

Catholic leader was man of many surprises

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John XXIII, the Italian Peasant's son who became leader of half a billion Catholics around the world, was a man of many surprises.

He was a rotund old man whose craggy features, ready smile and outgoing warmth inspired confidence and faith. Above all he was human, a man close to the earth who knew people — both their good and their faults.

Pope John learned the harder side of life as he grew up on the land his father worked for another man as a sharecropper. And as a Vatican diplomat he became experienced in a different kind of life, international politics and all its ramifications.

His friendly, open personality stood out even more pronouncedly against that of his predecessor, the austere, intellectual Pius XII.

According to many, John was to have been an "interim" Pope — a pontiff who bridged the gap between the 19-year reign of Pius XII and the election of a younger man.

But an "interim" Pope he definitely was not.

Not Another Name

The name of Pope John XXIII will not go down in history as just another in a list of 262 popes that began with St. Peter. From almost the moment of his election in the evening of Oct. 28, 1958, the new pontiff showed forceful personality and firm grasp of his responsibilities.

During his pontificate Pope

John called the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, the first such gathering in 92 years and the 21st in Catholic church history. He issued the encyclical "Mater et Magistra," an important document on social and labor problems.

And on April 10, 1963, he issued an encyclical hailed as one of the most important papal documents of modern times. It was "Pacem et Terris" (Peace on Earth), an appeal to "all men of goodwill" to work through strengthened international organizations for a peace based on justice and liberty for everyone.

Received Balzan Prize

The encyclical was the capstone of the Pope's constant work for peace which two months later had brought about his selection for the 1963 Balzan International Foundations Peace Prize.

The issuance of the encyclical also coincided with an initiative by the Pope to bring about the release of prelates imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain and to obtain greater freedom generally for the church in Communist lands.

As part of this effort, the Pope received Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's son-in-law and daughter, Alexei I. Adzhubel and his wife Rada, in an unprecedented audience on March 7, 1963.

On the pages of history, such things will mark the pontiff. But for those who lived during his time he probably will be more

noted for his tradition breaking ways — if he felt tradition needed to be broken for the good of the church or if it had become outdated in the space age. In some cases he reinstated tradition that had fallen into disuse over the centuries.

Many of the changes he brought about were little, personal things. He began his first days as pontiff following the tradition that the pope should eat alone.

That did not suit his temperament and he soon began inviting friends. "They want me to eat by myself," he said shortly after his election. "I tried it for one week and I wasn't comfortable. Then I searched through the Sacred Scripture for something saying I had to eat alone."

"I found nothing, so I gave it up and it's much better now."

Eliminates Much Kneeling

He ruled that the people working closely with him need not kneel and kiss his ring every time they came in his presence, but only during their first and last visits of the day. It saved time, he said.

As the years of his reign continued, so did Pope John's surprises. He quickly broke the ancient tradition set by Pope Sixtus V on Dec. 3, 1586, that there be only 70 cardinals, following the example of the 70 elders of Moses.

Pope John raised the Sacred College to 75 members, and then to 83. Its high was 85 members, plus three cardinals the pontiff named "in pectore" — in his

breast. He never revealed the names of these cardinals, as was his right, and the secret of who they were died with him.

In the 59 years between the unification of Italy in 1870 and the Lateran Pact in 1929 the popes lived as self-exiled "prisoners of the Vatican." Even after 1929 following popes seldom left the 108-acre state.

But Pope John went out of the Vatican some 150 times, both for short visits in the city of Rome itself and others farther away, including a 400 mile round trip he took to the shrines of Loreto and Assisi to pray for the success of the Ecumenical Council less than a month before it opened on Oct. 11, 1962.

He even visited the Regina Coeli Jail in the heart of Rome, the day after Christmas, 1958. As the white-clad figure gave his blessing to the prisoners in their cells, both the guards and the men serving their sentences wept openly.

Did Not Fear Death

Pope John enjoyed life — but he did not fear death.

After his election he spoke several times about the inevitable end for all men.

