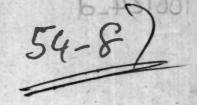
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## PIUS XII HONOURS MARY AS "QUEEN"



Pepe Pius XII, in the highest ceremony of the Rome's Marian year, yesterday growned an ancient painting of the Virgin Mary ("Salus Papuli Romani") and asked her aid as "Queen of Heaven and Earth, Queen of Mankind". About 50.000 faithfull crowded into St. Peter's Basilica, while other thousands of people filled the giant Square outside. Some 300 Cardinals, archbishops and bishops attended the rites.

While silver trumpets played the papel hymn, the Pope was brought through the basilica on his golden gestatorial mix chair. First He had crossed the square among the acclamations of the crowd.

(Inside the basilica the 78 years old Pope ascended his throne and delivered his 2000 words speech, in ringing tone, without a sign of weariness of his recent illness. During the ceremony He gree ted representatives of about 300 solidality groups from all parts of the world. Then He pinned golden medals of 15 banners of the procession, belonging to the most important shrines in the world. Biggest banner was that of the National Shrine in Washington, D.G. At the climax of the ceremony the Pope has placed a jewel-studded crown on the Hirgin image of the Virgin and one on that of the Child, after having blessed them. Immediately after the coronation, choirs burst into a joyous, thanking "To Doum").

Afterwards the Pèpe crossed the square again and entered the Virgin Vatican Palace through the bronse door. The Ceremony ended with the Blessing "Urbi et Orbi" which the Pèpe gave from the balcony of the Vatican Lodge.

Yesterday's ceremony honoured the Virgin on the centenary of the degma of the immaculate conception, and in the 4th anniversary of the degma of the assumption, which Pius XII preclaimed himsels.

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