

Clerics Journey To Rome To Select The New Pope

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In a few days cardinals of the Holy Roman Church will perform their loftiest duty: Naming a new pope.

Together, the 53 living Roman Catholic Cardinals from the Sacred College of Cardinals. Their native countries are shown on the accompanying map.

Today, they are the sole administrators of a church which claims nearly half a billion adherents throughout the world. This period of administration—covering the time from the death of one pope and the election of a successor—is known as the "Regime of the Vacant See," or Interregnum.

Until a selection is made, the chief executive, acting as a substitute pope but with considerably less power, is the Cardinal Camerlengo or chamberlain. Following the death October 9 of His Holiness Pius XII, a committee of cardinals chose as chamberlain Benedetto Cardinal Aloisi Masella,

79, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments.

The prospect is that not all the cardinals will participate in the conclave. Some may be prevented from traveling to the Vatican because of infirmity. 11 cardinals are above the age of 80. Two are behind the Iron Curtain: Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski of Poland. Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac of Yugoslavia is ill.

On arriving in Vatican City, each cardinal will be quartered in sparsely-furnished individual apartments of three or four rooms in the Papal Palace.

By conclave rules, the cardinals could not begin balloting sooner than 15 days, nor later than 18 days, following the Pope's death. With this requirement met, the centuries-old machinery of choosing a pope will start.

The cardinals will be locked away from the world. In the deepest of secrecy—to break it invites excommunication—they will deliberate in Sistine Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica.

Beneath ceilings covered with masterpieces by Michelangelo, each cardinal will sit on a throne topped by a silken canopy. All the thrones will be at equal level to show that none stands above another. When the pope is chosen, his throne will be above all others.

The cardinals now are dressed in saffron, showing that all are sovereigns of the church when the Holy See is vacant. With a pope named, they return to customary purple, in their roles as Princes of the Church.

Two, and possibly four, ballots will be taken at a time until a choice is made. For the choice to be binding, two-thirds plus one of the cardinals present must name the same person. For example, if 30 cardinals are present, the man who receives a minimum of 21 votes will be pope.

At the end of each balloting, if no choice is made, the ballots are threaded together and burned in a small stove whose chimney pokes through a chapel window. A tradition is to burn a handful of damp straw with the no-decision ballots. This sends wisps of black smoke from the chimney and is understood as a signal that the cardinals must ballot again. When a decision is reached, dry twigs instead of damp straw, go into the stove with the final ballots.

White smoke comes from the chimney and announces the church again has a Supreme Pontiff.

In theory, the cardinals could elevate any Catholic male above the age of 20—that is, 7—to the role of His Holiness. But not since 1378, have any of the popes come from outside the College of Cardinals.

In the considerable speculation about the new choice there has been mention of the remote prospect that a non-Italian might be picked. However, this has not happened since 1522, when Adrian VI of Holland was elected to the Holy See.

Papal elections often have been stormy and in the long history since the first pope, St. Peter, there were times of disgrace when powerful emperors or kings dictated choices to the cardinals and otherwise controlled the popes.

It was a period of indecision that the practice of locking up the cardinals had its beginning. This was in 1268 at Viterbo, when the cardinals had journeyed back and forth for two years, nine months and two days without reaching any decision.

The townspeople wailed in the doors of the building. Then they ripped off the roof, leaving the cardinals at the mercy of the weather. Finally, they denied the Princes of the Church any food but bread and water. At long last—after three and a half years—a pope was chosen. He was Gregory X. It was Gregory who drew up the regulations that form the modern conclave.

The selection of Pius XII in 1959 went with considerable speed and dispatch. The cardinals knew what they wanted—an experienced, skillful diplomat to guide the church in the rising World War II. In one day they chose Eugenio Pacelli, who was then papal secretary of state.

In the days following, the world will know whether the cardinals have defined the present need of the church and know the man to fill this need.

Girl Relents, Calls Parents

A 16-year-old Prineville girl went back home with her parents Wednesday after giving city police, state police, her parents, a traveling couple and a hotel manager quite a run for their money.

The police part of the story began shortly after midnight when city and state officers were informed the girl was missing and might be here.

At 5 a.m. Wednesday the girl's parents appeared at the city station. With two officers, went to a downtown hotel where the girl met them in the lobby and chronicled her experiences.

It was on Tuesday, she said, that she had her picture taken by a traveling couple from Denver who had set up temporary shop in Prineville. After the picture was taken, she went home to get a dollar from her mother to pay for it. Her mother refused.

