



ON THE RIGHT SIDE
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Irish History is filled with violence, wars, and assimilation of races and warriors who became "more Irish than the Irish," e.g. the Normans and Danes. Many people are familiar with Waterford glass. This special glass has a greater proportion of lead in it. The process nearly died out, but after World War II, groups of Poles who had worked in the glass-making industry in Poland were brought to Waterford, and revived the industry. Isn't it heartening to imagine pink-cheeked Paddy Adamskis and Colleen Siudaras skipping rope, with their proud parents united in the Faith which is part of their mutual traditions?

Irish Modesty: The Courier Tour to Ireland spent two days in Dublin. All 66 went to the famous Jurys Irish Cabaret for an 8:15 dinner and evening of harp music, song, dancing, humor. Some 30 young girls, many from near-by convent schools, danced and sang with beauty and graceful modesty. The humorist was a Hal Roach. He had longish hair, horn-rimmed glasses, and was a double for the TV Sgt. Bilko with hair. The humor was delicious. There was not one smidgeon of smut in the show; nor an iota of suggestiveness either in speech or action. We contrasted this with the shows of Jack Parr, Carol Burnett, the Smothers, David Susskind, etc., which haul in suggestiveness and smirks, just for sick kicks.

Blarney Castle: The story goes that centuries ago an Irish Lord of Blarney Castle had a son with a bad speech impediment. The child was told if he would kiss a certain stone, he would be cured. He did, and the affliction left. The father in gratitude placed the stone on top of the castle, so those who kissed it for better speech really had to work for it. The stone is embedded in a parapet, and to kiss it one has to lie flat on his back, and be helped by a nondescript chap whose job it is: 1) to cover the legs of the women with an old blanket for modesty's sake; and 2) then aid each to shove himself head backward, into a cavernous opening about five feet by three. The person raises his body to kiss the magic stone; and is hauled back into daylight at once, eligible for anointing. If one really has kissed the Blarney Stone, treat him with respect, both for his courage and his survival. About half of our 66 group made the ascent up the 122 narrow stone steps, kissed the stone and returned to earth; perhaps no more eloquent but surely pleased with themselves — as indeed I was myself.

Future of Ireland: I have the impression that to most native Irish, Ireland is The World. Evangelical simplicity is still strong, but "prosperity" with its inevitable materialism is making

DIPLOMATIC TIES

Wellington [RNS] — Archbishop Raymond Ertledorf, the Apostolic Delegate to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, has been appointed the first Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to New Zealand. In turn, the New Zealand government has appointed its ambassador to France, Paul Gabites, to be, in addition, its non-resident Ambassador to the Holy See. The appointments mark the establishing of full diplomatic relations, for the first time, between New Zealand and the Vatican.

GALLERY SHOW

Rochester sculptor Mort Goldblatt is showing sculpture in limestone at the Muggleton Gallery in Auburn through Nov. 30. Also displayed at the showing are original prints by painter Edna Hibel.

inroads. A religious Brother told me: "Before I became a Brother I worked in a large merchandising warehouse in West Ireland. Later the business folded up, and the empty building was bought by an enterprising American who turned it into a kind of American style cabaret. The young have money today, and the place is jammed every night. And the drinking, which had tempered a few years ago, is now becoming a national problem again." At Shannon I met a retired couple from the Bronx returning to the States. The wife said: "We built a cottage near a village. We spend six months in Ireland and six months in the States. Ah, Father, it is such a peaceful life here we hate to go home." By "peaceful" she did not mean quiet, but the presence of neighborliness and kindness which is the peace of Christ.

If anyone wants to see "Old Ireland" before modern civilization spoils it completely, he should go soon. How I should like to spend six months there, and six months at home. And this is a wish I have for all of you readers who might wish that very same.

Disciples Honor Pope John

Chattanooga, Tenn. [RNS] — Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph A. Durick of Nashville took part here in a special service in which the name of Pope John XXIII was added to a bronze "ecumenical plaque" in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The late pontiff is the first Roman Catholic to be included and the only person added since the plaque was installed in 1952 at the dedication of the Disciples' building.

Initial selections were made by the pastor, Dr. William G. West, and Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, then church historian at Yale University, and Dr. J.M. Batten, former professor at Vanderbilt University.

In adding Pope John's name, Dr. West expressed appreciation of the pontiff's "vision and courage in desiring the united strength of all Christian brethren against the forces of evil in our time."

ST. ROSE ALUMNAE

College of St. Rose alumnae will meet tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Lynn Barrett, 49 Sherwood Ave., Webster. Edward Bowler will talk about investment clubs.



Snuggle Time

Jody Steiner, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steiner of Penfield, finds a giant to hug at "Fun and Fantasy for Children and . . ." at the Xerox Square Exhibit Center. What appears to be a huge doll is really "the Pillow Couch" woven by Jean Shamsta. The exhibit is the work of Fairtree Gallery of New York City, a nonprofit group with a broad education program encompassing pre-school to college students, the disadvantaged, handicapped and senior citizens. It will run from Nov. 9 through Dec. 30.

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