

### Prelate's 'Irish Yarn' Explains God's Will And Our Cooperation

Seattle —(NC)— An Archbishop used a story about Mike—"the inevitable hero of all Irish yarns"—to describe to the National Council of Catholic Women's convention here how accomplishment of God's Will depends on our cooperation.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD J. Cushing of Boston told it this way: Mike "found himself without a job and went to his pastor with a proposal. He said to the pastor: "I have a good idea. The parish has all that new property you bought for an eventual school. You can't use it until the depression is over. Meanwhile, it is covered with rubbish and has become an eyesore—and a danger. It's useless to you and a nuisance to the neighborhood. "WHY NOT turn it over to me for a couple of years? I will clear it, plow it, plant it, care for it, improve it and so support myself by turning it into a garden. When the depression ends I'll get a steady job and give the place back to you, improved a hundredfold."

"The pastor agreed and so it was done. Mike worked like a Trojan from early Spring until the harvest. Then he brought the pastor down to see the wonders he had accomplished. He pointed out the rows of beans where before had been tin cans; the glorious corn where once had been heaps of junk; the attractive flowers in place of the stunk cabbage, poison ivy and ragweed. He was bursting with pride.

"The pastor looked it all over and then deflated poor Mike with a single sentence. "Isn't it marvelous," he said proudly, "marvelous what God can do!" "Marvelous what God can do?" stammered Mike, "say, do you remember this place when God was working it alone?" Archbishop Cushing made this comment on his story: "POOR MIKE was a better theologian than the pastor. It is marvelous what God can do, but it is also wonderful the way that the accomplishment of His Will depends on the free, generous, dedicated cooperation of us; in a word on our work. "The world is very much like

the lot of land that the pastor loaned to Mike. It has been made ugly by the accumulated debris of old errors, foolish mistakes, pathetic blunders, grave sins. It has been made dangerous by the heaped up junk of irresponsible ideas, misleading maxims and seriously false principles which have been hatched and let loose through the centuries in our civilization.

"ALL THIS IS contrary to God's Will, but it will not be corrected except by God's grace plus our work.

"That is why God's Will is our work, why our work must be in accordance with God's Will."

Theme of the five-day convention was "God's Will: Our Work."

### Politics Not For Men Only, Women Told

Seattle—(NC)—Politics, economics and social questions are by no means reserved for men, delegates to the National Council of Catholic Women convention here were told by Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy, professor of economics at Notre Dame College of Maryland.

In one of the major talks of the convention, Dr. Morrissy noted that Pope Pius XII has called on women to interest themselves in current social, economic and political questions. He has asked that women, alert and well informed, go into action in many fields from which they have been previously excluded, she said.

"This means you," Dr. Morrissy told members of the national Catholic women's organization.

Bottled Up Some public officials, seeking re-election, are as uneasy these days as a baseball umpire being shown through a bottle factory.

### THE BISHOP COMES TO 'TEA'



Bishop Thomas K. Gorman called at St. Teresa's Home in Fort Worth, Texas, to meet some of the youngest members of his flock, and the children insisted that he remain for a "tea" of doughnuts and milk. Bishop Gorman, who was named Coadjutor to Bishop Joseph P. Lynch of Dallas earlier this year, called at the home in the course of his travels to become acquainted with his spiritual charges in this important Texas diocese. (NC Photos).

### German Bibles Printed Before Martin Luther

Cincinnati —(NC)— Catholic Bible Week here will turn the spotlight on the collection of rare Bibles that form one of the chief treasures of the Mt. St. Mary Seminary library.

Especially prized by the Rev. Thomas Pater, librarian at the archdiocese's major seminary, are two complete Catholic Bibles printed in German within a few decades of Gutenberg's original. The 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible will be celebrated during Catholic Bible Week.

"These are of special interest," declared Father Pater, "because they refute the oft-repeated claim that Martin Luther was the first to translate the Bible into German, as well as the charge that the Church was opposed to translating it into the vernacular."

One of the volumes, printed in Low German at Cologne by Heinrich Quentell, bears the date 1478. The other, published in High German at Nuremberg by Anton Kobberger, appeared in 1483, the year Luther was born.

