

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28 (AP)—A 70-year-old Hartford Insurance Company executive who writes verse when he has the time, has been awarded the \$1000 Bollingen poetry prize.

Announcement of the award to Wallace Stevens, vice president of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, was made by James T. Babb, librarian of Yale University which administers the prize for the Bollingen Foundation.

The foundation, established by Paul Mellon, Yale '29, asked Yale to administer the award after the Library of Congress selection committee had given

the prize to Ezra Pound, expatriate American poet indicted for treason. Pound, indicted because of his wartime broadcasts in Fascist Italy, never was tried and now is in a mental institution.

Stevens, the committee said, was chosen "for his contributions to American poetry."

The selection committee was composed of poets and others distinguished in the world of letters.

"Under the terms of the gift," the committee said, "the prize may be given to a poet for a book published in the preceding year, or, as in this case, in consideration of the poet's entire work."

Stevens a native of Reading, Pa., practiced law in New York City from 1904 to 1916 when he joined the staff of the insurance company.

duced Christianity to the Japanese in 1549 and during the regime of one early emperor it was forced on the people as a state religion as a means of defeating the Buddhists.

The Buddhists, nevertheless, have held the greatest sway over the people of this island empire. Most of the population belongs to one of the 12 organized Buddhist sects, all of which contain some of the old Shinto beliefs. The outstanding Shinto belief to survive the centuries is that the emperor is descended from the sun goddess. Each of Japan's 124 emperors is believed to have descended directly from the first sovereign, who was the sun goddess's grandson.

The modern Christian movement followed Commodore Perry's visit to Japan in 1853. Records show that in 1882 there were 145 foreign Christian missionaries, 93 churches, seven theological colleges and 49 ordained preachers. But there were only 4367 adult Christian members. The average gain in membership since then has been about 6000 a year.

Since the end of World War II the number of missionaries coming to Japan has shot up from 315 in 1947 to almost 900 last year.

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