

# CARDINALS BALLOT 4 TIMES, BUT FAIL TO ELECT A POPE

Voting to Continue Today—  
Crowds and Vatican Radio  
Misled Twice by Smoke

SIGNAL WHITE AT FIRST

Gloom Succeeds Joy in St.  
Peter's Square as Puff  
Shows Intended Black

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ROME, Oct. 26—The Roman Catholic Church still was without a Supreme Pontiff tonight after fifty-one Cardinals in conclave had voted four times.

Twice during the day the famous chimney rising above the roof of the Sistine Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica emitted dense black smoke. This conveyed a signal to large crowds waiting in St. Peter's Square that no candidate had received the required minimum of thirty-five votes—two-thirds of those voting plus one.

Both signals gave the impression at first that a Pope had been elected to succeed Pius XII, who died Oct. 9.

The Cardinals, who come from twenty-one countries, will resume their balloting tomorrow morning.

### Throng Raises Cry

The first fumata, or smoke signal, was given at 11:53 A. M. It told waiting Romans that the Pope had not been elected in the two morning ballots. There was a second fumata at 5:57 P. M., announcing that the two afternoon votes also had been negative.

The smoke that appeared shortly before noon was pure white at first and came in a thin stream. Shouts of "Viva il Papa! (Long live the Pope)" rose from the crowd in the square.

Dozens of newspapermen in the square made a dash for the nearest telephones. Thousands of people started running toward the outside balcony of St. Peter's, from which it was thought the new Pope would shortly be imparting his first apostolic blessing.

Guests at a wedding inside St. Peter's ran into the square with almost everyone else in the vast basilica, leaving the bride and bridegroom alone in front of a priest at the altar.

### Announcer Deceived

Even a priest acting as an official announcer for the Vatican radio was deceived. He shouted excitedly: "It's white, it's white! We have a Pope!" His announcement was taken up by the Italian radio network and by the Italian news agency ANSA. The news thus went into millions of Italian homes.

A few minutes later, however, the smoke signal was repeated and this time it was unmistakably black. Black smoke still was pouring from the chimney when the bells of the clocks at the top of the facade of St. Peter's began striking noon.

The smoke is caused by the burning of the Cardinals' ballot papers in an iron stove in the Sistine Chapel, where the prelates were walled up yesterday to remain until they have selected the 262d Supreme Pontiff. When the voting has

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## Cardinals Commence Papal Election While Thousands Maintain Watch at the Vatican

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not given any candidate the required minimum, the ballot papers are put in the stove and burned with a handful of damp straw. This produces black smoke. When a Pope has been elected, the ballot papers are burned alone, which produces thin white smoke.

It was thought that this morning's misleading signal resulted because the straw failed to catch fire at once.

The second signal was misunderstood because it came well after nightfall. The smoke was lighted from below by a spotlight, which made black appear white.

The Vatican radio announcer again stated that a new Pope had been elected. Again the news was flashed to the world. Again the crowds in St. Peter's square shouted and ran. And again gloom and disappointment reigned.

The day was beautiful, with a hot sun shining out of a cloudless sky. So hot was it, indeed, and so thick was the crowd that a score of persons fainted and were carried away in ambulances after having received first aid in tents set up by the Knights of Malta.

The crowd was composed mostly of Romans, but there was a fair sprinkling of tourists from many lands. There was also a great number of priests, monks and nuns, seemingly as wrought up and expectant as everyone else.

### Pigeons Circle Overhead

When the first puff of smoke was seen a mighty shout caused the pigeons of St. Peter's to rise and circle overhead. The joyful clamor changed into groans of disappointment a few minutes later when the black smoke started. The crowd slowly dissolved.

An even larger crowd was gathered in the square this afternoon. It was swollen after 5 o'clock by many thousands returning from soccer matches.

At 5 o'clock a vast flight of starlings circled repeatedly around the dome of St. Peter's in numbers so great as to obscure the light from the setting sun. Romans below thought this was an omen of some sort, though they were unable to say what it portended.

The crowd had thinned only a little when the second fumata came. The crowd lingered for more than half an hour, apparently hoping against hope that a new Pope would appear.

Prince Sigismondo Chigi della Rovere-Albani, who as hereditary Marshal of the Conclave has to insure that the assembled Cardinals remain undisturbed, conceded in a radio interview tonight that the smoke signals had caused confusion.

