

PIUS SAYS CONCLAVE MUST WAIT FOR U.S.

**Pope Tells Cardinal O'Connell
America Is Too Important to
Be Ignored as in Past.**

AUDIENCE LASTS AN HOUR

**Pontiff Says This Government's Re-
spect for Religion Merits All That
Religion Can Give It.**

ROME, Feb. 28 (Associated Press).—
"All the American Cardinals will be
present at the next Conclave," said Pope
Pius during a farewell audience to Car-
dinal O'Connell of Boston this morning.

"There will be no more racing 5,000
miles in a vain endeavor to reach Rome
in time for a Conclave," the Pontiff
added. "The United States is too im-
portant to be ignored as she has been.
I shall see to it that what happened at
the last Conclave shall not occur again."

The audience lasted for an hour, dur-
ing which the Pope and Cardinal O'Con-
nell held intimate conversation regard-
ing the American Church and the Cath-
olic University.

During the course of his remarks Pope
Pius said to Cardinal O'Connell:

"You know I have been a librarian
all my life. The happiest years I have
spent were in company with books. In
that way I have come in contact with
the great scholars of the world and with
great university leaders. I have received
letters since my election from scientists
and men of letters in Oxford, Harvard,
Yale and other institutions. Your Cath-
olic University of Washington, its work
and future interest me intensely.

"The university must be a shrine of
learning. It is the purpose of the uni-
versity to mold intellectual leaders and
endow them with deep erudition, guided
by the principles of faith. It is all
right to build great basilicas and great
buildings, but the essential thing is to
make learning the important aim of all
those activities. It is not a great basilica
that is needed, but zeal, spirit and learn-
ing are forming the most important
effort of achievement.

"Pay Your Professors Well."

"The principles must be right. A
great church is a great thing, but it is
no essential part of a university. Ex-
ternal appearance counts for little. An
extravagant facade is nothing unless
there exists in that seat of learning the
soul of learning. Pay your professors
well. It brings good results. You
will then have the best trainers of the
leaders of men, and it will insure that
the product is the best obtainable."

His Holiness then gave Cardinal
O'Connell the example of Galileo, who
first was employed by the University
of Genoa, then was taken by the Uni-
versity of Florence and then by Bologna.
Each time he had a higher salary until
he had passed through several universi-
ties which were anxious to have the
world's greatest teacher at that time.

The Pope then continued:

"Oh, what a wonderful country you
have! There the Church is free, really
free, as it is nowhere else. There the
Government respects religion. There-
fore the Government has the right to
all that religion can give. It is a fair
exchange.

"I know, too, how hard the clergy
of America work. That is the reason
why they have the respect and love of
the people. Americans are a practica-
ble people. They recognize the value
of earnest men. There is a wonderful
future in store for America, especially
in these trying times when Europe is
passing through such an anxious pe-
riod."

Cardinal O'Connell then told the Holy
Father of the relations between the
Catholics and Protestants in America
and how both co-operate in the social
and economic life. He said that no en-
mity existed between the members of
the two faiths and that when a good
and noble work was to be done both
united for the common good. The Pon-
tiff, hearing the Boston Cardinal's
words, seemed deeply moved. He said:

"I like that. It is a great advantage.
It makes for peace and harmony every-
where. America is truly wonderful and
full of hope and promise. My prayer
is that the Catholics of America will
continue to be united in the bonds of
brotherly affection. Let the hierarchy
stand together for all that is best in
human life. Of course, there will be
human defects and differences, but
when the spirit is right and the prin-
ciples true, God will take care of the
rest. No one expects perfection in this
world, but what we want is good-will
all around."

Converses in Three Languages.

Cardinal O'Connell said he was deeply
impressed by the Pontiff's earnest and
calm manner, his clearness of mind and
his kindly disposition. Besides great
strength of character, the Holy Father
also had great bodily strength. During
the interview Cardinal O'Connell said
the Pontiff said to him, "You are an
old Roman," to which the Cardinal re-
plied, "But now, Holy Father, you are
a Roman for life."

The Pontiff spoke of the congratu-
lations he had received from all parts
of the world, saying, "I am delighted
with the feelings of approbation and ac-
claim that have come to me from every
hand and I shall try to deserve them."

Cardinal O'Connell then presented
Mgr. Michael J. Splaine of Boston and
Father Richard J. Haberman and six stu-
dents of the American College, all of
them from Boston, to Pope Pius, who
spoke to them in English. Previously
he had conversed with the Cardinal in
Italian. Near the end of the audience
Cardinal O'Connell presented his valet,
John Riedi, who is a Swiss, to the Pope,
who talked to him in German and asked
him all about the Alps, declaring he had
climbed almost all of them.

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