

BOOK SHELF
Guerrilla Days In Ireland

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GUERRILLA DAYS IN IRELAND: A firsthand Account of the Black and Tan War 1919-1921, by Commandant General Tom Barry. With illustrations and maps. Devin-Adair, 56, 303 pp. \$4.00. Available at Trant's and other Catholic bookstores.

Not a few Americans of Irish descent have wondered why 1916 had to be chosen for an Irish Rising; why there was disagreement among the Irish themselves in their estimate of patriots like Robert Emmet and Wolf Tone; whether the real and steadily pursued Rebellion of 1919-1921 was a haphazard, hopeless and bloody protest merely, or the necessary preliminary to an Irish Free State.

General Barry, in a cool, matter-of-fact, mainly way, answers these questions — not directly, for they are not questions for him; but fully, for us who are so far distant from the scene. Now I know that when fingers have held a prize tightly for three hundred years, those fingers have to be pried loose (if they aren't pried, they don't loosen); that when you want strangers to loose their strangle hold on your country, you have to scare them out — and that you can scare out the most powerful of your kind — the most powerful books and their honor before the world, by waging a successful war with an army one-fortieth the size of theirs.

Dr. White Gets Book Club Award

New York — (RNS) — Dr. Helen Constance White, head of the English department at the University of Wisconsin, was presented here with the Catholic Book Club's second annual Campaign Award. The presentation was made at a dinner sponsored by the Catholic Book Club in honor of Dr. White, who was recently elected president of the American Association of University Professors. Dr. White received a silver and enamel plaque picturing Blessed Edmund Campion, 16th century Jesuit scholar, author and martyr, for whom the award is named. The plaque was designed and executed by the Cistercian Fathers at Okauchee, Wis. Dr. White's best known work is "A Watch in the Night." Her most recent book is "The Four Rivers of Paradise" published in 1955.

Prelate Tells Dentist Role In Community

Boston — (RNS) — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston said here that professional men and women have "an ever-increasing responsibility" to provide moral leadership at every level of the community.

He told the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Dental Society that dentists, along with other professional workers, should integrate spiritual values with community service.

"When intellectually influential people live by reason and faith," the archbishop said, "they are usually strong enough to prevail over those whose human weakness and lack of intellectual breadth drive them to seek at all costs pleasures the poet symbolically refers to as bread and the circus."

He exhorted the dentists to remember that "every member of your profession has prestige and potential which can be either organized for the good of humanity or placed at the disposal of those whose thinking is diabolically inspired and whose greed for power diabolically manipulated."

The prelate lauded the dental profession for outstanding contributions in aiding underprivileged children and for "friendly interest above the level of material remuneration" in problems of patients.

He warned, however, that the "glorification of self" by kindness to others is not genuine charity. "If we bring our kindness toward our neighbor into proper relation with God," he said, "we shall be able to see more clearly the difference between philanthropy and true charity, and to dispel the clouds of selfish passion which deprive our deeds of virtue and of true meritorious value."



Vice-President Greets School Winners

Washington, D.C. — (NC) — Vice President Nixon presented the American Automobile Association's "Lifesaver" awards to three safety patrol boys, during special ceremony here in the nation's capital. From left are Vincent Sguegulla, 13, of St. Catherine's School, Pelham, N.Y., and Stanley S. Stasiowski, 14, of St. Mary's School, Cventry, R.I., who received the Gold Lifesaver Medal, the A.A.A.'s highest award; and Clro. Valenti, 13, Patronage of St. Joseph School, Detroit, Mich., who received a Lifesaver Certificate, the second highest award. Not shown is Barbara Naylor, 13, of St. Mary's Academy, Norfolk, Va., who also received a Lifesaver Certificate. More than 30,000 youngsters turned out for the activity.

Racist Group Quits On Prelate's Order, Plans Rome Appeal

New Orleans, La. — (RNS) — A spokesman for a recently-formed Catholic laymen's group opposed to racial integration said it would "discontinue its activities" in response to a request by Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel of New Orleans.

Emile Wagner, Jr., a member of the Orleans Parish School Board and organizer of the group here known as the Association of Catholic Laymen, Inc., said the Archbishop had ordered the organization to disband under "threat of excommunication."

But, he said, an appeal to the Vatican is being prepared by the association's directors. He added that the petition will be "presented personally, if possible," to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington for forwarding to the Holy See.

MR. WAGNER said that all members of the association had accepted the Archbishop's order, but "respectfully question" the propriety of his decision to require its discontinuance.

The group was incorporated on March 16 with 30 members. Mr. Wagner announced at that time that its goal was a membership of 20,000 white citizens.

According to Mr. Wagner, Archbishop Rummel's letter notified each member of the association that he was "liable to the penalty of excommunication" if the association continued.

MR. WAGNER said that Archbishop Rummel said he had nothing to say "at the present time." In announcing plans to appeal the prelate's order to the Vatican, Mr. Wagner said: "We felt that we stood charged in the same manner as persons charged with crimes and that we had the right to counsel." He said the association's vice-president, James E. Brown, had asked the Archbishop for authorization to consult with a canonist as to the possibilities of an appeal. Archbishop Rummel replied, he said, that any doctor of canon law consulted by the association

should be reported to the chancery as a matter of record.

MR. WAGNER said the association had appealed to the Archbishop for additional time to study a course of action and that Msgr. Charles J. Plauché, chancellor of the archdiocese, had declined.

"We still feel that the organization could effect a worthy service in both of these regards if it could carry on unobstructed."

Archbishop Rummel has specifically branded segregation as "a mortal sin." He has repeatedly said that integration of parochial schools will be carried out in the New Orleans archdiocese.

Parish Honors St. Joseph Worker

Los Angeles — (NC) — Perhaps one of the first parishes in the world to be named after St. Joseph the Worker, was established here on his feast day, May 1.

His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, announced the creation of the parish for the San Fernando Valley, but within the Los Angeles City limits.

Father Austin J. Green, a native of Worcester, Mass., an alumnus of schools in Cork, Montreal and Baltimore, and a former army chaplain, is pastor.

St. Joseph the Worker was one of three new parishes established in this archdiocese in a week. The others, St. Paul of the Cross, and Maria Regina, will also serve newly developed suburbs.

Archbishop O'Hara to Speak At Assisi Liturgy Meet

Kansas City — (NC) — Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, will be among the speakers at the International Congress on Pastoral Liturgy to be held in Assisi and Rome, Italy, from September 18 to 22. It has been disclosed here.

Archbishop O'Hara will report on the results of the renewed Holy Week services in the United States.

Federal Loan Aids College Expansion

Washington — (NC) — The Community Facilities Administration of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency has announced a loan of \$450,000 to St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wash., to build a dormitory for 144 men students and three regent faculty members.

The college is a liberal arts institution for men conducted by the Benedictine Fathers.

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