"I am always ready to move over to the other shore," he said. Another time the pontiff serenely told a group during an audience that "I have great confidence in the future, but I am ready to go even tonight. I place all my confidence in the hands of the Lord and I feel well in doing so."

From peasant's son to the spiritual leader of the largest religion in the world was a long road.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born on Nov. 25, 1881, in his parent's home in Sotto il Monte (Under the Mountain), a little village near Bergamo in northern Italy. He was the third of 13 children—three of whom died at birth—and eldest son of Giovanni Battista Roncalli, a sharecropper whose family had tilled the soil for years and his wife Marianna Mazzola Roncalli.

He was survived by three brothers and a sister. They are Saverio, 79, Alfredo, 73 and Giuseppe, 68, all of whom still live at Sotto il Monte, and Assunta, 65, who lives at Sesto San Giovanni near Milan.

Also surviving were 18 nephews and nieces.

He grew up in a house of square-cut stones covered with grapevines at the top of a narrow, cobblestoned street. From the boy's bedroom window he could see the green valley below and the hillside sloping down the River Adda.

Tilled the Soil

As he grew older he did his share of the work — like his brothers and sisters. He helped gather wood and helped his father in the fields. To till the soil was his apparent destiny in life.

But at the age of 11 little Angelo announced that he wanted to become a priest. His parents, both religious people in a religious area of Italy, gave their blessing. He

entered the seminary at Bergamo, where he studied for the eight years from 1892 to 1900. He was a good but not exceptional student.

From there he went to Rome to study at the Pontifical Seminary. He received a laureate in theology and was ordained a priest in the Church of Santa Maria in Monte Santo on Aug. 10, 1904, that same year he officiated at his first Mass, in St. Peter's Basilica.

Father Roncalli's first job was as personal secretary of Msgr. Giacomo Count Radini-Tedeschi, the bishop of Bergamo. The count had a strong influence on the young priest, as did the fact that Bergamo was an extremely Catholic area.

When World War I came Roncalli was drafted into the Italian army. He served a year as a Medical Corps sergeant and then as an army chaplain with the rank of lieutenant. At the end of the war he founded Italy's first "students home" for assistance to middle class students in public schools.

Starts Diplomatic Work

During the period from 1921 to 1925 his visits to European Catholic centers for missionary work helped prepare him for his long diplomatic service. In 1925 under Pope Pius XI he began his 27 years in the Vatican Secretariat of State. He was named titular archbishop of Aeropolis and was appointed as apostolic visitor to Bulgaria.

Msgr. Roncalli, then 43, was to spend 10 years in Bulgaria, a coun-

try which fell to communism at the end of World War II. During the long period he spent there, he learned the language and mixed well.

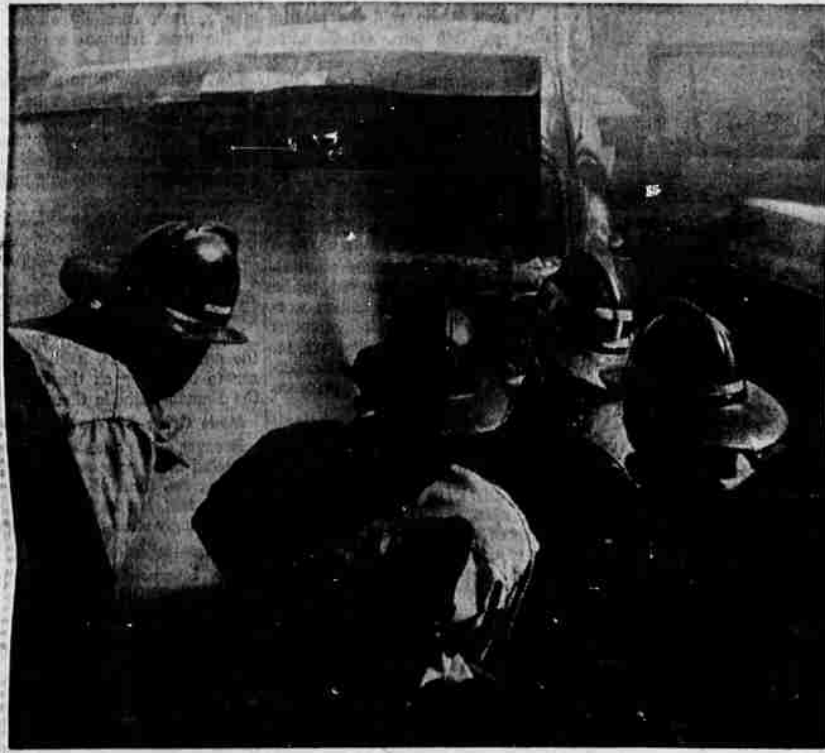
In 1935, he was promoted to the twin posts of apostolic vicar and delegate to Turkey and apostolic delegate to Greece, with headquarters in Istanbul. He served there for nine years, during the arduous years of World War II.

