



Connie Herzog of the Bishop Armstrong High School, queen of the Mary's Hour program, proceeds with her attendants between rows of girls from the parochial community school as she is crowned by Bishop J. Bell.

area toward the altar for the crowning ceremony. The Most Rev. Alden J. Bell, bishop of the Sacramento Roman Catholic Diocese, inset, presided

# Salvation Through Virgin Is Theme Of Mary's Hour

By Jack Rye

Peace and salvation through the love of the mother of Jesus Christ were hailed as the goals for all by Bishop

Alden J. Bell as he addressed the annual Mary's Hour throngs at Edmonds Field yesterday afternoon.

"The voices of war are silent now only because of a fear of nuclear disaster," the head of the Sacramento Roman Catholic Diocese told the thousands who jammed the baseball park.

The Most Rev. Bell, speaking at his first Mary's Hour in Sacramento since becoming bishop, cited Satan as far more destructive than war and decried Satan as man's arch enemy, a foe who must be fought from the arms of the Virgin Mary because "we are fighting for our own souls.

"Our prayers for peace this day rise to Mary like the swell and murmur of the sea to break upon the shores of heaven. If God is hesitant to answer, let us look to our own souls and see if Christ is reflected there.

"Our blessed mother will be quick to recognize Him and will gather us to her as her own."

## Inspiring Weather

The weather was gorgeous and inspiring for the outdoor fete sponsored by the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies with Albert R. Westlake as general chairman. Monsignor Cornelius P. Higgins was commentator of the ceremonies held under a bright sun and amid a gentle breeze.

The celebration opened with the crowd singing the national anthem and reciting the

formed the symbolic crowning of the statue of the Virgin Mary.

Miss Herzog, a senior at Bishop Armstrong High School, was attended by a court of 24 formally attired girls representing all the Catholic schools in the Sacramento area. A brown haired, slender girl, the queen was attired in a full length white gown with a flaring skirt, over which she wore a pale blue velvet cape and train. She carried a bouquet of pink flowers.

## Colorful Procession

In the colorful procession of the blessed Sacrament, about 20 clergymen attended the bishop. Their vestments presented a bright note in the pleasant rites, some wearing white, green or gold and others red or ivory.

Also in the bishop's procession were officials of the Knights of Columbus and a color guard from Mather and McClellan Air Force Bases, in addition to altar boys and other young attendants.

Massed choirs and glee clubs from Catholic schools, directed by Anton Dorndorf, gave a sweet, melodic performance despite the usual difficulties of singing effectively outdoors.