

IFRICA in Today's World

MODERN HISTORY'S first black-skinned saints have taken their place among the Roman Catholic Church's sanctified following the canonization of 22 Uganda martyrs by Pope Paul in St. Peter's Basilica at Vatican City.

News of the canonization was relayed by tom-toms across the vast expanse of Equatorial Africa, where the sainted Bantu tribesmen died for their faith in the late 19th century. The relay was arranged by African bishops of the eight Uganda dioceses, where two million Catholics make up a third of the population.

The ceremony had strong overtones of emphasis on racial equality. The canonization rites, accompanied by the rhythmic music of a new African oratorio in the presence of colorfully robed African delegations in the basilica, makes it possible for African Negro Catholics to have their children baptized in the names of people of their own blood and traditions.

The saints, including a court jester, a herdsman, four musicians, a cloth maker, a dugout canoe builder and a potter, are the first canonized under Pope Paul. They had been beatified (declared blessed) by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. That meant they could be venerated locally in their native land.

WITH CANONIZATION, the Roman Catholic Church declares that the new saints ascended to heaven upon death and prescribes that they not only can receive public honor but must receive it. An annual feast day will be set aside for them, Churches can be named for them. Prayers can be said to them publicly throughout the Catholic world.

In his address to the 42 cardinals, hundreds of bishops and thousands of Romans and African delegates in St. Peter's, Pope Paul made a strong appeal on behalf of the new African

"In this critical time of Africa's history,"
the Pope said, "their (the martyrs') testimony becomes a crying voice for one who needs it, a voice that seems to echo strongly the call to pass over and help us that St. Paul heard in a vision by night.

These martyrs are calling for help. Africa needs devoted missionaries, priests first and foremost. Africa needs doctors, teachers, religious sisters and nurses, to help the young, developing but still needy Catholic commun-

In line with the Second Vatican (Ecumenical) Council's stress on closer understanding with Protestants, Pope Paul paused in his commemoration to add:

"And we do not wish to forget the others also, who belong to the Anglican confession, who met death for the name of Christ."

FOR THE FIRST TIME in St. Peter's Basilica, four Negro prelates were the only ones who assisted the Pope in celebration of the mass. They were Laurean Cardinal Rugambwa, Archbishop of Bukoba, and three other bishops from Uganda.

More than 1,500 black African pilgrims were present, hundreds of them wearing native sandals and colorful orange and blue tribal robes. Among them were a few aged Bantu contemporaries of the martyred saints.

Among the newly canonized saints who were ordered slain by King Mwanga are:
St. Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe, the king's

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Johnson, Cannon Deserve Support

NEXT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, each Nevada voter can pay respect to our late President John F. Kennedy by following his advice. "--ask what you can do for your country." Each can do his part for Nevada and for the Nation by returning to office two men who will continue to keep us moving forward with the Ken-nedy vigor. President Lyndon B. Johnson and U.S. Senator Howard W. Cannon are those two men.

President Johnson and Senator Cannon have applied themselves with great courage to bring the American ideal of equality of opportunity closer to reality.

Senator Cannon broke a century old Nevada tradition when he voted to invoke cloture and thereby stop the filibuster which was blocking action in the Civil Rights Act, When the bill came on the floor for decision, he promptly voted 'aye' in favor of the bill. President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law once it had passed the Senate.

Sen. Barry Goldwater voted 'No' on cloture and another 'No' on the Rights Act. Paul Laxalt, who challenges Cannon for his senate seat

says he would also have voted 'No' on the bill.

Laxalt believes that the "experiment" of giving full freedom and opportunity to all Americans is going a bit too far, and will cause decay of our (White) society.

court chamberlain; St. Andrew Kaggwa, court drum major; St. Pontian Ngondwe, a royal bodyguard; St. Luke Banabakintu, boatmaker; St. Bruno Serunkuwa, a royal armorer; St. Athanasius Bazzekuketta, keeper of the king's treasure of elephant tusks; St. Mathias Mulumba Kalemba, 50-year-old village chieftain, oldest of the martyrs; St. Mbaga Tuzinde, 17-year-old Xylophone player and son of the executioner; St. Mugagga, maker of cloth from bark; St. Kizito, 14, youngest of the martyrs; St. Ukasa Kiriwawanvu, court jester; St. Noah Nawaggali, potter, and St. Ambrose Kibura, a court drum-

KING MWANGA, a pre-colonial absolute ruler, was favorably disposed toward Christianity when he ascended the throne in 1884. He invited back four Roman Catholic White Father missionaries who had begun work in Uganda in 1879 only to be expelled by Mwanga's predecessor. The missionaries made numerous

converts, particularly at the royal court.