Esteem for him was so great that in December, 1944, Pope Pius XII picked him for one of the most difficult assignments in Vatican history—apostolic nuncio to Paris. Relations between the Vatican and the French government of Gen. Charles de Gaulle had become strained because the Holy See had sent a nuncio to the Nazi-dominated Vichy government during the German occupation of France.

Jan. 12, 1963, Pope Pius XII named Roncalli a cardinal. According to the traditional procedure for nuncios to Catholic countries, the symbolic red biretta hat was placed on his head by the president, Vincent Auriol. Auriol claimed the right to do it despite the fact he was a socialist.

Three days later, the Pope named Roncalli patriarch of Venice, replacing Msgr. Carlo Agostini who had died.

"Here I have a new chance to be entirely a pastor," said the new patriarch of the City of Canals. "I am convinced that the ministry of the pastor is the most fascinating, the finest that a man can be offered in his life."



HOT CAR — City firemen level water stream into trunk of auto that suffered heavy damage when a welding operation set it ablaze Sunday, in the Central Oregon College Automotive School building. Flames reached and damaged two nearby autos before firemen arrived. Two fire engines and 21 department personnel responded.

Justice court cases reported

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — Basic rule violations tripped up a dozen motorists who appeared recently in Redmond Justice Court. Largest fine, \$50, was paid by Gloria J. Fields, LaPine.

Others paid as follows: Wendell R. Cooper, Sisters, \$15; Floyd B. Selby, Madras, \$10; Harold W. Manning, Madras, \$25; Charles G. Frazier, Lake Oswego, \$25; Jack J. Jones Jr., Bend, \$15; Robert L. Hudspeth, Prineville, \$25; George A. Terrill Jr., Bend, \$15; Doyle G. Wilson, Redmond, \$20; Earl A. Shellum, Portland, \$25; John H. Johnson, Salem, \$25, and James T. Buckley, Manhattan Beach, Calif., \$15.

Eldon C. Higgins, Redmond, was handed a suspended fine of \$10 for having straight pipes on his vehicle. Improper headlights cost Lowell A. Stewart, Redmond, a fine of \$10, of which \$5 was suspended. Franklin D. Graves, Bend, paid \$10 for an improper muffler. Disobeying traffic signs

Gleemen off for Europe

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Forest Grove Gleemen and Girls left Portland International Airport today on the first part of a trip that will include singing appearances in three European countries.

The 52 singers and 15 other members of the party were given a sendoff by the Portland Rainmakers, Hollywood Boosters and other well-wishers. Five other singers will join the group later in Chicago, London and Rome.

The amateur group will perform at the Salzburg, Austria, Musical Festival and in Rome.

cost Albert N. Talley, Redmond, and June B. Harlan, Redmond, \$10 each.

Lyle A. Aldridge, Hayward, Calif., paid \$10 for truck speeding. Obstructed rear vision cost Edgar E. Miller, Portland, a fine of \$10. Bert D. Farris, Bend, paid \$10 for excessive motor noise. Lack of an operator's license cost Ronald J. Kuppenbender, Kimberly, B. C., and Ronny L. Bennett, Portland, fines of \$5 each.

