

63 Pilgrims Return Home

BOSTON (AP)—Sixty-three handicapped children were back home today from a pilgrimage to the Catholic shrine at Lourdes, France, unimpaired by their homeward journey was delayed by plane trouble.

The children and the 29 adults accompanying them were delayed up to 12 hours at Gander, Nfld., when one of the four engines on their big Irish airlines plane quit a few hours out of Shannon, Ireland.

Irish Airlines diverted two planes to Gander to take the group, including Richard Cardinal Cushing, the remainder of the way to Boston Monday.

Cardinal Cushing, who called it "one of the most inspiring pilgrimages I have sponsored," said the children took the delay without murmur.

Convicts Fail Suicide Try

WALPOLE, Mass. (AP)—Two convicts with records of barbarity were in prison hospital today, seriously injured after an unsuccessful joint suicide plunge Monday in State prison.

One of the pair, Charles W. McNeil, 37, is serving a life term—a death sentence was commuted—for wantonly shooting to death an insurance salesman after robbing him as the victim knelt pleading for mercy. The latter, Leo F. Monfetti, 41, had given the hitch-hiking McNeil a lift.

McNeil's prison pal and companion in the 25-foot intended death leap from a third tier, Walter L. Nelson, 20, pistol-whipped a woman shopkeeper he tried to rob before two policemen surprised him and won a shooting duel.

ENTER HONOR SOCIETY OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Thoma L. Abner and Neil E. West of Klamath Falls have been selected for membership in the Oregon State College chapter of Phi Sigma, biological science honor society. High scholarship plus interest in research in the biological sciences are considered in selections. Abner is a senior in forestry. His home address is 5021 Harlan Drive. West is a junior in education. He lives at Rt. 2, Box 771E.

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The postman, Louis Bartolomei, 54, is the principal heir of the estate of Miss Emily Neukom who died last year. Miss Neukom, after leaving various small bequests, bequeathed the rest of her \$148,211 on a share-alike basis to Bartolomei and Ralph Wight, a Martinez attorney. Wight died two years ago, however, and Mrs. Neukom didn't change her will. She left no relatives, so Superior Court Judge H. Donovan approved a settlement giving Bartolomei Wight's share, too.

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