

Pope John To Celebrate Birthday 78

By FRANK BRUTTO
VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII will be 78 years old Wednesday.

There will be no special ceremonies, but the yellow and white banners of this 100-acre state will fly in honor of its absolute monarch, the sharecropper's son who became the spiritual ruler of the Roman Catholic Church and its 600 million members little more than a year ago.

That year, the Pope himself recently said, "went like a day." But during that year he created 23 new cardinals. He announced a great ecumenical council to be held in about three years, aimed among other objectives at Christian unity of the world. He maintained the tempo of many audiences established by his predecessor, the late Pius XII.

Immediately ahead of him, in December, is a private but historic meeting with President Eisenhower. Only once before has a Pope given audience to a President of the United States. In 1914 Pope Benedict XV received Woodrow Wilson.

Also in December, Pope John has consistories to create eight more cardinals, including two from the United States. They are Archbishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, N.D., and Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Chicago. Once again, Pope John sets a record by bringing the College of Cardinals' membership to 79, highest in history.

The Pope will begin the day Wednesday by celebrating his daily Mass in his little private chapel. He may ask a few close associates to attend.

Aside from that, the Pope is expected to follow his usual work routine. There may be an audience for homefolk from his little native town of Sotto il Monte (Under the Mountain), in northern Italy.

The Pope received such a group a year ago and drew to a parallel between the name of his birthplace, Sotto il Monte, and the teachings of Christ. Like the name of that little village at the foot of the Italian Alps, the Pope said, the teachings of Christ invite one to look up to Mt. Sinai, the mountain of divine law.

Ike Planning For Journey

by MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower is back in the White House today for 10 days of deck clearing in preparation for his 20,000-mile good will mission abroad.

Eisenhower, smiling and looking fit, flew back to the capital late Monday from Augusta, Ga., where he had spent a dozen days mixing work and golf.

About midnight Dec. 3 Eisenhower will be off again—on a flying tour to 11 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. That trip will take 19 days, with a return to Washington scheduled Dec. 22.

Between now and departure the President faces a busy schedule. On his agenda are more conferences on the budget, drafting of the administration's 1960 legislative program, preliminary work on the January State of the Union message, and sessions dealing with current domestic and international problems.

Eisenhower's forthcoming three-continent tour got his attention first on his return from Augusta shortly before the dinner hour. Waiting at the White House to give him a report were two aides who completed Sunday a flying advance tour to each of the nations the President will visit next month.



THE KUHS SYMPHONY Orchestra will share a role in the forthcoming community-high school presentation of Handel's "Messiah." The beloved Christmas suite has never before been performed here on the grand scale planned.

KUHS Symphony Group Dates 'Messiah' Program

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented at 8:15 p.m. in Pelican Court December 20 by a huge community chorus and the Klamath Union High School symphony orchestra, M. Dale Hallack, KUHS director of vocal music, announced.

More than 300 voices will participate in a program lasting about two hours, Hallack said. About 215 voices will be contributed by the a cappella choir, the mixed chorus and the freshman chorus at KUHS. Hallack anticipates a turnout of 100 or more adults in the community.

The Rev. Wilbur Brumbaugh, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, will accompany the orchestra on the organ. He and Carol Baker, a KUHS senior and pianist, are official accompanists for all rehearsals.

Arnold Gralapp, superintendent, and Willard McKinny, principal, are assisting with preliminary arrangements and rehearsal scheduling.

The complete "Messiah" runs about four hours, but this production, the first such community-school presentation in Klamath Falls, will be pared down.

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VFW To Host Bloodmobile

Members of the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary will host the December 18 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Klamath Falls, with the operation scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 o'clock at the VFW Club, 515 Klamath Avenue.

A quota of 300 pints for the one day operation has been established by the sponsors, with recruitment efforts headed by John D. Ross, Bob Canoy will act as publicity chairman. Ross has recruited workers to cover industrial areas of the community, pledged to help secure the donors needed for a successful day's operation. Recruiters include Willis Kane, Fred Mandella, Mel Malme, James Coker, Jimmy Smith, Keith Walrath, Ted Gelhaar, Clarence N. E. T. George Krohn and John Zumwalt.

