

POPE

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( The election of Pope Pius the Twelfth today is being received with the widest approval. ) Enthusiasm in France, approbation in England.

Significantly - one of the Britishers to applaud is George Bernard Shaw. He describes the election of Cardinal Pacelli as a blow at the dictators. Or, in his own Shavian phraseology - "a punch in the nose for the dictators." And that rather expresses *— upon receiving the news* the opinion of the democracies *today, that Cardinal Pacelli is the new pope.*

What about Hitler's Germany, where the church situation is so grave? No official Nazi comment has come on the wires *thus far* but the unofficial opinion in Berlin is that the Hitler people are badly annoyed. It was freely said in Germany before the election that Cardinal Pacelli, as Papal Secretary of State, was largely responsible for the anti-Nazi policy pursued by the late Pius the Eleventh. An official Nazi publication put it this way: "Pacelli was responsible for the gruff attitude of the Vatican toward the Rome-Berlin Axis." So it was understood that the Cardinal Secretary of State was the last man the Hitler regime wanted to see elected Pope. And many supposed that for this

reason he would not be chosen. *But he was.*

In Italy, the newspapers naturally played up the election, but they seem to avoid any expression of its possible political meaning. Yet of course, the new Pontiff, as Papal Secretary of State took a foremost part in the Vatican opposition to the racist laws and racist theories which Fascist

Italy adopted from Nazi Germany. ~~And~~ It is universally believed *of*

*course,*

that he will continue the Papal antagonism toward racism, *race theory - race suppression,*  
Certainly, he will continue the late Pontiff's labor for peace,

and right here one oddity is being pointed out. The name Pacelli

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derives from the Italian word - pace, which means peace.

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(Eugenio Pacelli is a Roman, native of the Eternal City -- and tonight crowds along the Tiber are cheering the Roman Pope.) He ~~is~~ of a middle-class family, yet ~~was~~ one long distinguished in Vatican affairs. His grandfather was a Papal Under-Secretary of the Interior back in the last century. His father, too, was a Vatican official. The new Pontiff began his career ~~in a student school of~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~an ecclesiastical career in~~ Vatican statecraft. He rose rapidly and occupied important posts. Significantly, he was Papal Envoy to Germany during the World War, and during the earlier post-war years. <sup>FF</sup> The late Pope Pius ~~the~~ Eleventh made him Papal Secretary of ~~State~~. So now a precedent is broken. He's the first Vatican Secretary of State ever to be elected to the Pontifical throne.

FOLLOW POPE

Right after the news of the papal election today, I put in a telephone call to South Bend, Indiana - and it was okay. *That's the keyword of this story - okay.* I phoned Notre Dame, and talked to its President, Father O'Hara; - knowing that he was well acquainted with the Cardinal who has become Pope.

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( The new Pontiff is <sup>indeed</sup> well known <sup>there</sup> ~~indeed~~ in the United States, having visited in this country extensively in Nineteen Thirty-Six. He was here only <sup>for</sup> several weeks - but his visiting certainly was extensive. He said upon arriving - "I want to see with my own eyes this great and powerful nation," and he proceeded to see it. )

Father O'Hara told me that the papal Secretary of State went speeding by plane from one coast to the other, making a score of stops. One stop was at South Bend, <sup>at</sup> Notre Dame, where he received an honorary degree.

"Did you show His Eminence the football team?" I asked the Notre Dame President.

"No," he replied, "we lost a big game just the day before, and we weren't so proud of our football." *The team wasn't so okay.* So they

compromised by giving the papal Secretary an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature - the only honorary literary doctorate Notre Dame has ever conferred.

"Never was a degree more justly awarded," Father O'Hara told me today, <sup>adding: -</sup> "The Cardinal presented me with a book of his

sermons and I found them to be in five different languages." <sup>P</sup> That <sup>South Bend remarks</sup> merely emphasized what the news has been repeating today - that

Pius the Twelfth is a scholar and a linguist.

At Notre Dame he made his address in English <sup>ish,</sup> and today Father O'Hara quoted me a significant phrase that he spoke - a phrase actutely expressing the philosophy of individualism.

He spoke of men and personal responsibility <sup>using</sup> ~~and used~~ these words: -

"Their own personal responsibility for every thought they think, and deed they do."