AAUW group honors girls at annual tea

Some 70 young women were guests at a tea given Friday afternoon by the Bend branch of American Association of University Women. The affair, held at the home of Mrs. Carl E. Erickson, 80 Drake Road, honored girls who are graduating from Bend High School, and those completing courses at Central Oregon College.

The guests selected refreshments from a beautifully decorated tea table, and found seats in the spacious living room and on the flower-rimmed patio.

Mrs. Eugene White and Mrs. Harvey Watt poured. In the receiving line were Mrs. R. E. Jewell, Mrs. Don Pence, Mrs. Don Empey, Mrs. John Harpole and Miss Zola McDougall.

Mrs. Ted Creighton was general chairman. Mrs. Sam Langmas and Mrs. Don Sele assisted about the rooms. Assisting with the tea table were Mrs. Richard Zimmerman and Mrs. Clyde Johnson.

Slate vacation Bible schools

Special to The Bulletin
PRINEVILLE — The annual daily vacation Bible schools will begin Monday, June 3, in most Prineville churches, according to announcements. Only one reporting church, St. Andrews' Episcopal, has scheduled vacation school for mid-August.

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the theme for DVBS is "Teach Us To Pray," and the course will include a ten-lesson series, based on The Lord's Prayer. Hours Monday through Friday are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Lutheran school as at most churches, will include children from nursery age through the seventh grade. A Bible study class will be held for older young people wishing to attend.

The theme for DVBS at the First Baptist Church, June 3-14, will be "Walking in the Way." Mrs. Betty Reynolds is general director of the day sessions for children up through the junior high school age, meeting from 9-11:30 a.m. Classes for high school youth will be held evenings from 7-9 p.m. under the direction of Bruce Clatterback, a seminary student - assistant at the church for the summer.

Hours for the school at the Community Church are from 9-11 a.m. and all children from three years through junior high school are invited. A dedication service for the DVBS teachers will be held June 2, during the morning service, for teachers of the school. Children attending the Nazarene Church's DVBS will follow the topic "Let's Go Adventuring."

2 Tennessee plans ruled out by court

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court today followed up its warning that the South was going too slow on integration by throwing out two school transfer plans being used in Tennessee.

In its unanimous 9-0 ruling, the court agreed with Negroes who protested that the transfer system had been adopted to prolong segregation.

Last week in a Memphis case involving recreational facilities, the court had sharply noted that the doctrine of "all deliberate speed" set forth eight years ago was being abused.

Today, the court said the transfer programs being used in Knoxville and Davidson County, which includes Nashville, were unfair to Negroes.

In another case, the court ruled 8-1 that a group of Negro children in an elementary school in Cahokia, Ill., outside East St. Louis, may sue in federal court on grounds that racial discrimination is being practiced there.

with Mrs. Wilfred Duncan as superintendent. Classes are to be held from 7-9 p.m. June 3-14.

At the Missionary Baptist Church, the topic is to be "Traveling God's Highway." The program includes Bible study, a craft period, recreation and refreshments.

Mrs. Lorna Binder will direct the DVBS at the Christian Church, where the hours will be 9-11:45 a.m., June 3-14.

Fines collected in LaPine court

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LaPINE — Four fines for fishing law violations and several for traffic infractions were collected recently by B. M. Martin, in LaPine Justice Court.

Fines of \$29.50 apiece, for angling by prohibited methods, were paid by the following: Roy Henry England, Cottage Grove; Claude James Nelson, Rufus; Carl Henry Crupp, Eugene, and John D. Dugan Jr., Cottage Grove.

Basic rule violations brought \$25 fines for Lewis Perry Forga, Lakeview; Harold L. Hansen, Tacoma, Wash., and David M. Cregan, Ridgefield, Wash., and a \$15 fine for Jenn Marshall Simpson Jr., Portland.

Other fines were paid as follows: Clifford Horace Skinner, Bend, improper passing, \$20; Orville Gay Phillips, Paradise, Calif., truck speeding, \$10; H. B. Dellinger, Springfield, failure to drive to right of highway, \$15; David Wade Skidgel, LaPine, over-width load, \$15.

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