

Pope John XXIII Is Dynamic Figure After Four Years

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Vatican City - (UPI) - "Hand me a wrench," shouted the mechanic lying on his back under a black limousine.
He waited impatiently for one of his assistants to give him the tool. Nothing happened so he shouted again, angrily: "What the devil's going on? I can't stay under here all day."
In exasperation he wriggled out from under the limousine. First he saw the soft doekin slippers on the grease-stained concrete floor of the Vatican garage. Then his eyes took in the massive girth of a white-clad figure, and finally looked into a smiling face.
Pope John XXIII reached over, took an oily wrench from the fender of the auto and handed it to the flabbergasted mechanic. "Your wrench, my son," he said.

Two bearded, stove-pipe-hatted Russians stood in that room of artistic marvels, the Vatican's Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo painted almost five centuries ago. On the Russian's faces was a look of awe as the little man in white pumped their hands and said, "welcome, welcome."
It was the first time in nine centuries that representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and a Pope had been so close.

Pope John, with a grin, giving a blessing to what he baptized in Latin as a "helicopterum" in the Vatican courtyard of St. Damasus. Then holding onto his little white skull cap as the machine whirled up with a blast of wind from its blades and clattered away over the golden dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

This is Pope John, a man of many surprises. Temporal head of a golf-course-sized state of 108 acres. A peasant's son who rose to become the spiritual leader of a church now numbering more than half a billion people.
Four years ago this Sunday, dusk was falling over the eternal city of Rome when searchlights picked out his heavy-set figure in Cardinal's crimson robes on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, as he was then, Patri-

arch of Venice and an experienced Vatican diplomat, had just been elected Pontiff. He took the name John.

Called An Interim Pope
"An interim Pope," said the experts. "He is an old man who will sit on the throne of Peter for awhile and then make way for a younger, more energetic Pontiff. Who could immediately follow the brilliant Pius XII?"

But here he is, four years later, a dynamic figure. John already has taken his place in church history, and not just as another in a list of 262 names of Popes but as a driving force behind modernization and expansion of the Roman Catholic Church.

As he nears his 81st birthday (on Nov. 25) he has seen his greatest dream and what he obviously considers the most important work of his Pontificate come true. This is the second Vatican Council, the first gathering of all church hierarchy in 92 years and the 21st in nearly 20 centuries of Christian history. It opened in the splendor of St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 11.

Hopes for Re-Uniting
With this council, Pope John hopes to bring closer a day he knows he will never live to see but which he is certain will come - the day when all Christian religions re-unite.

The more immediate aim of the council, however, is to bring the church into line with the space age. More than 2,500 council "fathers" gathered in Rome from around the world are discussing an agenda of 70 topics that includes everything from chastity and marriage to the liturgy and religious liberty.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli



NOT 'INTERIM POPE'—Dismissed as an "interim Pope" by the experts when he ascended the Papal throne four years ago, Pope John XXIII has already taken his place in history as the driving force behind modernization and expansion of the

Roman Catholic church. As he nears his 81st birthday, Pope John has seen the greatest dream of his pontificate come true: the 21st Ecumenical Council, with which he hopes to bring closer the day when all Christian religious unite. (UPI)

was born Nov. 25, 1881, to sharecropper Giovanna Battista and Marianna Roncalli at Sotto Il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy. He was the third of 13 children. At the age of 11, it is said, he decided he wanted to become a priest.

He was ordained on Aug. 10, 1904. After serving as secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo, he held several other posts until he started his long and varied diplomatic

career in 1925 with the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Roncalli served for 10 years as "apostolic visitor" to Bulgaria. From 1935 to 1944, he held the twin posts as apostolic vicar and delegate to Turkey and apostolic delegate to Greece.

Difficult Assignment
When the war came to an end, the late Pope Pius XII named Roncalli to one of the most difficult assignments in the Vatican: Nuncio to Paris.

With his wit and humor (and his enjoyment of a well served table) he became a well-known figure in the French capital.