"How is the English of the newly elected Pope?" I asked the President of Notre Dame.

<sup>"Okay,"</sup> ~~"Excellent"~~ he replied, "and when he was at South Bend we found him quite an expert at picking up American slang." <sup>"</sup> ~~As he~~

As His Eminence Cardinal Pacelli, now His Holiness Pope Pius the Twelfth, got into the plane to leave, he cried out - "Okay!"

And that is what the Catholic world is saying today about the result of the Papal election -- "Okay."

## DEFENSE

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The Senate debate concerning the three hundred and fifty-eight million dollar bill for armament and defense has turned into an argument about war and peace. There's less talk about what we need to defend ourselves than about whether or not we should get tangled in the affairs of other nations. Some exceedingly opposite statements were made today.

Senator Logan of Kentucky talked about whipping the dictators and helping the democracies. "I wouldn't furnish one thing to the totalitarian states," said he. "I advocate giving the democracies everything they need to whip these dictators." Or almost everything, the Senator qualified. He doesn't advocate giving soldiers, Americans to fight and die on the battlefield. We should do everything short of war.

The very opposite was declaimed by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. His idea is that the quarrel in Europe is not so much about democracy and dictatorship - not mere forms of government or political ideals. "The whole trouble," said the gentleman of Massachusetts, "is over land, over control of people, over wealth. We should," he declared, "be neutral, honestly,

truthfully, positively neutral." He doesn't think we should get into the fights between the haves and the have-nots.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California was even more vigorous. He used the sinister phrase - trigger-men. "Trigger-men of the administration," said he. And he laid down two points of foreign policy:- First, America wants no war, but America will fight a defensive war. Second, America will have no entangling alliances, not commitments, no understandings <sup>and</sup> ~~or~~ no agreements involving this nation in the troubles of other nations.

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"Trigger-men of the administration," he thundered, "call <sup>call them</sup> everybody who doesn't agree with them names - rather invidious names," *shouted the Senator.*



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MANTON

In New York a federal indictment was handed down today against former Judge Martin T. Manton. He was senior judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. And he resigned under fire. Today's indictment against him is based on charges made by New York's District Attorney, Thomas E. Dewey. These alleged that Judge Manton, as one of the nation's top-ranking jurists, was involved in money transactions with people whose cases came to him on appeal - that such litigants <sup>gave</sup> ~~paid~~ large sums to the judge or the companies that he controlled.

Such are the accusations that led to the resignation of Judge ~~Martin T.~~ Manton some while ago - and he was indicted today. Indicted along with him is a New York insurance man, charged with being involved in the financial affairs of the jurist.

## FIRE

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The ugliest of rumors surround the fire disaster at Halifax, Nova Scotia, today. The ~~most~~ evilist of all surmises is raised, arson, incendiarism - in a hotel fire that claimed/at least a dozen lives. The police have arrested a hotel employee for questioning, and they say that there was a ~~big~~ blaze in the hotel last night - a small fire quickly extinguished.

There are charges of - laxity and inefficiency. A member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature, who watched the flames, declares that the hotel was burning for forty-five minutes before one single ladder was raised - with scores of people jumping from upper windows.

Certainly it was fire disaster at its worst. The Queen Hotel, fifty years old, but still a smart hostelry, crowded with thirty employees and eighty-seven guests - the fire started in a lower story and swept upward with the swiftness of horror, flames blasting up stairways and cutting off all escape. A gale blowing from the ocean, and the strong wind swept the flames to adjacent buildings, until these burned down, one a Greek Orthodox

Church. And another building was badly damaged.

The hotel fire story tells of a skating acrobat who has been appearing at an ice carnival in Halifax - one of those gymnastic athletes who do dizzy stunts, and he needed all his acrobatics and gymnastics. He <sup>occupied</sup> ~~needed~~ a room on the fifth floor and was driven right out of the window by the rush of flame. He hung from the window sill by his hands for long minutes - twenty minutes. Finally the firemen saw him and spread a net beneath him - and the skating acrobat dropped to safety.

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## WRECK

A tale of shipwreck comes from isolated waters off the Mexican shore of Lower California - and, it was shipwreck de luxe.