But the arguments of Arab Moslem slave traders, and a conflict between the missionaries' teachings and Mwanga's dissolute way of life, turned the king against the Christian faith.

When his followers refused his orders to renounce their new religion, he put them to death. Thirteen were burned alive. Others were beheaded, cut to pieces, speared or clubbed to death.



Goldwater believes the Civil Rights Act to unconstitutional, and thinks that at least two of its provisions should be repealed. He does not believe it constitutional to allow Negroes equal employment opportunities, nor does he believe that Negroes should have the right to purchase services and accommodations wherever they are offered to the public. Lax-alt, who in effect is a "little Goldwater," agrees with Barry.

Cannon and LBJ will keep America moving ahead. Laxalt and Goldwater would turn back the clock while turning their backs to the American Negroes' plea for full citizenship. Vote November 3--Vote for LBJ--Vote for

Howard Cannon--Vote to protect yourselves from the horror of a Laxalt or a Goldwater. Don't forget the date--November 3,

Don't forget the names--Johnson & Cannon. Don't forget to protect yourself!

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shall assume the duties of the president in the president's absence. By naming Mr. Anderson to take over, Mr. Kellar obviously was guilty of misfeasance.

When rumors of the endorsement "deal" became widespread recently and it became apparent that Mr. Anderson would face strong opposition in putting it over, Mr. Kellar found it convenient to return to the city in time for the show-down. Strangely, the agenda of last Friday's NVL meeting (prepared by Mr. Anderson) was arranged so that the question of endorsing a Justice of the Peace candidate would be put before the members at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Kellar arrived at McCarran Field at approximately 9 p.m. and was promptly whisked to NVL headquarters in time to lend his per-

sonal support to Mr. Posin's endorsement.
MOST CURIOUS OF ALL, THE MOTION
TO ENDORSE MR. POSIN WAS CARRIED BY
THE VOTES OF AN OBVIOUSLY ORGANIZED GROUP OF STRANGERS NEVER BEFORE SEEN AT A LEAGUE MEETING! Mr. Anderson smugly admitted later that these strangers were "my people.'

Endorsement of Mr. Posin was pushed through over the strong pleas of League founders Bob Bailey and Dr. Charles I. West that no endorsement be made in this particular race due to the ugly rumors concerning a "deal." Mr. Bailey and Dr. West pointed out that endorsement of Mr. Posin could destroy public confidence in the League's integrity. confidence in the League's integrity.

In view of these circumstances, the VOICE cannot regard Mr. Posin's rigged selection as a bona fide endorsement by the Nevada Voters League. We sincerely believe that the 20,000 Negro citizens of West Las Vegas should ig-nore this so-called "endorsement" completely in voting for a Justice of the Peace.

The VOICE is unalterably opposed to any and all "deals" or "arrangements" ostensibly made in the name of Negro organizations that could reflect on the Negro people as a whole. The VOICE is dedicated to upgrading the image of the Negro and cannot countenance manipula-

tions that can only degrade that image.
The Nevada Voters League is worth saving, but in order to save the League, it must be returned to the people. Mr. Kellar and Mr. Anderson are not the Nevada Voters League, nor are they the Negro community. They must

be repudiated. It would seem to us that the only way all this can be accomplished is by having the Negro citizens of West Las Vegas give Jim Brennan a huge majority next Tuesday. By so doing, we can save the good name of the Negro community and dispell for all time any suspicion that the Negro vote can be sold—and bought—

at any price. Without overlooking his many positive qualifications, THIS IS THE ONE BIG REASON WHY WE ARE ENDORSING JIM BRENNAN FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. THE REST IS UP