitution published by Pope Paul XII in 1945, by a series of amendments and instructions issued by Pope John XXIII in 1962 and by Pope Paul's 1975 decree limiting the eligibility to vote to cardinals under 80. Thus there are now 130 cardinals, not all of them are eligible to vote.

The cardinals will meet in conclave in the Sistine Chapel, there to stay until the election is completed. A candidate must receive more than two thirds of votes of the cardinals present. If agreement is not reached in nine days then a simple majority will suffice.

Also in his 1975 decree, Pope Paul rejected any suggestion that bishops, patriarchs of the Eastern Rite or anyone other than cardinals be allowed to vote. Also forbidden was any sound recording or filming during the conclave.

For the first time, non-Europeans will hold a majority of the votes, including 10 from the United States. Only 27 Italian cardinals are among the 116 eligible to vote.

These figures raised the possibility of the election of the first non-Italian pope since Hadrian VI of Utrecht, Holland, in 1522-1523.

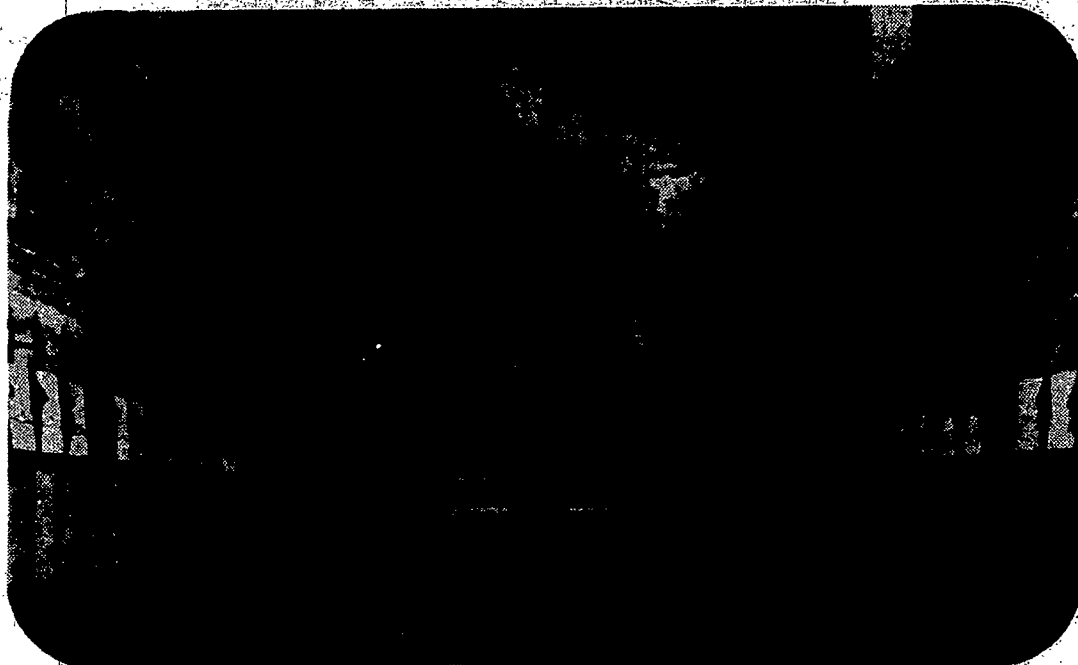
Vatican speculators, however, have been inclined

to reject the idea that a non-Italian will be elected. Most prominently mentioned as possibilities have been Cardinal Sergio Pignelodi, Cardinal Sebastiano Baggio, Cardinal Giovanni Benelli, Cardinal Pericle Felice, and Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, all Italians.

The cardinals and their aides are literally locked in until they agree on a new pope, a method designed to eliminate procrastination. All doors leading to the Sistine Chapel are sealed; telephones are disconnected and contact with the outside world is limited to screened written messages.

Cooks, waiters, doctors, guards and even dentists are

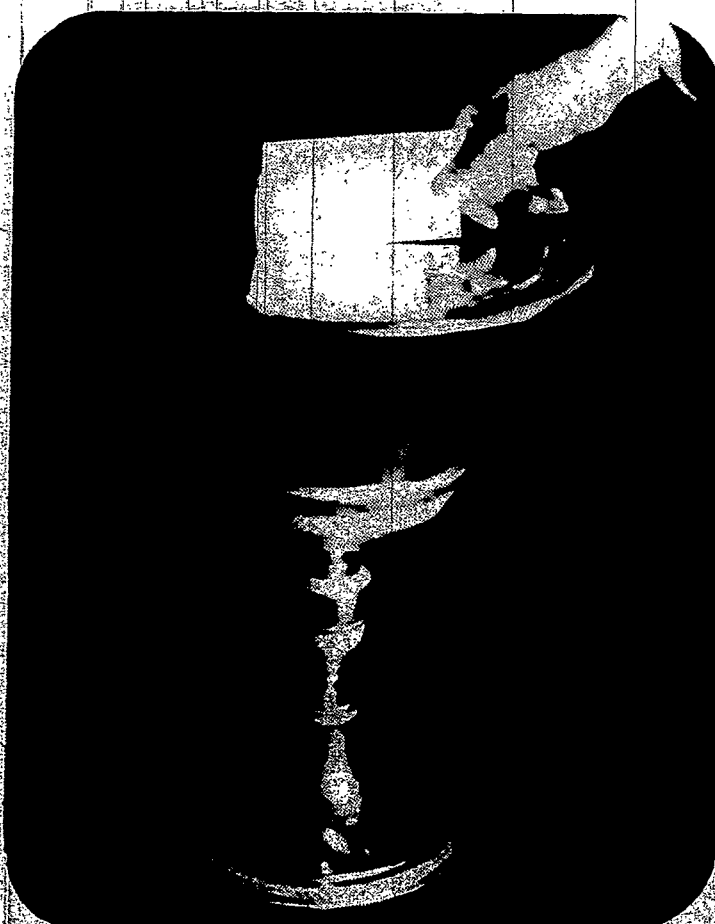
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The Conclave takes place in the Sistine Chapel, shown here with the canopied stalls of the Cardinals placed around the sides. The one canopy still erected (right) signifies the stall of the newly-elected Pontiff. The voting takes place in this chapel with the ballots being inserted into a chalice on the altar.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

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This chalice is the ballot box used by the College of Cardinals for the election of a new Pope.