

POPE

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GE (Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in So. Pacific)

Today's procession from Castel Gandolfo to St. Peter's in Rome - was carried out with all the pomp and circumstance of the Catholic Church. The mortal remains of Pope Pius the Twelfth were borne in a hearse - adorned with the papal crown. A long cortege followed - including a car carrying the Pope's nephews. In the procession - many dignitaries of the Catholic hierarchy. Also, Catholics from many countries of the world.

The cortege paused for a brief ceremony - at the Church of St. John Lateran. Then it ^{drove} ~~rolled~~ on into Rome - by which time, it was a mile long. A big crowd was waiting in St. Peter's Square - as the hearse rolled through the entrance. Then the coffin was carried into the biggest church in Christendom - where the body of Pius the Twelfth is now lying in state, before the altar.

All day, the bells of Rome have been tolling a requiem. And top figures of the hierarchy are preparing for the final interment, after more than a million of the faithful have filed through to pay their last respects to the man who

led the Church through twenty of the stormiest years in its long history.

QUEMOY

Tonight, the Chinese Nationalists are pouring supplies into Quemoy - in a drive to beat the cease-fire deadline. The Reds on the mainland have promised to hold up their bombardment until midnight Sunday. And the Nationalists are taking advantage of the lull - to get as many guns into Quemoy - and as many tons of provisions - as they can.

What are their chances - if the Reds begin shooting again? According to American Colonel Douglas Lane of Maysville, Oklahoma - the chances are good. According to Colonel Lane, Quemoy cannot be strangled by an artillery blockade - unless Mao Tse-tung gets a lot of bigger guns from the Russians. Referring to the Nationalists, Colonel Lane said today, "These people are here to stay."

DISARMAMENT

The United States will attend the Disarmament Conference - scheduled to open on November Tenth, in Geneva. Our official acceptance, is contained in today's note to Moscow. The idea for the conference came originally from President Eisenhower. Khrushchev, in accepting - suggested November Tenth as a suitable date. So that's when the nations of East and West will gather in Geneva - to see if they can work out a method of preventing an atomic Pearl Harbor on either side.

ATOMIC

The atomic device exploded on the Nevada desert today was not one of the largest. The blast had the force of only about - a thousand tons of TNT. The purpose of the test - to see what happens in an atomic explosion on a stationery platform.

The device was touched off on top of a tower. It erupted into a blazing fire-ball - and the tower disintegrated in a cloud of dust, rising from the desert floor. Then the blast developed into the familiar mushroom cloud. It rose in a black spiral - turning gray at four thousand feet.

Later in the day, the Atomic Energy Commission announced that the Russians have touched off another nuclear explosion of their own - the sixth in the current series. Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Soviet delegate flatly rejected - a Western proposal for a one-year suspension of atomic weapons tests.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The joint report released today by the Labor and Commerce Departments- is the most favorable since the recession started a year ago. The report shows that during September, unemployment dropped - by over half a million. The level of unemployment falling - to just over four million. The report calls this - "a significant improvement in the job situation."

LITTLE ROCK

A Little Rock housewife is asking for a decision -
why by the Arkansas Supreme Court. Mrs. Gertie Garret wants to
know - whether Governor Faubus acted under the Constitution -
when he closed the Little Rock high schools. Mrs. Garret's
lawyer says - "The suit is not friendly - and not unfriendly."
But the Little Rock housewife quite frankly calls herself -
a segregationist. So it's believed that she may be trying to
give Governor Faubus - a way out, by *forcing him to open the*
~~having the State Supreme~~
Schools on a segregated basis.
~~Court rule in his favor.~~

LEBANON

The Premier of Lebanon - still refuses to resign.

Premier Karami told a big crowd in the Moslem sector of Beirut that he intends to stay on, in spite of the opposition. Last night, there were rumors that Karami would step out - and let a "neutral Cabinet" take over. But the demonstrations by his ~~old~~ followers - apparently caused him to change his mind.

DEFENSE

Next year, our federal government will have to perform a juggling act - with taxes in one hand, and defense expenses in ~~another~~ ^{the other}. That's indicated by Acting Defense Secretary Donald Quarles - who predicts that defense will cost more next year than ever before. The main reason - missiles.

Well, Treasury experts are reacting - with the threat of a bigger federal deficit than ever. They say the only ~~way to~~ ^{thing that will} prevent Uncle Sam from going deeper into the red - is a business pick-up, providing a big chunk in tax revenue.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

49:50 Well, Lowell is still out there - in the vast expanse
of the Pacific Ocean. And his report tells us some more - about
the sea and the islands - that typify romance to most of us
here at home. 50

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Just about the best place to get authoritative information on the thousands of diverse islands and people of the South Seas, is Honolulu. At the University of Hawaii and the Bishop Museum.

When our Pan American Empress of the Skies rounded Diamond Head, swung past Waikiki and deposited us on one of my favorite islands, we were met by two learned professors from the University of Hawaii, Dr. Edwin Bryan, curator of the Bishop, and Dr. Kenneth P. Emory, leading anthropologist.

These eminent gentlemen proceeded to brief us on the remote islands south of the Equator toward which we are hurrying as fast as airplanes will take us. But which we will not be able to reach by air. They also brought with them one of the best known and one of the most beautiful young women of all Polynesia - known far and wide as Whiskey Johnny. But Whiskey Johnny is a story all by herself, for another time.