

Cushing Will Retire at 75 in 1970



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Richard Cardinal Cushing as he told of plans yesterday

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BOSTON, March 16—Richard Cardinal Cushing casually made known today his intention of resigning as Archbishop of Boston on his 75th birthday, Aug. 24, 1970.

The remark was made during a far-ranging news conference called to announce a \$50-million fund drive for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

The Cardinal's off-hand remarks have periodically involved him in controversy over secular events. He has suffered from a variety of ailments, including cancer and emphysema.

Today, looking fit despite having been in Washington yesterday to bless the new grave of President Kennedy, Cardinal Cushing talked at

considerable length about the details of moving the coffins of the President and of his two small children who preceded him in death.

In discussing the archdiocesan drive, Cardinal Cushing said it would be his first appeal, on a personal basis, in 22 years as Archbishop. He referred to his being ready for retirement. Later, he said:

"When I reach 75, I'm resigning. I'm all through.

"I want to meet my responsibilities for the programs I inaugurated when I became Archbishop of Boston, a position I never wanted, I don't want to leave my successor with an overwhelming debt."

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Cushing Doubts One Man Carried Out Assassination

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BOSTON, March 16—Richard Cardinal Cushing said Thursday, "I never believed the assassination of President Kennedy was the work of one man."

The Cardinal, at a news conference, declared "I don't think the Warren Report is complete. There are portions of it I think should be followed." He did not elaborate on his opinion of the official Government document covering the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

During the news conference, Cardinal Cushing reaffirmed his intention to resign as Archbishop of Boston on his 75th birthday, on Aug. 24, 1970. He had previously made known this intention.