### Prince Reached Cardinals

The Prince disclosed that he had used a prerogative of his office by making contact with the Cardinals. Presumably he asked them which color they had intended to give to the smoke.

The broadcast quoted Prince Chigi as having expressed his intention to advise the Cardinals tomorrow to make sure their signals would be easily understood.

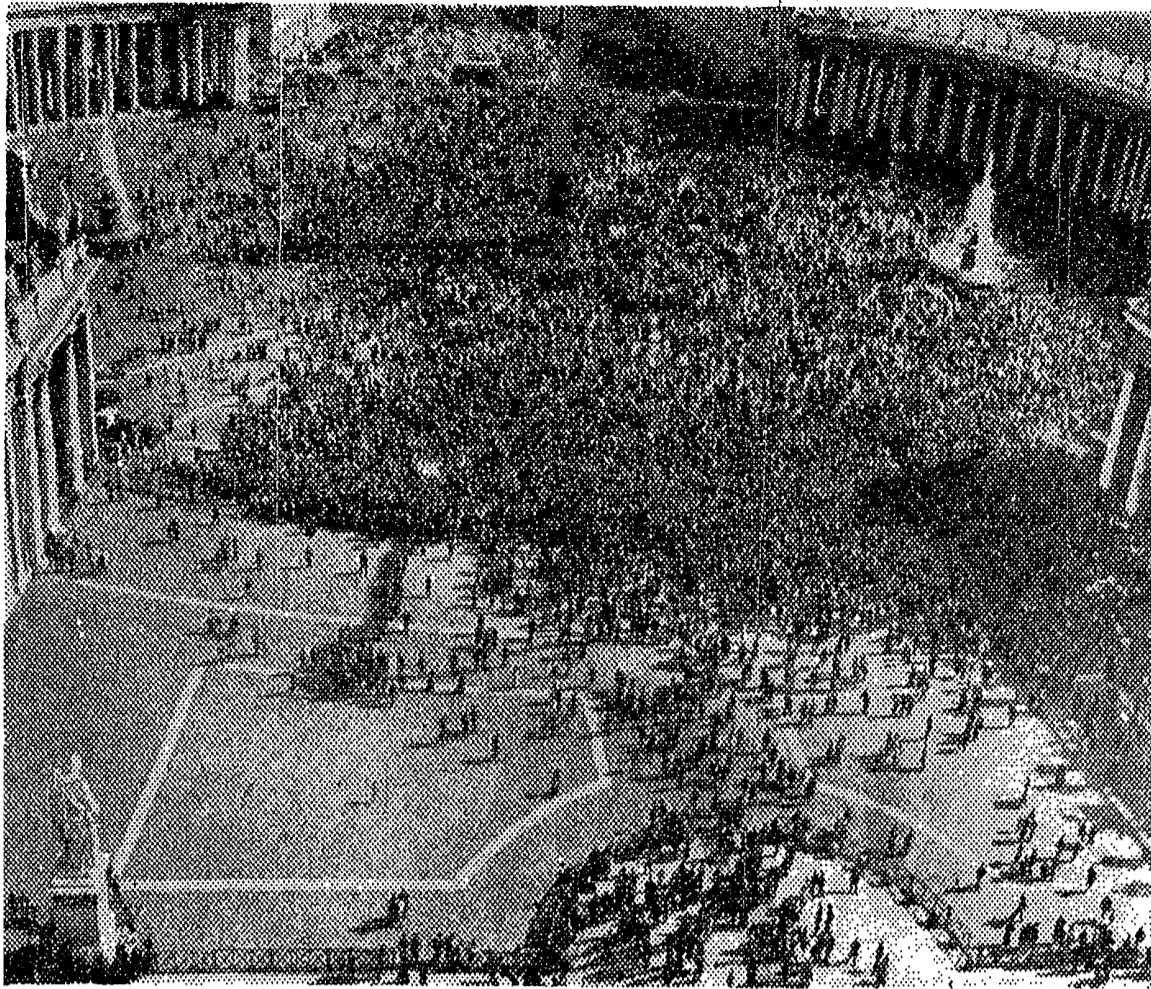
What has been happening inside the conclave can only be surmised or deduced from precedent.

It may be supposed that most of the Cardinals rose early and said mass at one of the many altars scattered throughout the enclosure.

