

ROMETHE ASSUMPTION PROCLAMATION

The thousand-year-old picture of the Madonna, which used to be carried through the streets in time of trouble, leaves in procession for St. Peter's, where the Assumption Dogma is to be pronounced by the Pope.

In the morning St. Peter's Square is an amazing scene as 700,000 throng to hear the dogma which, for the 400 million Roman Catholics of the world, proclaims the bodily ascension of the Virgin Mary to heaven. In the crowd is French Foreign Minister Schumann; and Premier Di Gasperi of Italy, as 600 high dignitaries of the church from all over the world lead the procession to the throne on the steps of the Basilica.

36 Cardinals make obeisance. This is the climax of the Holy Year. After reading the dogma, His Holiness gives the blessing.