

Wanna Buy A Bible?

New York — (NC) — One of 13 Gutenberg Bibles in this country and 46 surviving in the world is being offered for sale here at a price estimated between \$2.5 million and \$2.75 million.

The Bible printed by Johann Gutenberg has just been purchased by Hans P. Kraus, a prominent New York rare-book dealer. He bought the two-volume Bible for an undisclosed amount from Arthur A. Houghton Jr., a noted collector and founder and benefactor of the Houghton Library at Harvard University.

Charles Scribner's Sons rediscovered the 643-page Old and New Testaments in 1951 after it vanished in 1824.

Houghton bought the Bible from Scribner's for about \$150,000 a few years after it was brought to this country in 1951. In addition to the purchase price, Houghton also gave Scribner's one volume of another two-volume Gutenberg Bible that he had in his collection.

Johann Gutenberg issued about 200 Bibles between 1450 and 1455. They were said to be the first books printed from movable type.

Inter-Parish Aid Unveiled in U.S.

New York — (NC) — An inter-parish plan calling for sharing resources and distributing financial aid to needy parishes has been initiated in the New York archdiocese.

An evaluation of the financial situation in each parish is being made through review of school and church budgets. The 15-priest commission which set up the plan has determined the extent of total sharing of each priest. The shares received will be allocated to certain parishes by the commission according to established need.

The recommendations of the commission were made known to the pastors and a letter covering the commission's recommendations also was sent to all parishes of the archdiocese. A later letter stating the share for each parish was mailed to all pastors.

In announcing the Commission's plan to pastors, Cardinal Terence Cooke said: "The number of parishes in financial difficulties has risen in the last several years to such an extent that it is impossible for the archdiocese alone to meet this problem. There is no longer a source within archdiocesan accounts for assisting the growing number of parishes with operating deficits."

More Than One Kind of Poverty

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(INC News Service)

Washington — Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, second Roman Catholic prelate to conduct a White House worship service, declared in a sermon that the nation's anti-poverty efforts must be directed toward spiritual as well as material poverty.

Attending the April 5 morning service in the White House's East Room were President and Mrs. Richard Nixon plus some 350 other guests including former President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, former Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren and David and Julie Eisenhower.

Reminding that neither money nor instant cures can

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Death of a Stream

This sign, placed on the banks of Snapfinger Creek in Georgia, warns people that the once clear water is now filled with industrial wastes. Oddly, the County officials have another problem besides pollution. Word has gone out that the stream now possesses medicinal value and unsuspecting buyers are being sold dangerous water as a curative. (RNS)

Radical Priest Tells Radical Youths:

Stop Theatrics!

New York — (RNS)—Young people working with the peace movement should spend less time at demonstrations in Washington or New York and more time working with their own parents and neighbors, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd said here.

"I want a genuine radicalism rather than theatrics," said the 46-year-old Episcopal priest. "If you don't change hearts, you can't enforce laws."

Father Boyd, who has been involved in numerous civil rights and anti-Vietnam war demonstrations, criticized some demonstrators for engaging in "pure theatrics" for the benefit of the mass media.

"We need less emotion and more facts," he said. "What's the use of another peace rally or anything if we're only talking to ourselves."

Father Boyd urged his audience to use their coffee houses to promote discussion on such issues as war, race, women's liberation, drugs, and homosexuality.

He strongly criticized the white involvement in civil rights activities, particularly voter registration in the South. "I detest what we did," he said. "It was so self-righteous. It would have been better if black people had done the voter registration with blacks and we had knocked on the doors of white people to talk with them."

He advised the young people to keep trying to confront their parents with honesty. "The anger bit hasn't worked for the older generation and they're a little lonely," he said. "They're better able to hear now."

Protestants Back Cardinal Cushing On Draft Amnesty

Boston — (NC) — Richard Cardinal Cushing's suggestion of a national amnesty for social protesters won endorsement of nine Protestant leaders here, but a spokesman for the Young Americans for Freedom took issue with his position.

Cardinal Cushing's amnesty suggestion was made within the context of an Easter message on the "spirit of reconciliation" and the "newness of life" derived from the Resurrection.

"Would it be too much to suggest," the cardinal asked, "that we empty our jails of all the protesters — the guilty and the innocent — without judging them; call back from over the border and around the world the young men who are called 'deserters,' drop the cases that are still awaiting judgment on our college youth?"

Msgr. Thomas J. Finnegan read the Easter message in Holy Cross cathedral for Cardinal Cushing who was confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. A text of the cardinal's message also was released by the archdiocesan news bureau.

Daniel Rea, chairman, Massachusetts Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) questioned the authorization for the Easter message.

"If Cardinal Cushing did in truth make these statements, then he is a lot sicker than he realizes," the YAF spokesman asserted.

"But I have a feeling," he added, "that the still today-bed-ridden cardinal did not make these statements himself — they were made for him by his representatives."

He called upon Cardinal Cushing to "confirm or deny" the Easter message.

The nine Protestant churchmen backing Cardinal Cushing proposed that the Massachusetts legislature adopt a resolution urging President Nixon "to grant amnesty for political offenses related to the war in Vietnam."

They hailed Cardinal Cushing's suggestion as "a courageous and compassionate statement on the plight of young people in our society, particularly those whose consciences have led them to opposition to the Vietnam War."

"Amnesty for those whose acts of conscience have led them into trouble with the military system would be a sign of hope in our national life," the churchmen stated.

Signers of the Protestant statement backing Cardinal Cushing's message included Bishop John M. Burgess of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews; the Rev. Burrett E. McBee, president, Massachusetts Council of Churches; the Rev. Ellis J. Holt, executive minister, American Baptist Church of Massachusetts.

Also the Rev. Avery D. Post, president Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ; the Rev. Robert Small, community relations director, Unitarian-Universalist Association; the Rev. Warner Trayham, chairman, Black Ecumenical Commission; the Rev. Arthur Whamsley, general secretary, Massachusetts Council of Churches, and Ernest Weed, representative of the Society of Friends.

'General Confession' Merely Symbolic

Last week a newsstory describing experiments in the practice of "general confession" in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee was released by Religious News Service.

The Courier-Journal inquired of Father Robert Sampon, chancellor of the archdiocese, the official reaction to the experiment.

According to Father Sampon, the archdiocese did give approval to a scripture service on the theme of penitence, but

only as a prelude to regular "auricular" confession.

"For a couple of days, one parish exceeded the bounds of the approval," Father Sampon said, "but that was quickly corrected."

Father Sampon insisted on the point that the so-called 'general confession' services in the archdiocese were scripture services prefacing regular confession and were not considered as fulfilling the traditional requirements for the celebration of Penance.



President Nixon, former President Johnson and John Cardinal Krol. (RNS)

Nixon recalled also that Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, last May was the first Catholic to officiate at the White House worship service inaugurated by President Nixon.

Although noting the government and society had demonstrated its awareness on the needs of the disadvantaged, the cardinal said: "In our generation of instant remedies, there is a tendency to demand in-

stant completion and perfection of all unfinished work."

And he warned: "Though we must be constant in our interest and efforts, only a totalitarian form of government claims to produce instant cures for social ills. The processes of our form of government are not those of arbitrary dictatorship — nor would we exchange our processes for a totalitarian state."

Citing the discontent in the country, Cardinal Krol said it is due partly to placing too much emphasis on money to solve social problems.

"A material remedy is not a cure for spiritual poverty," he said. "The hunger in our souls cannot be satisfied with the indigestible food for our affluence."