

# Pope Pius XII Became Known as Brilliant Diplomatist and Outstanding Churchman

**Editor's Note:** The rapid rise of Pope Pius XII in the Roman Catholic hierarchy was marked by his elevation to the rank of cardinal and his appointment as Vatican secretary of state. He served in that capacity for nine years until he was elected Pope. In the following dispatch, the second of two, the climactic phase of the Pope's life is described.

Vatican City—(UPI)—During his years as Vatican secretary of state Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli became known as both a brilliant diplomatist and an outstanding churchman.

He traveled widely and worked untiringly. His brief vacations were forced on him. On April 3, 1935, Cardinal Pacelli was named camerlengo of the church.

On Feb. 5, 1939, Pope Pius XI commented that he was not feeling well. He continued his work. At dawn on Feb. 10 Pius XI died.

In the capacity of camerlengo, Cardinal Pacelli be-

came regent, head of the College of Cardinals pending the election of a new Pope at a conclave.

Three ballots were taken in the conclave. On the third Cardinal Pacelli was elected Pope. He received 61 of the 62 votes, all but his own. It was March 2, 1939, his 63rd birthday. He was crowned on March 12.

**First 'Modern' Pope**

Massed thousands were waiting outside in St. Peter's Square. A cardinal stepped on the balcony. A hush fell. The cardinal intoned the sonorous latin ritual for announcing a new pope, and said:

"Cardinal Eu... his voice was drowned in a thunderous cheer. The first syllable of the Pope's name had been enough.

The new Pope chose to be styled Pius XII. The first

"modern" Pope, he began modernizing the Vatican. He kept his own white-enamelled typewriter and a white-enamelled telephone on his desk. His telephone was connected with all departments of the Vatican so he could call them direct.

Pius XII set himself a standard of life that few men could have endured.

He rose at 6:30 a.m. after about four hours sleep. He threw open a window of his bedroom and, looking out on the vast expanse of St. Peter's Square, clasped his hands and prayed as he stood. At 6:45 he took a cold bath.

**Used Rowing Machine**

With the passing of the years he had to stop his setting up exercises and when he was 71 he gave up his rowing machine.

He shaved with an American electric shaver, dressed, celebrated Mass in the little chapel adjoining his bedroom and breakfasted on coffee and toast. The Pope punched a small silver bell at exactly 8:59 to announce he was ready for audiences.

The Pope lunched usually on rice soup and vegetables. He finished with a cup of strong black coffee. An hour's rest and he went back to work.

At 4 p.m. he roded own in his private elevator and took his black Cadillac, gift of American Catholics, for a drive in the Vatican gardens. He would leave the car and walk alone through the pines and cedars.

Shortly after 5 he went to his chapel for a brief service, at 6 to his study to work. Dinner was served at 8—kept lighter than lunch. Then came prayer and meditation in the chapel and more work. He would tap on his typewriter and make corrections in pencil in his fine handwriting. At about 2 a.m. he would go to his chapel for prayers and then to bed.

**Tried To Prevent War**

The frail man, with delicate hands and a high brow, over soft, intent eyes, kept to his schedule for years. Even when his health started failing, he kept to it as well as he could.

The shadow of World War II was falling when he was made Pope. The Pope did all he could to prevent the war. He pleaded, "in the name of

God," that the governments of Germany and Poland would do nothing that could bring them into conflict. Next day Germany invaded Poland.

On July 19, 1943, came the first air raid on Rome. Bombs hit in a populous area.

"An automobile," the Pope ordered. "Get all the money available. Tell the people we shall be there."

While the bombs still fell, the Pope drove to the worst-hit area, left his car and with bare head walked among the people.

In another raid, he returned to the Vatican with his white garments stained with the blood of those whom he helped to tend.

**Refused To Leave**

The Allies marched irresistibly on Rome and the Germans wanted to take the Pope to Germany. "The Pope refuses to leave Rome," he told the German ambassador. "The Germans threatened to take him by force."

"We are ready to die in a concentration camp," he said.

The war ended. In December, 1945, the Pope named 32 new cardinals, to bring the Sacred College to its full membership of 70. The new cardinals represented 19 countries. For the first time all the continents were represented in the college, and for the first time Italians were not in the majority.

With the end of the war came the Communist encroachment and the oppression of Christians. The Pope fought the menace untiringly. He excommunicated persecutors of Catholic prelates.

# Cardinals Meet To Discuss Date for Selection of Pope

Vatican City—(UPI)—The "general congregation" of cardinals met today to discuss the date when the Sacred College of Cardinals will meet in solemn conclave to elect a new pope. An early decision was expected, possibly today.

The apostolic constitution decrees that the conclave must be held before Oct. 27 and some quarters believed it might be set for Oct. 24.

The congregation, which Thursday appointed Benedetto Cardinal Alois Masella as camerlengo (chamberlain) to administer the affairs of the church until the next pope is elected, consists of all cardinals present in Rome and must meet daily.

**Fourteen on Hand**

Fourteen cardinals were on hand for today's meeting with Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini of Palermo still expected. Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York and Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro of Bologna were the latest arrivals.

The forthcoming conclave will be the most markedly international in character in the long history of the Catholic church. For the first time in centuries, the Italian cardi-

nals will be outnumbered by non-Italians, 37-18.

