

POPE

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I suppose Pope John the Twenty-third would have

called his final illness - providential. Watched over
- by divine wisdom. The Pontiff was stricken so gravely
- that he had to be ready for death at any moment. But
he clung to life with a tenacity that enabled him to
prepare the Church and the World - for his passing.

In short, Pope John wanted to ~~MM~~ avoid a crisis
- and tonight it looks as if he succeeded to a
remarkable degree. Certainly beyond what one would
expect of an eighty-one year old man - dying of cancer.
He himself seemed to be serenely ^{confident} ~~calm~~ - that he had
smoothed the way for his successor.

To the end, his thoughts were on the outstanding
achievement of his Pontificate - the Second Vatican
Council, which has caught the imagination of the peoples
of all faiths, everywhere in the world. || Pope John set
out less than five years ago - to remove old antagonisms.

And as a result his place in history is almost sure to be - that of the Catholic Pontiff most admired by non-Catholics.

The messages of condolence pouring into the Vatican tonight, are signed by - Protestants, Jews, Greek Orthodox, Mohammedans, Buddhists, Hindus. And - Communists. Pope John increased contacts between the Catholic Church the the Communist bloc - to a degree never known before. A fact reflected in a telegram - from the Kremlin to the Vatican. Khrushchev, expressing profound regret.

RONCALLI

What kind of a man - was John the Twenty-Third?

We might begin with the fact that he was - an Army Sergeant. During World War One he was known as Sergeant Angelo Roncalli - of the Italian Medical Corps. Later he became a Chaplain - a Lieutenant.

He rose rapidly through the ecclesiastical hierarchy - during the 'twenties and 'thirties. A key appointment came after World War Two - when Pius the Twelfth assigned him to Paris as Papal Nuncio. The year nineteen fifty-three seemed the summit of success - for Angelo Roncalli. He became a Cardinal - and Patriarch of Venice.

His age ^{SEEMED TO DISQUALIFY} ~~apparently disqualified~~ him - at the Consistory of nineteen fifty-eight. Actually, it may have made him Pope - ^{IT IS SAID THAT} ~~because~~ the other Cardinals wanted a caretaker who would hold the line for a younger man. If that was the logic of the last Papal Conclave -

APPEAR TO HAVE

The late Pope was sure of - at least one thing -
it went slightly awry. Cardinal Roncalli became one
his successor will convene the Ecumenical Council - is
of the most energetic of all the Popes - who have sat
its seat in St. Peter's Basilica. The preparations for it by John the
in the Chair of Peter.

Twenty Third - seen too far advanced to be reversed.

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SUCCESSOR

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His successor will summon the Ecumenical Council - to its next session. The preparations for it by John the Twenty Third - seem too far advanced to be reversed.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

The Governor of Alabama spent today - ducking a subpoena. Governor Wallace, ordering his State Troopers - to keep the Federal Marshals away from him. And - they did. So the Governor can claim that legally - he has not been served ^(IN PERSON.) Hence, he's not required - to turn up in Court Monday.

But a spokesman for the Justice Department - will be there. Burke Marshall, who specializes - in Civil Rights cases. And who will ask the Court for an injunction to bar Governor Wallace - from enforcing segregation at the University of Alabama.

Meanwhile, the pressure for desegregation - is increasing. More demonstrations in Philadelphia - and Tallahassee, Florida. As for Greensboro, North Carolina - it received an ultimatum, today. "Desegregate the facilities of the city - or the demonstrations begin again, next week."

SUBMARINE

It seems appropriate that the wreckage of the "Thresher" was identified yesterday - Memorial Day. The ill-fated nuclear submarine that carried one hundred and twenty-nine men to the bottom of the Atlantic - reappearing on photographic plates, as the nation was commemorating all those who have been lost in action. Including - the men of the "Thresher."

We now know that the broken hull of the sub lies eight thousand feet down - on the ocean floor. Some two hundred and twenty miles - east of Cape Cod. The bathyscaph "Trieste" is standing by - for a possible descent. With a diving limit of seven miles - the bathyscaph might find out exactly what happened to the "Thresher."

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CYCLONE

The cyclone that hit East Pakistan - was one of the most destructive on record. The death toll - above ~~ten~~ ^{THREE} thousand ~~x~~ — WITH FEARS THAT THE ~~TOLL~~ MAY GO BEYOND 10,000. Damage - almost beyond estimating.

"Many, many millions" - is all that Pakistani officials will say. States. That's why the demand for relief

A few statistics - tell the story. The cyclone developed in the Bay of Bengal - with winds of one hundred and sixty miles an hour. Twice - the violence of a hurricane. Plus a tidal wave - fifteen feet high.

Wind and wave, storming ashore on the coast of Pakistan - along a forty-mile front. Entire villages - were swept away. Two thousand small boats - capsized. Several ocean-going liners - driven aground. Entire islands and headlands - disappeared.

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DIPLOMACY

We Americans appear to be having some trouble -
with our good friends of Europe and Latin America. The
In Europe, the question is - chickens. The
Common Market, adhering to its tariff - on poultry from
the United States. That's why the demand for retaliation
is being heard - on Capitol Hill.

In Latin America, the question is - fish.
Specifically the fish netted - off the coast of Ecuador.
You probably know that two American trawlers were
rounded up - by the Ecuadorian Navy. And that Secretary
of State Rusk - requested their release. The reply in
Quito - a flat "no."

The American President, chasing a boon - in the
land of his Irish ancestors.

IRELAND

President Kennedy's trip to Ireland is benefitting the Emerald Isle - almost a month before it begins. The Tourist Office in ~~MM~~ Dublin, reporting - a run on the hotels. Three requests for every room - from those who want to be there on the big day. Private homes - are being deluged with offers. And some Irishmen are making money - by renting their front yards, for a few hours on the day of the President's arrival.

That's - how Dublin looks. As for County ~~WEXX~~ Wexford, ancestral home of the Kennedy's - there isn't even standing room. But they say - that some helicopters are still available.

The American President, causing a boom - in the land of his Irish ancestors.

The Kremlinologists are reading and re-reading the latest speech - by the leader of East Germany. Reason - there seems to be much meaning between the lines of the Ulbricht address. Which lends itself to searching scrutiny - because it is about the Communist ideology. And the sacred texts of Leninism will be discussed next month - by professional theoreticians of Russia and Red China.

So - what does Comrade Ulbricht have to say about it? He says, first of all - that the dispute is both real and bitter. He admits that the danger exists - of a racial split in the Communist bloc. The white race against the yellow race - or the Russians against the Chinese. The whole thing - "very complicated" as he puts it.

Ulbricht however - has a method of straightening out the complications. Let Mao Tse-tung capitulate - to

Khrushchev. Let Peking accept - peaceful coexistence.

Will this - happen? Ulbricht thinks - it will.

Monkey