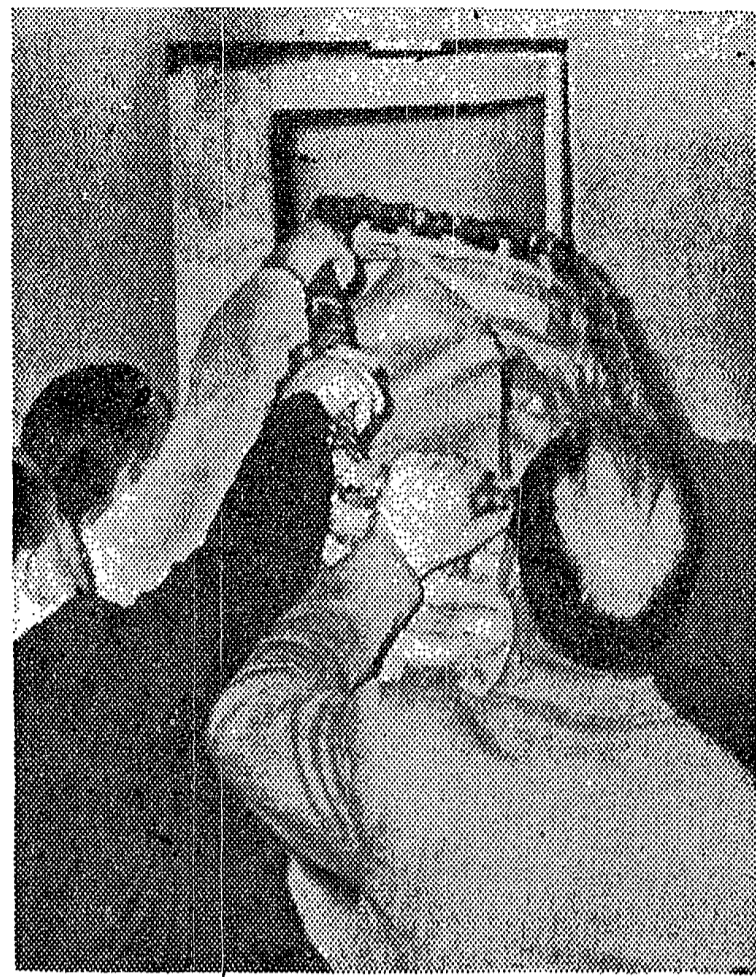
Then they presumably breakfasted together in the dining room prepared for them in the Borgia apartment of the Vatican.

At 9 o'clock the sound of the big bell in the Courtyard of St. Damasus summoned the Cardinals to the Sistine Chapel. There, it is likely, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College, said mass and recited prayers invoking the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Ghost. The members of the Cardinals' suites must then have left them in the chapel so that the voting could begin.

The first thing the Cardinals had to do was choose by lot those who were to be in charge



Crowds fill St. Peter's Square outside the Vatican where 51 members of College of Cardinals started voting. Black smoke issued from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel twice yesterday, indicating no candidate had yet won minimum of thirty-five votes required.



Basket of food for the Cardinals and their assistants, is placed in one of the rotae, or turnboxes, the only access to walled-up area of Vatican where Cardinals are living.

of the election: three scrutineers, or vote tellers, and three checkers, who count the votes a second time and keep a tally of how many votes each candidate has obtained. Three Cardinals also are appointed to receive the ballot papers of any who are too unwell to leave their apartments.

Thomas Cardinal Tien Ken-sin, exiled Archbishop of Peiping, is recovering from injuries received in an auto accident and Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, has a fractured spine.

In the actual balloting, the Cardinals, sitting on their thrones, fill out the ballot papers in a 'disguised handwriting and fold them lengthwise. The Dean, holding his ballot over his head, walks to the altar at one end of the Sistine Chapel. After praying at the altar, he must drop his ballot into a chalice standing on a table in front of it. As he does so he must say in a loud voice, "I call as my witness Christ the Lord, who will judge me that I elect under God him whom I believe I should elect."

Each Cardinal in turn, according to seniority, follows Cardinal Tisserant, voting in the same fashion. The votes are counted immediately afterward.

If precedent is any guide, it may be surmised that the first

vote was widely scattered, a number of Cardinals receiving a few votes apiece. It is customary for Cardinals to give "courtesy votes" to anyone who enjoys their particular esteem of friendship.

After the votes are counted and checked, the ballot papers are strung on a thread and placed in a second chalice.

The second vote is taken immediately. When this also fails the paper ballots are burned with the straw.

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