**Several To Be Absent**

Not all 55 cardinals were expected to attend the conclave. It was feared at least two or three behind the Iron Curtain would not make it and that illnesses might further reduce the number of electors.

In Santiago, Chile, Jose M. Cardinal Caro, at 92 the oldest living prince of the church, made plans to come after his doctors gave him a clean bill of health. He was expected to leave Chile early next week.

The cardinals are expected to continue the tradition of an Italian pope. The selection of a non-Italian, possibly an American, was not ruled out entirely, but most observers predicted the choice lay among the 18 Italian cardinals.

The only non-Italian mentioned as a possibility is black bearded, 63-year-old Gregory Peter XV Cardinal Agagianian, patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians. Nationalistic connections appeared to narrow the chances of the three Americans.

# Cardinal McIntyre To Leave for Rome

Los Angeles—(UPI)—James Francis Cardinal McIntyre leaves for Rome tonight to join the College of Cardinals in the election of a new pope.

# Holmes Directs Departments to Reduce Budgets

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Robert D. Holmes Thursday directed the Department of Finance and Administration to prepare a budget which "falls within the predictable range of state revenues."

The governor indicated that preliminary requests from state department heads would have to be trimmed by at least \$50 million to meet that ceiling.

"There will be no margin in the next biennial budget for luxuries or for items of doubtful value," the governor said.

Holmes asked department heads to review their budgets with a view to chopping off the \$50 million under penalty of losing his support for their proposals.

**Bonding Use Planned**

He said a plan for the use of bonding to finance necessary buildings for higher education and state institutions was under way and that that should help the state meet its budget objectives.

"I am aware it will be hard for many departments to provide the necessary services while reducing their original requests sufficiently to produce a saving of \$50 million or more. But it should be borne in mind that moderate expansion of services demanded by the public beyond those of the current biennium will be possible even at a reduced budget level which can be matched by current incomes," the governor said.

# Two Trucks Are Involved in Crash

A truck and trailer side-swiped a parked truck and trailer on Highway 99 late yesterday, three miles north of Central Point, state police reported.

Jean French Parkhurst, Grants Pass, driver of a truck and trailer said he was south-bound on Highway 99 when oncoming bright auto lights caused him to edge over on the right shoulder. As he did so his truck side-swiped a truck and trailer parked on the shoulder of the road.

No injuries were reported. Driver and owner of the parked truck and trailer are unidentified, officers said. Slight damage resulted to the truck and trailer driven by Parkhurst and considerable to the parked truck and trailer.

# Golden Age of Achievement Seen

Salem—(UPI)—Brig. Gen. Prescott M. Spicer, commander of the 27th air division, told a civil defense conference here Thursday that the world could have a golden age of technical achievement ahead if it were not for conflicts of national ambition and ideology turning nuclear energy to military purpose.

Spicer said he thought that though military weapons had changed, the defense problem remained the same.

Defense planners believe that any attack by an enemy in the immediate future would be made with manned jet bombers leading the strike, he added.

Inglewood, Calif.—(UPI)—The X15 rocket-powered space ship designed to fly man higher and faster than ever before will be rolled from the assembly line next Wednesday.

# Ike Relaxes at Mountain Resort With Cronies

Camp David, Md.—(UPI)—President Eisenhower relaxed today with nearly a dozen of his closest golf and bridge-playing friends on a long Indian summer week end party at this mountain hideaway.

If the weather is as warm and sunny as it was when he arrived here by helicopter Thursday, the President may drive 20 miles to the Gettysburg Country club for a round of golf.

**Facilities Plentiful**

But there are plenty of recreational facilities right on the grounds of this Navy-run retreat. There also is a big swimming pool, although the weather has been a bit nippy for dips.

The Navy brought along a stack of Hollywood's newest feature films to show in the evenings.

And of course, there are plenty of decks of cards for those bridge games the President likes so well. Some of the guests brought along their wives to play canasta with Mamie.

Eisenhower is resting up at this hideaway in the Catoctin mountains for his forthcoming heavy schedule of campaign speeches which will take him from coast to coast before the Nov. 4 congressional elections.

# Green Fir Market Situation Confused

Portland—(UPI)—Lumbermen reported here today that the green fir lumber market was in one of its most difficult and confused situations in several years.

Crow's Lumber Market Index reported that prices on standard and better grade random length green fir dimension were about equal to last week's level but that it was questionable how long that level could be maintained.

Kiln-dried dimension has reflected the downward trend, according to Crow's. Unsanded plywood sheathing has reflected a hesitant trend but sanded plywood has remained firm in price.

# Portlander Wins Travel Scholarship

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# State Employees To Get Certificates

Salem—(UPI)—Some 300 employees at 11 state institutions with a total state service of nearly 4,000 years will be presented certificates of achievement this month by their superintendents.

The state employee for the longest period is James Carson, engineer for the State hospital here, who had accumulated 39 years in May.

# Dutch Priest Dies

San Juan, P.R.—(UPI)—Dominican Father Martin Bernstein, 72-year-old Dutch priest who had published the weekly El Piloto here since 1918, died Thursday of cancer.

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Naugatuck, Conn.—(UPI)—The Air Force will try to send a rocket around the moon Saturday, it has been disclosed.

Columbus, Ohio—(UPI)—Vice President Richard Nixon has declined to take a stand on the right to work issue.

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