A most aristocratic British yacht, the Duke of Sutherland's yacht, <sup>and it</sup> aboard it a party of British aristocrats, - ~~it~~ went ashore on an uncharted reef near the remote island of Espiritusanto.

The Duke, with all his noble guests, had a narrow escape. I am told about it by Douglas Williams, American representative of the LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, who <sup>relates</sup> ~~tells us~~ how a DAILY TELEGRAPH newsman in California made a hazardous journey to the wrecked yacht and now wires the story.

Ten days ago, the Duke of Sutherland's yacht was steaming speedily along <sup>in</sup> the Gulf of California, when suddenly there was a violent shock. According to the map, they were in deep and open water. What the map didn't show, was a sunken reef, and this the yacht struck at full <sup>tilt.</sup> ~~speed~~ Everybody was knocked about, the sailors in the hold were nearly drowned, but the only ~~real~~ real injury was sustained by Her Grace, the Duchess of Sutherland - and that in a curious way.

Aboard, there was a jaguar cub, which the yachting party had picked up in Nicaragua to present to the London zoo. The Duchess was petting the jaguar cub just as the yacht hit. The shock set the beast wild and it sank its claws into her arm, lacerating her severely.

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The situation was saved by the captain who quickly backed the vessel off the reef. Though the hull was ripped open, he was able to push it along and beach the ~~xx~~ yacht on the nearby island of Espiritusanto.

Luckily, another yacht was navigating the Gulf of ~~xx~~ California, Vincent Astor's ~~craft~~ the NOURMAHAL. And Astor came to the rescue. Divers were summoned, and today they were doing the salvage work - while Vincent Astor has taken the Duke of Sutherland and his party aboard the NOURMAHAL, bound for the nearest port.

## RESCUE

Today there was rescue on the high seas, and the stormy seas. The latest we hear is that the freighter NEWFOUNDLAND has saved the entire crew of the sealing vessel RANGER, a hundred and fifty seal hunters.

On Tuesday, the ~~NAME~~ RANGER set sail from St. Johns to hunt seals in northern waters - and every man aboard knew it was a gamble. That's the way it is with seal hunters - they always know it's a gamble in the icy storms of northern waters. But the RANGER might collect as many as fifty thousand seal pelts, worth fifty thousand dollars, the money to be divided among the crew. ~~and~~ <sup>to them</sup> ~~and then~~ it was worthwhile to take the chance.

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A hundred and fifty miles out to sea the sealing ship was caught in a wild gale, and in the <sup>rage of the</sup> ~~rain and~~ wind swept ocean her seams opened. Water poured in. Soon the engine room was flooded. And the seal hunters pumped for their lives - two hand pumps, all they had. And they bailed out ~~the~~ water with buckets and pots and pans from the galley.

Today the freighter NEWFOUNDLAND answered their



distress signals but it didn't seem of much use - the storm was so wild, the sea so heavy. The freighter's lifeboats could hardly keep right side up. They did contrive to <sup>take off</sup> get a few of the seal hunters, ~~aboard~~, but soon had to give up the attempt - as the weather grew worse. They threw a line to the sealer to take the craft in tow. <sup>w. But</sup> ~~No~~ they couldn't dream of trying to <sup>w</sup> tow the waterlogged hulk. They merely hoped to get it <sup>to</sup> ~~in~~ the shelter of the shore, when the waves were not ~~running~~ running so high. There they'd try again to take the men off. And they succeeded - they rescued every man of the hundred and fifty seal hunters.

KING

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When a King of England makes a criticism of the Irish, he would seem to be on dangerous ground - something like walking on eggs. But that's what His Majesty, George the Sixth, did today. No, he didn't walk on the Irish eggs - he just looked at them and made a remark.

At the British Industries Fair in London, the royal visitor looked over the Irish exhibits, noticed some eggs from Ireland. And they were stamped - "Irish Free State", this in spite of the fact that the name of the Hibernian nation has been changed to Eire. The King turned to the Irish High Commissioner at his side and remarked: "I suppose you'll keep on using that rubber stamp until it wears out." From which it would see<sup>m</sup> that His Majesty prefers <sup>Ireland's</sup> ~~the~~ new name - Eire.

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And now I'm off the air —  
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