### Irish Primate Calls For United Island

Dublin —(NC)— Hopes for the eventual union of Eire and Northern Ireland were expressed by Archbishop John F. D'Alton of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, when he welcomed two basketball teams of Eire's National Army Air Corps to Lislea, in the Six County area.



The teams were in Abp. D'Alton Lislea, which lies in County Armagh, to help raise funds for a new playground for children attending the local Catholic primary school.

Speaking on behalf of the Lislea Catholic community, Archbishop D'Alton said: "I would like in your name to extend a very special welcome to the members of the Army of the Republic of Ireland. Please God, we will soon see one army for the whole of Ireland, and that an Irish army."

### STATUE FOR U. S. CHURCHES



An indult has been granted by the Holy See permitting public veneration of Blessed Pius X in churches in the United States under certain conditions. The veneration is permitted in churches where the confraternity of Christian Doctrine, to which Pius X gave added impetus, is established and actively functioning. The church must also have a statue of the late Pope that is approved by the local Bishop. Here, His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., shows a statue executed by Antonio Dal Pino for St. Anthony Guild at the request of the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Pius X was Pope from 1903 to 1914. His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in the painting above, beatified Blessed Pius X in 1961. (NC Photos).

### Bishop Francis Ford's Appeal For Priests To Be Holocaust Fulfilled In Own Death

Hong Kong —(NC)— Bishop Francis X. Ford, who died of maltreatment in a Red China prison, ended life as he urged his priests to live it—as a holocaust.

This is clear from a study of the circulars sent by the Bishop to his priests before his arrest. Red travel restrictions then prevented him from visiting his clergy in the missions.

"OUE VOCATION implies imolation," the Brooklyn-born Bishop of Kaying told his priests. "Our life is no longer ours to dispose of."

"These terms are not empty formulas because we have offered ourselves to be used as God sees fit. If God wills it, the morning offering and our daily surrender of self spoken at the night prayers which we have gladly recited throughout life may be quickened with deeper meaning by persecution. Our days ahead may let us share

more closely in the Sacrifice of the Mass . . .

"We have no natural or supernatural right to life free from persecution. Persecution was given us a legacy and a promise by our Saviour, and as a mark of identification with Him. When the Church challenges force incarnate in communism, she invites persecution . . .

AT ANOTHER time the Bishop wrote: "The motto of our diocese is 'condolere' (to suffer with), which means to feel with, to share in suffering, to see all human sufferings from the viewpoint of Christ's passion . . .

"If persecution comes we will continue in our present work so far as we may be allowed, sure that it is God's will and He can turn evil into good. The world-wide persecution of the Church in which

we have so small a share may be in God's good time a rebirth of the Faith in all nations. If we share in His passion we shall also share in His resurrection."

The Bishop's death at 60 after more than a year of imprisonment also fulfilled a wish expressed by him when he came to China in 1918. The zealous, young missionary then prayed: Grant us, Lord, to be the doorstep by which the multitudes may come to worship Thee. And if, in the saving of their souls, we are ground under foot and spat upon and worn out, we shall have become the King's highway in pathless China."

Conservation Date Richmond —(NC)— Bishop-designate Joseph H. Hodges will be consecrated to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Richmond in Sacred Heart Cathedral here on October 15, it has been announced.

### Canadian Anglican Bishops Reject Divorce Weddings

London, Ont. —(RNS)— The House of Bishops of the Church of England in Canada has again refused to allow the remarriage by Anglican clergy of divorced persons, even of the "innocent" party.

Three years ago at Halifax, N. S., the Lower House voted in favor of the innocent party's right to remarry in the Church, but the bishops turned it down.

Only when it can be proved that a divorced person could have obtained an annulment, can he or she be given the right to remarry, said the Most Rev. Philip Carrington, Anglican Archbishop of Quebec.

Oldest Parish Philadelphia —(NC)— South Philadelphia's St. Mary Magdalene dePazzi parish — called the oldest Italian Catholic parish in the United States — will mark its 100th anniversary October 19.

