

jects, 389-headed by the pope himself-are of Italian origin, albeit Pius XI was actually born an Austrian subject, his birthplace, Desio, near Milan, being under Hapsburg domination at the time he came into the world. The Swiss, in view of their century-old privilege of furnishing the papal guard, came next with 113, while the French have 11. This last number includes their nation's "Cardinal of Curia," His Eminence Alexis Lepicier.

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Germany has five Vatican citizens headed by the venerable Jesuit, Cardinal Ehrie, librarian of the Vatican. Spain has two, one being Cardinal Merry del Val. former secretary of state and now arch-priest of the St. Peter's Balilica. Austria and Holland, with one citizen each, are represented by their two curia cardinals, Their Eminences Fruewirth and Van Rossum

The only other two nations to be represented by one borrowed citizen a few days. each are Norway and Abyssinia. The latter shatters all beliefs in precedents by being a Jew.

This singular citizen of the pope's own state will not remain much committee. longer in the faith of his fathers, however. Before the constitution of the Vatican City was effected, Hagos Fessuh, native of Alitena in Abyssinia, had already announced his intion of becoming a Roman Catholic; and being attached in a special capacity to the Ethiopian seminary, which is on Vatican soil, was directed to remain there pending completion of his spiritual preparation for baptism and the succeeding sacraments. Once he has been admitted to the church, the pope will reign over 518 subjects, who are 100 per cent Catholic.

The students of the Ethiopian seminary itself are not counted among the denizens of the Vatican, since their residence is only transitory. For disciplinary and administrative purposes, though, they will

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