Mrs. Norma Walrath will head the efforts of the VFW Auxiliary; a telephone campaign to contact all members of the sponsoring organizations will spearhead the auxiliary's efforts.

One hundred and eighty five pints were used in October of this year by patients in Klamath Falls hospitals; this included a large number of walking donors summoned when blood supplies ran low or special medical problems necessitating walking donors occurred.

The local VFW groups set a record for a one day operation in blood donors several years ago, and because of the increased use of blood in this area have pledged an all-out effort to make their 1959 blood donor day a success. Nursery service and transportation will be provided donors, who are urged to make their appointments with either a member of the VFW committee or by calling the local Red Cross office, TU 4-4125.

New Aide Named By Underwriters

L. W. (Swede) Harroun, of Prudential Insurance Company of America, has been elected as vice president of the Klamath Basin Life Underwriters Association.

He replaces Roy Weaver of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company who resigned.

President of the group is Oscar Anderson of New York Life Insurance Company.

Western Steel Processors Study Suit By Government

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Western steel processors today studied a government civil suit charging they conspired to eliminate competition in steel bars for concrete in seven Western states.

The U.S. government filed suit Monday in U.S. District Court here, accusing an Oakland trade association, six steel companies and 12 fabricating firms with getting control of 75 per cent of the market in 1958 in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers asked that the Western Reinforcing Steel Fabricators Assn. of Oakland be dissolved and that it and 18 other defendants, including Bethlehem and U.S. Steel, be declared conspirators in violation of antitrust statutes. The complaint said they conspired to restrict foreign imports and impede small fabricators, and used non-competitive and collusive bids to control the market in the rough re-

inforcing steel used in concrete known as rebars.

Steel companies sometimes make these rebars themselves out of smooth bars, but also sell smooth bars to fabricators for processing into rebars, or even directly to contractors for processing on the job.

The suit charges that the fabricators induced the steel mills to refuse to sell rebars directly to contractors and to channel bar stock through the 12 accused processing firms.

Spokesmen for the defendants, where reachable for comment, said they would have none until they had studied the complaint thoroughly.

F. S. Clough, associate manager of the fabricators association, said he had known a grand jury investigation was going on in San Francisco but that it had returned no indictment and had been asked for none. Lyle L. Jones, Department of Justice attorney here, said the suit grew out of a 15-month investigation.

The steel companies named besides Bethlehem and U.S. Steel are Southwest Steel Rolling Mills of Los Angeles; Pacific States Steel Corp. of Niles, Calif.; Judson Steel Corp. of Emeryville, Calif.; and Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp. of San Francisco, a division of the parent Bethlehem firm.

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Agency Toiler Given Award

KLAMATH AGENCY — Mrs. Ethel Mae Chase, a Klamath Agency employee since 1941, was presented a superior performance award for her work in a manner exceeding the requirements of her position as a clerk-stenographer. The certificate, presented by Percy Skara, assistant area director from the Portland area office, at a recent Klamath Agency employee meeting, also included a \$100 cash award.

Mrs. Chase, an enrolled Northern California Indian, was cited for her performance in carrying out not only the duties of her position, but other duties necessitated by reductions in force due to the Klamath Termination Act.

Incentive awards were instituted for government employees by Public Law 763, 83rd Congress. The purpose of the program is to encourage civilian officers and employees of the government to participate in the task of improving the efficiency and economy of government operations.

De Gaulle Seeks Road To Peace

PARIS (UPI)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who turned 69 Sunday, was reported hopeful today of bringing the 5-year-old war in Algeria to an end before his 70th birthday.

With birthday greetings showering down on him from world leaders, the French President was back at his desk after a speaking tour in which he told crowds in several cities that the "road to peace" in Algeria has been found.

Republican Warns Party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reaction to the administration's farm policies may lose some votes for the 1960 GOP presidential candidate, Sen. George D. Aiken (R-VT) said today.

He predicted that result from what he called "the impression in farm areas the administration is not sympathetic to farmers." He mentioned North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa as among the states where such an impression could cost Republican votes.

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