On Jan. 12, 1953, Pope Pius named him a Cardinal and three days later made him Patriarch of Venice.

Pope Pius, on the papal throne for 19 years, died on Oct. 9, 1958, and Cardinal Roncalli was one of the 51 Cardinals who came to Rome to elect the next Pontiff. He felt so certain he had no

chance of becoming pope that he bought a round trip ticket from Venice to Rome and back.

On Oct. 25, 1958, Cardinal Roncalli gathered with his fellow princes of the church in the ornate Sistine Chapel to begin the conclave for the election of a new pontiff, and was locked up in the Vatican with them. He was assigned a small apartment.

Three days later Angelo Roncalli appeared on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square as Pope John XXIII. He was crowned Pontiff in a spectacular ceremony at St. Peter's on Nov. 4.

Most of what is known about Pope John revolves about his buoyant personality, the colorful anecdotes sometimes overshadowing his shrewd, diplomatic mind. The figure he creates, a hefty old man, still young in spirit and heart, brings forth affection from Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Like No Previous Pope

He acts like no previous Pope, dashing off to see prisoners in a Rome jail and making 400-mile railroad pilgrimages to the shrines of Loreto and Assisi to pray for the success of the council. The tradition of confinement annoys him.

If the Ecumenical Council is the most important event of Pope John's reign so far, his eretical "Mater et Magistra" (mother and teacher) might rank second. In this wide-sweeping document issued July 14, 1961, Pope John made some points that had conservatives saying he had "gone left." He said:

"Attaching political ties to aid to underdeveloped countries is simply another form of colonialism."
"Theology that world pop-

ulation is growing too fast compared with the increase in food production, and that birth control is the only answer, is false.

Action Be Taken
"Action must be taken in many lands and entire continents" where workers are paid wages "which condemn them and their families to sub-human conditions of life."

But he also said: "The right to private property still is as important despite the growing importance of managers and the role of social security."

Pope John follows a schedule that would punish a younger man. Up before dawn, he often does not get to bed until after midnight although he does incline to a short Italian "siesta" in the afternoon. He has never been known to be seriously ill.

He weighs over 200 pounds, a lot for his five foot, four inch frame. But it seems to sit well on him.

Pope John appreciates, nevertheless, that he is in his twilight years and is philosophical about it.

"I have great confidence in the future," he once said, "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."

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Mrs. Green Blames Republicans For Troubles of 87th Congress

By YVONNE FRANKLIN
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Washington (Special) - Rep. Edith Green blames Republicans for most of the legislative woes of the 87th Congress, and true to the Democratic code, praises the Democrats and the President for all its accomplishments. She gave her opinions on congressional legislative labors shortly before leaving Washington for Portland.

Failure to pass the federal aid for higher education bill was "a terrible disappointment," she said. "Republicans made the motion to go to conference (this tied up the bill), and the Republicans made the motion to recommitt. Only 30 Republicans voted for it."

Mrs. Green's Republican colleagues, Walter Norblad and Edwin R. Durno, voted against the college construction bill, citing scholarships, included by the conferees, as their reason for opposition.

Mrs. Green cited the Hanford Power Reactor as a measure which the Democrats had pushed and which most Republicans had opposed. She noted that at one point in the fight only seven Republicans voted for it, but when it finally passed the House it had bipartisan support.

"Outside of the two major defeats - Medicare for the aged and education which were opposed by the big majority of Republicans, I would say that this has been the best session of Congress within my own experience," she said.

Asked For Benefits
"When Kennedy came into office," she continued, "in January, 1961, we had just gone through a recession. He immediately asked for temporary unemployment benefits. Congress responded and two months later placed on his desk a bill authorizing these benefits. His first executive order was to increase the amount of surplus food to needy people."

She noted that Portland had also been designated a food stamp area.
Mrs. Green said that the Trade Expansion Bill would mean the most to the American economy of all the legislation passed.

She regretted that no specific legislation had been passed to aid the lumber industry, but she gave as hopeful signs the fact that the President had proposed an eight-point program to improve the lumber business, and said a bill had been introduced calling for a new Assistant Secretary for Forestry in the Agriculture Department.