Thereupon she reappeared at the photographers' studio, told them she was 17, was living with her mother-in-law and found it a distasteful experience, and had a husband in service at Corpus Christi, Texas. Would they give her a job?

They would and did. So she slipped home to pack a suitcase, traveled here, and got a room in the same hotel where they were staying. But at 2 a.m. Wednesday she became remorseful and phoned her mother at Prineville. Her parents got there three hours later.

The parents did not sign a complaint against the traveling couple, who apparently were completely surprised by the girl's story. Instead, they said they thought the daughter was very much at fault. Police made no arrests.

Pioneer Trails Program Topic

YREKA—Colored slides depicting pioneer trails of Oregon and California combined with scenes from Independence, Missouri, and Ash Hollow, Nebraska, highlighted the program presented to members and guests at the meeting recently held by the Siskiyou County Historical Society at the county museum at Yreka.

The slides were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Devere Helrich of Klamath Falls.

During the meeting it was disclosed that the historical society now boasts a membership of 1,031, which lists it the largest county society in California and possibly in the United States.

According to a report made by Mrs. Florence Marlowe, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alice Dunaway, corresponding secretary from Happy Camp, had turned in 27 new members that day.

An announcement by the publications committee headed by Mrs. Fred Meamner Jr., the next issue of the Siskiyou Pioneer would be off the press in two or three weeks.

A nominating committee was selected which includes Judge James M. Allen, Joe H. Wales and Mrs. Fred Meamner Jr.



"DO YOUR CHRISTMAS MAILING EARLY" warns Postmaster Chet Langslet, alerted by the confusion which the arrival of the first big shipment of the season caused at the Midland Post Office Sunday.

Northwest Voters To Vote On Revision Of Boundary

By LEROY HITTLE

OLYMPIA (AP)—A move to ease the method of revising the boundary between Oregon and Washington will be put to a vote of the people of both states Nov. 4.

Under the present setup, the boundaries of the states are fixed in their constitutions and can not be changed except by the involved process of amending the two constitutions.

The new plan would permit revision of the boundary by an agreement between the two states as soon as such agreement was ratified by Congress.

The proposal, with no known opposition, will appear on the Washington election ballot as Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 and on the Oregon ballot as Proposition No. 1.

If both states approve the change, the boundary will immediately be slightly changed in conformance with an agreement signed by compact commissions of the two states Dec. 21, 1956. The agreement already has been ratified by the legislatures of both states and the Congress of the United States.

The revised boundary was developed and approved by an interstate compact signed for Oregon by the Oregon commission on interstate cooperation and approved for Washington by the Washington-Oregon Boundary Commission.

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Halloween Party Planned By Weed

WEED—Halloween in Weed will be under control again this year with plans for the eighth annual Halloween party being geared by Boyd Melne, 1958 event chairman.

The annual gridiron clash between the Weed Cougars and the Yreka Miners, the "axe" game slated at the Weed Legion Field on Halloween night, October 31, has somewhat altered previous years' party plans; however, a full evening of events is scheduled for the "spook night" for all pre-school children and students through high school.

Sirens will sound-off the costume parade march at 6:30 p.m. which will proceed down Main Street from assemblage at the Weed Court Club.

Pre-school and kindergarten children will march to the Weed Son's Memorial Hall for a short session of cartoon features and party treats.

A theater party for students of the Weed Elementary School, first through sixth grades, will be held

at the Weed Theater and their march will terminate there. An approved film and various short subjects providing a full 95 minutes of entertainment will be enjoyed and followed by refreshment treats.

The seventh and eighth grades, formally entertained with a dance party at the school, have voted to attend the football game or may attend the theater party, according to their choice and will be treated later in the year with a dance-party.

For the high school students and their Yreka guests, a Halloween dance will be held in the high school gym following the game. The Mother's Club will supervise the party with assistance by faculty personnel.

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Assisting Melne with party details are Eric Dick, co-chairman and films; Jack Kersay, food procurement; Mrs. Virginia Baraglia, finance; Alvin Austin and Silvio Moro, cleanup; Rolland Riley and Arthur Fisk, parade; Herbert Hanson, food distribution; David Dawson, police and traffic control; Mrs. Ino DeRoss, PTA room representative chairman assisted by individual room representatives; and Mrs. Henry Reents, publicity.

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