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## Overseas Assignment: Rome '58



By ELIZABETH YATES  
Eccentric Correspondent

"Overseas Assignment", the goal of reporters yesterday and today, also is a coveted experience for a photographer. A Bloomfield township man is the most recent Detroit newsman to win an overseas assignment. He is Tony Spina, chief photographer for the Detroit Free Press, which sent him to Rome recently to photograph Vatican City (below) and events surrounding the recent election of Pope John XXIII.

He was gone 10 days. When he boarded the airliner at Willow Run (above), most of Spina's luggage consisted of his five cameras and 100 rolls of film.

HE WAS ONE of 15 persons admitted to view the rooms where the College of Cardinals met in conclave to elect a successor to Pius XII.

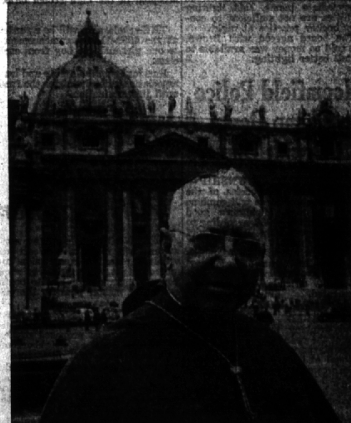
Spina took more than 400 pictures inside and outside the Vatican. His picture (below) was the last taken of the late Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit (photographed in St. Peter's Square). The Cardinal died in Rome only minutes before he was to have entered the Conclave.

Spina had to get a new permit each day in each area of Vatican City before he could take a picture.

HE FOUND ROME MUCH CHANGED since his tour of duty there in July 1944 during the American occupation. Many shops have been modernized, Italian women are interested in the latest fashions. Shops still close at noon for lunch, reopen at 4 p.m.

Spina's "Assignment Overseas" has brought him new assignments here. Many of his photos were displayed last week at the University of Detroit, where he also was a panel member during a discussion of news coverage of church events.

Spina, his wife and three children live at 2635 Squirrel road, Bloomfield township.



### Population Grows

The population of the world has grown by 175 million people since 1951. The latest figures in 1958 for this global picture show that 2,400 million persons inhabit the earth, according to the survey made by the Secretariat of the U.N. Population Commission.

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