

ITALIANS OPPOSED DELAYING CONCLAVE

Gasparri Led in Stand Against Waiting for Americans to Arrive.

FRENCH ASK AMENDMENT

Cardinals Dougherty and Begin In Rome — Pope Longs for Alpine Climb.

ROME, Feb. 9 (Associated Press).—Two-thirds of the foreign Cardinals and a small fraction of the Italians favored waiting for American participation in the conclave which elected Pope Pius XI. Against the proposal to delay the election were almost all the Italian Cardinals, led by the Camerlengo, Cardinal Gasparri.

It is learned that Cardinal Piffi, Archbishop of Vienna, and Cardinal Csernoch, Primate of Hungary, made a determined stand in the conclave that the final choice for the Papal crown should not be made until at least one American was present.

"America is a vital part of the Church," Cardinal Csernoch said to the members of the Sacred College. "It will be calamitous to deny her participation in the election of the Pontiff. It will have a grave reaction among the American people; it will wound their pride and dignity. I ask the conclave to weigh well the consequences of its act before casting this vote."

Opposed Strict Interpretation.

Cardinal Piffi was even more determined at the conclave. Yes, it may be true," he said in answer to one of his Italian colleagues, "that prolongation would not be in strict consonance with the constitution. But can the Sacred College risk offending America for the sake of a technicality? I say it cannot."

Cardinals Lucon, Dubois, Andrieu and Maurin called on the Papal Secretary of State yesterday to submit, with Cardinal Lucon as spokesman, the request that the papal constitution be amended to fix the date for the convening of a conclave at an indefinite period after the demise of the Pope, to permit the United States, Canada and South America to participate.

Cardinal Gasparri received The Associated Press correspondent a few minutes after the departure of the French prelates. He refused to be quoted on the matter, but when urged, permitted the correspondent to say that it was quite possible, even probable, that the question of American participation in future conclaves would be discussed at the next consistory.

Dougherty and Begin Arrive.

Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, and Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, arrived in Rome today from Paris, which city they reached Tuesday, after their trip by steamer from New York to Havre. They are in ample time for the coronation of Pope Pius, which is fixed for next Sunday.

Cardinal Dougherty was accompanied by his Secretary, the Very Rev. Joseph A. Whitaker, and also by his niece, Miss Dorothy MacCormick, who joined him in Paris. The journey from Paris here was most disagreeable, the cold being so severe that the heating pipes in the party's sleeping car were frozen. At Pisa the train ran into a snowstorm, which brought down the telegraph wires. The Italian Government furnished an escort for Cardinal Dougherty from Pisa to Rome, designating the Commissioner of Police Detectives for that duty.

On his arrival here the Cardinal went to the American College, where he will reside during his stay in Rome.

Cardinal Dougherty visited Cardinal Gasparri at the Vatican today. The Papal Secretary received the Cardinal with extreme cordiality and expressed regret that he had reached Rome after the election. He said he hoped that this would be remedied in the future by an amendment of the constitution of the conclave which would allow even the most distant Cardinals to reach Rome before the opening.

The Pope, Cardinal Gasparri said, had expressed an ardent desire to meet Cardinal Dougherty, whom he does not yet know personally, though he has gained a high opinion of him through mutual friends. The Pontiff will receive him in special audience Saturday.

Pope Pius had postponed until after the coronation all deliberations and decisions upon important matters. He has not yet appointed his successor to the Archdiocese of Milan, which by his own election automatically becomes vacant, but continues to administer the diocese himself.

The Pope's sister, Camilla, and his brother, Francesco, arrived from Deslo today and took up quarters in the Vatican, to remain until after the coronation. The Pope is understood to have expressed one regret—that henceforth he would be unable to indulge in his favorite sport of Alpine climbing.