



**CARDINALS MEET** — Cardinals are gathered in the Sistine Chapel in this 1958 photo, during which the late Pope John XXIII was elected. — UPI Telephoto

## Group Of Only 82 Cardinals Direct Roman Catholic Church Activities

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Included in the worldwide membership of the Roman Catholic Church are some 500 million laymen, 425,000 priests and 2,300 bishops.

But there are only 82 cardinals.

The cardinals are known as "the princes of the church." They outrank everyone except a reigning Pope. Their pivotal position in the hierarchy is signified by the very name cardinal, which comes from the Latin word "cardo," meaning a hinge.

Electing a Pope has become the most important function of

the Sacred College of Cardinals. But cardinals also have three other duties. They assist the Pope at major liturgical services, counsel him at consistories and aid him in administration of the church.

### Formerly Pope's Assistants

The term cardinal has been used in the Catholic Church for about 1,500 years. It was originally applied to about 25 priests in the diocese of Rome who were outstanding for their wisdom, seniority or the importance of their parish churches. They served informally as advisers and assistants to the Pope. But they were not regarded as "princes of the church" nor did they have a special role in electing a new Pope.

Until late in the 12th century, all the clergy of Rome, and a number of laymen, including emperors and noblemen, participated in the election of Popes.

The red hats which have become synonymous with the rank of cardinal have low crowns and very broad brims, from which hang 15 tassels. They are bright red.

A cardinal after his induction wears a scarlet biretta (three-peaked clerical cap) of a scarlet zucchetto (skull cap). Many people have the erroneous impression that these familiar headpieces are "red hats" but to the cardinals who wear them they are "working clothes" rather than hats.

### Ends Italian Dominance

Forty-five of the 82 present cardinals were created by Pope John XXIII. In addition to expanding the college, he ended the traditional Italian dominance. Only 28 of the present cardinals are Italians. The other 54 come from 30 different countries, with France supplying eight, Spain seven, the United States five, Germany three, Brazil three, Portugal two, Canada two, Argentina two, and 22 other countries one each.

They range in age from 49 (Cardinal Ricketts of Peru) to 91 (Cardinal Morano of Italy). The median age is 74.

There is no canon law which says the cardinals must elevate one of their own number to the papacy. Theoretically, any male Catholic who has reached the age of reason, even a layman, might be elected Pope. In actual practice, however, the Pope has come from the College of Cardinals in every election since 1378.

The cardinals choose the Pope, and the Pope chooses the cardinals.

## 4 KF Youths Attend Class

Four boys from the Klamath Falls area are among 179 top high school youths from throughout the West enrolled in the eighth annual "Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute" at Oregon State University.

The two-week course is designed to give promising high school boys an insight into engineering and science career opportunities and study requirements.

All fields of engineering and science are covered in the intensive two-week program, which will end June 22. Oregon State University professors are instructors and boys are divided into small groups to permit individual discussion and instruction.

To qualify for the program, students must have demonstrated high scholarship in science fields and been recommended by their high school principals and science teachers.

Started at Oregon State in 1956, JESS is now setting a pattern across the nation as a means of encouraging young people to prepare for engineering-science careers. Similar JESS programs are being held in every section of the country this year.

Those attending from Klamath Falls include Gerald S. Argente, 3899 South Sixth Street; James E. Beene, 311 East Main; Jeffrey A. Bingham, 2421 California Avenue; and Roger Nicholson, Box 31, Fort Klamath.

## Sawmills Get Trade Tips

PORTLAND (UPI)—West Coast Sawmills can increase their profitable business with Europe but they must improve their merchandising, marketing and manufacturing, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association said today.

A six-man West Coast lumber trade mission has returned from four weeks of intensive work in six European nations, the organization said.

The industry financed mission visited England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Italy. G. C. Edgett, executive vice president of the WCLA, said it would soon have a series of recommendations to make to industry for improving European sales.

He said that while competition is stiff in Europe, there is still room for Northwest lumber.

### SOMETHING MISSING

ALANKEED, Tex. (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan of Roswell, N.M., returning home Tuesday from a trip to Illinois, looked in the back seat of their car a scant 100 miles from home and discovered something was missing. It was their 5-year-old daughter, Cathy.

Two hundred miles away in Alankeed, service station owner Jimmy Hill looked up from a car he was servicing and discovered something that wasn't supposed to be there. Again, little Cathy.

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