

Irish Diplomat Heads UN

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United Nations — (NC) — Frederick H. Boland, who has headed Ireland's permanent mission to the U.N. since 1956, is the fourth Catholic diplomat to head the General Assembly in a time of crisis.

The choice of an Irish representative as president has a special pertinence to the present assembly session. Since Ireland's entry into the U.N., her spokesmen have stressed the important role the smaller nations play as mediators between the great powers.

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They have made clear that the Irish position is guided by dedication to the rule of law in international affairs and loyalty to Ireland's national traditions, notably her Christian faith and love of freedom.

And Irish delegates have invariably reflected a special sympathy for the new and emerging nations that is derived from Ireland's own long struggle for independence.

These principles were reaffirmed by Mr. Boland in his September acceptance speech.

"Irish people, wherever they may be," he said, "have always been distinguished for their loyalty to the traditions and beliefs which form their heritage. The ideal of freedom, the essential dignity of the human person, the inherent evil of all forms of persecution and oppression, the right of every nation to determine its own destiny, its dignity and freedom, without outside interference or dictation, and the ideal of a world order based on justice and the rule of law as the sure guarantee of international peace and security — these principles shape Ireland's role in world affairs."

If Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's showy marshaling of top communist brass is calculated to impress the squabbling in the U.N. — notably the 13 new African states admitted at this session — and if the objective of Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito is to organize and lead a neutral bloc, then this year's assembly is truly the moment of choice for the small nations.

It is a choice not only between East and West, but between the rule of law and the "outside interference and dictation" of tyrannical power. The smaller nations — new and old — seem to have made

closer to being fully representative of the whole human race. "If, to match this occasion of strength," he said, "we can bring to our work a corresponding sense of community, as dwellers on this small and threatened planet, then indeed this assembly may deserve a noble title — the assembly of humanity."

The first Catholic to be elected president of the U.N. Assembly was Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil. He was chairman of its second session (1947), devoted largely to organizing the U.N., and the special session on Palestine. The second was Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, who in 1949 headed the Assembly's fourth session, the first to consider the Red China issue.

Mr. Boland, who is a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory, has played a prominent role in the U.N. since Ireland's admission. At the 1958 session he was chairman of the Fourth (Trusteeship) Committee. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, he was a Rockefeller research fellow at Harvard, Chicago and North Carolina Universities.

He joined his country's Department of External Affairs in 1929, serving at one time as head of its League of Nations section. He is a veteran of international conferences, and before coming to the U.N. served as Irish ambassador to London.

At the end of World War II, Mr. Boland was chairman of the Committee on War Relief in Ireland, which, instead of setting up its own organization, used the Irish organization, War Relief Services (NCRWC) to distribute 45 million dollars worth of aid to war-torn Europe.

Mrs. Boland, the former Frances Kelly, is a painter whose murals are in religious and other institutions throughout Ireland. The Boland's eldest daughter is married and lives in London. The three younger ones have studied in New York at Marymount College and with the Religious of the Sacred Heart. The couple's son is a student at the Jesuit college in County Kildare.

Exotic Odors

Bible Prescriptions

Little Rock — (RNS) — Dr. William Strickland, staff member of the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy, compounds some of the Bible's prescriptions with interesting results.

Dr. Strickland has combined parts of his research into a lecture which he gives at churches. As part of the lecture he pours out small quantities of some of the substances, and allows the audience to pass by and sniff such things as frankincense and myrrh.

His audience smells the same odors that passed the nostrils of King David, Moses and Jesus of Nazareth.

In one of the jars is a pound or so of a creamy white, spongy substance called colocynth. But it had a different name about 3,000 years ago during the time of David. Then it was called gill. It is horribly bitter.

In Exodus there is an account of God giving Moses what Dr. Strickland calls "the first prescription that we have any record of." It is a holy ointment that includes myrrh, cinnamon, calamus and cassia. These ingredients were combined with olive oil to make, in Biblical

language, "an holy anointing oil." Dr. Strickland said he can't make any of this because one of the ingredients — calamus — remains a mystery. No one is sure, he said, what this is. A root in use today is called calamus, but Dr. Strickland said it isn't the same thing.

Myrrh, he said, was used in Hebrew burial rites and as a perfume. David sang of its fragrance, Dr. Strickland said, "and Solomon delighted in it."

The second prescription mentioned in the Bible Dr. Strickland has manufactured. This is holy incense, and it contains

stacte, onycha, galbanum and frankincense.

This incense, thrown on the altar fire, created a "big plume of smoke." Dr. Strickland mixed some of the incense and burned it to sample its smell. He said it was not "very pleasant." The incense was burned morning and evening on the sanctuary altar, and it acted as a sedative and fumigant, besides serving a religious purpose.

