

## Archbishop Plans His Retirement



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BOSTON — (UPI) — Richard Cardinal Cushing announced today he is retiring as Archbishop of Boston on his 75th birthday, Aug. 24, 1970.

The Roman Catholic archbishop, in a news conference, also confirmed earlier announcements that he will go to Peru to lead missionary work after his retirement.

Asked if he would remain in Boston with the church if the Pope requested him to, Cardinal Cushing replied: "Not as archbishop of Boston."

"A man 75 years old can never handle the position of archbishop," he said. "It's absurd."

Apparently the Cardinal's health was a factor in his retirement plan.

"I've been doing this job all myself," he said. "I've killed the job and I've killed myself. I may look all right but I've had it."