### One Country 'Mortgaged' Until Year 2274 Under Current Immigrant Quota

Cleveland—(NC)—The national origins system of immigration quotas has led to "a ridiculous situation" in which one nation—Latvia—has its quota mortgaged to the year 2274. This was reported to the National Conference on Catholic Charities here by Paul C. Ksiazim, treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation of America.

Mr. Ksiazim said five other countries "are already mortgaged to the year 2000 or beyond." In other words, quotas have been "borrowed" that far in advance.

Under the present system 2 per cent of the foreign-born individuals of each nationality residing in the U.S. in 1924 is the yearly immigration quota for that nationality. The system, designed to favor Anglo-Saxon immigration, was adopted in 1924.

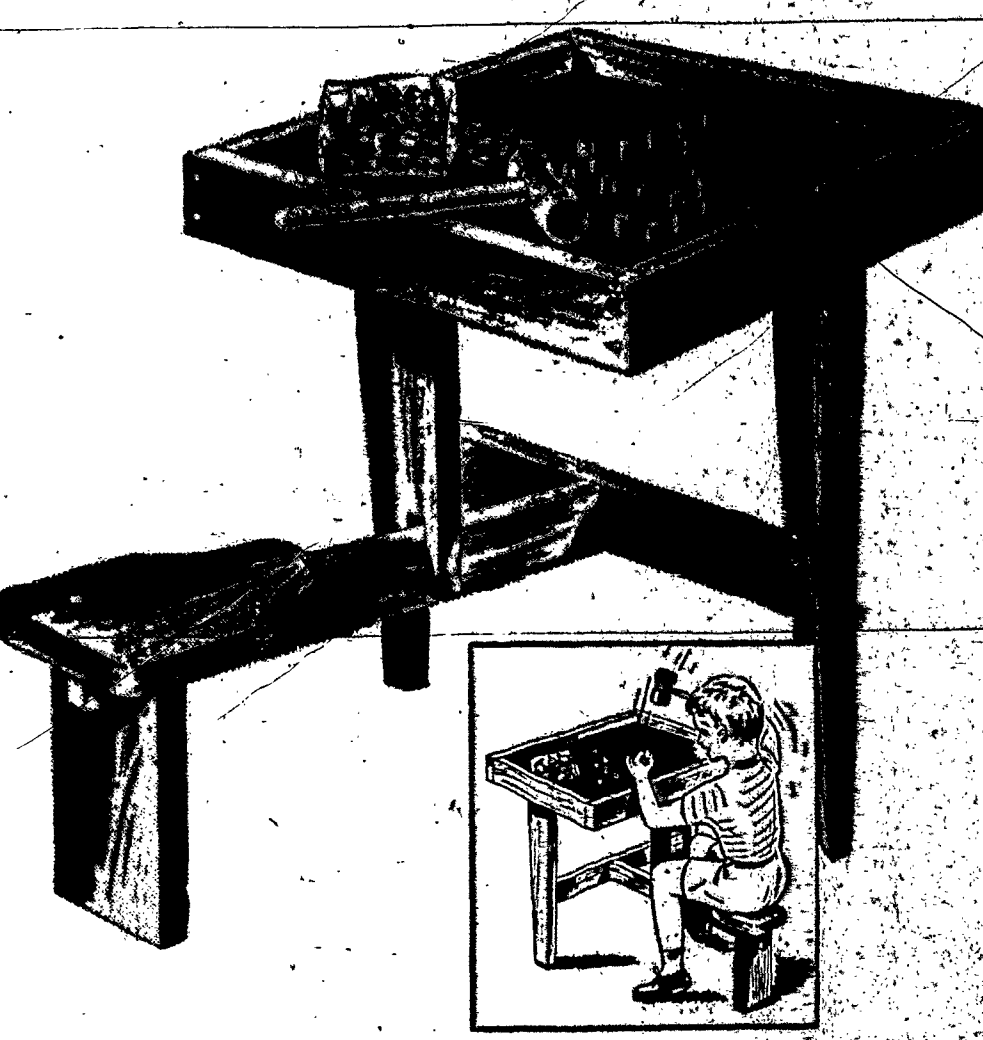
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