"No single piece of legislation caught the imagination of the people like the Peace Corps," she declared. "Through this Democratic Administration and Democratic Congress we have again said to the people of the world 'we are concerned about your problems.'"

Alliance Praised
She also praised the Alliance for Progress as a good first step in Latin America because "these countries must bring about tax and land reforms if they are going to get help from the United States." She praised action of the Congress in voting foreign aid and support for the United Nations bond issue, calling the UN "the greatest deterrent to war that we have."
"Surely helping to elimi-

nate poverty, disease and illiteracy in other countries is worth the \$2 per day that each U.S. citizen pays for the program. Probably in no other way and no cheaper way can we teach what democracy means, and overcome the wild promises made by the Communists," she said.

Mrs. Green also pointed to the legislation calling for an Arms Control and Disarmament Agency as "another major piece of legislation and recognition by this Congress that all hope isn't in military equipment. It is a start, and it could be the most significant thing in the future of the world."

Pens in Frame
Her wall was decorated with a picture of the President in his office with Mrs. Green and others, when Kennedy signed one of her bills. In a frame with the picture were three pens used in signing three bills sponsored by Mrs. Green: the Juvenile Delinquency Act, passed last year; funds to provide more teachers for the blind; and transfer of Freedman's hospital.

Other bills the Democrats could point to with pride, she contended, were housing legislation, with emphasis on housing for the elderly; increase of the minimum wage for certain industries in interstate commerce; manpower retraining to help those in depressed areas find new jobs; the depressed areas bill to help communities attract new industry; a water pollution bill; tax revision; tightening of drug controls and a stand-by public works bill.

"It is far better to have people employed in constructive work than to hand out doles," she maintained, "and the public works bill will be a tremendous boost to the economy in every state of the Union. She also mentioned obtaining authorization of funds for the widening of the Columbia river channel as being of particular benefit to her district and the economy of Oregon.

Science Director Is OSU Speaker

Corvallis - A national leader in space science urged colleges and universities recently "to stay away from degrees in space science or space engineering."

Dr. Homer Newell, director, space sciences for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C., said the "man trained in space science should be the one who has worked on a space science problem while being trained in depth in physics, chemistry, mathematics, bioscience or another field."

"Let us make sure that the people being trained do not turn out to be jack-of-all trades and masters of none," he added.

Dr. Newell spoke at the dedication of OSU's new \$5,000,000 physics-chemistry building. In his talk on "Opportunities for Universities in the Field of Space Science," Dr. Newell said progress in the space program is being used by other countries of the world to judge the relative capabilities of the United States and the USSR.

International cooperation between nations in tracking satellites can play a part in developing a world in which nuclear energy, space knowledge and technology and other achievements of science and technology, will be used, "not for the terrible things they can do, but for the wonderful and good things they can achieve," Dr. Newell said.

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Washington - The Defense Department has announced that an Air Force pilot - officially "missing in action" following a reconnaissance flight over Cuba - will be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Word that the pilot, Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr., was "missing in action" came in a telegram from Gen. Thomas A. Power, head of the strategic Air Command.

Power's telegram, sent to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Anderson Sr., Greenville, S.C., expressed the General's "grave personal concern and deep regret" that their son "must now be officially declared as missing in action."

The department announced Saturday night that Anderson was presumed lost after his unarmed reconnaissance plane made a surveillance flight over Cuba.

"In view of the high valor displayed by your son during this operation I have requested and received authority to award him the Distinguished Service Medal, the nation's highest decoration that can be awarded to a military man under these circumstances," Power said.

ACTRESS DOING WELL

Beverly Hills, Calif. - (UPI) - Actress Janet Leigh was reported in "good condition and doing very well" today at Doctor's Hospital where she is recovering from an emergency appendectomy. Miss Leigh, who recently married stockbroker Robert Brandt, went to the hospital early Monday on the advice of her physician. She is expected to remain hospitalized for about a week.

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