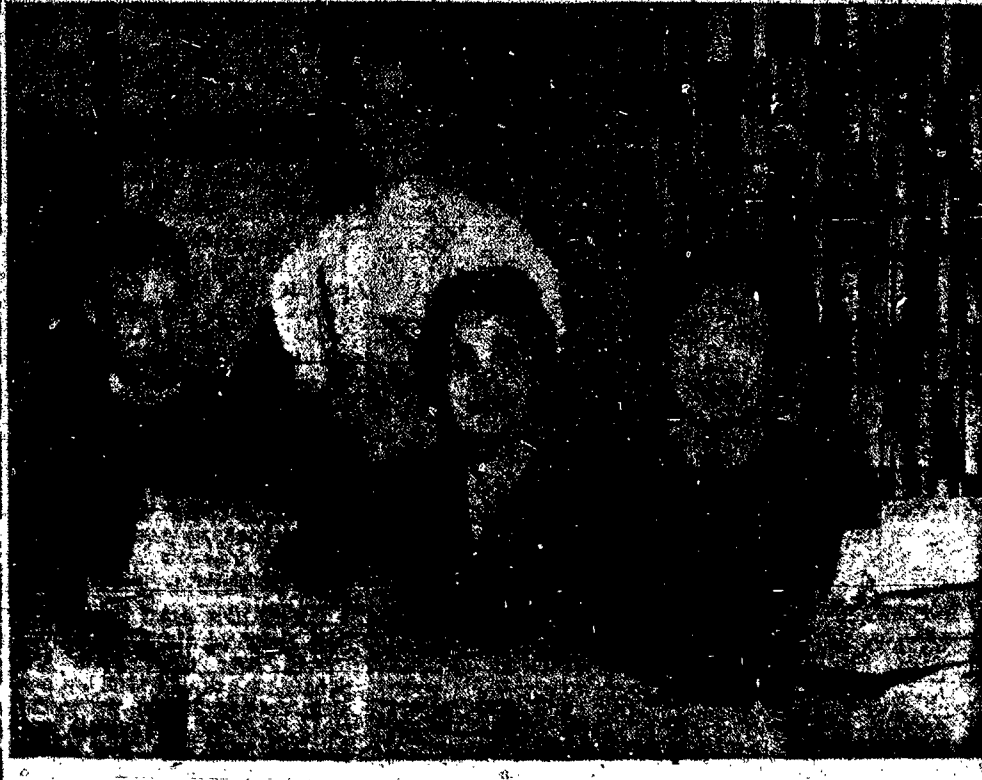
Among other jars of substances with Biblical background that Dr. Strickland has are cedar seed, saffron and aloes. They have pungent exotic odors.

Social Security Deadline Extended For Clergy

Washington — (RNS) — President Eisenhower has signed into law an amendment to the Social Security Act extending until April 15, 1962, the time in which members of the clergy may elect voluntary coverage under the social security system.

When Congress enacted legislation permitting participation by the clergy for the first time

in 1954, a cut-off date of September 15, 1957, was set after which ministers who did not file the requested waiver would be permanently barred from participation.



Mission Sunday's October 23

Staff members of the Rochester diocesan Propagation of the Faith office package materials for parishes for Mission Sunday, October 23. At work on the project are Father George Wood, Shirley Brown, Josephine Bartolomeo and Jean Protchenko.

Irish Greet Nigerians

Dublin — (RNS) — Bishop Michael Browne of Galway, in a special message hailing the independence of Nigeria, said "we in Ireland greet the noble Nigerian people and wish them the blessing of God" on this historic occasion.

The bishop's message coincided with the departure of Irish Prime Minister Sean Lemass to participate in the independence celebration in Lagos at the invitation of the Nigerian government.

Also in Lagos for the occasion was Father Patrick Walsh, superior of the Holy Ghost Missionary College here, of our missionaries, who visited West Africa last year, and noted that there were many and

Thai King Visits Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit of Thailand were scheduled to pay an official visit to Pope John XXIII on Oct. 1. The change is designed to emphasize dedication to St. Joseph and anticipate expansion of the community's mission active land's Minister of Foreign Affairs to include not only U.S. fairs Nai Thanat Khoman, Gen. Negro missions, but also other royal Luang Surin Narong and Princess Vibhavadi Rangsit. The magazine said.

Changes Name

Baltimore — (NC) — The Colored Harvest, published since 1888 by the Josephite Missionaries, will be known as The Josephite Harvest beginning with the October issue. The change is designed to emphasize dedication to St. Joseph and anticipate expansion of the community's mission active land's Minister of Foreign Affairs to include not only U.S. fairs Nai Thanat Khoman, Gen. Negro missions, but also other royal Luang Surin Narong and Princess Vibhavadi Rangsit. The magazine said.

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