



TODAY'S WEATHER

SLIGHT FROST and a few fog patches early. Generally dry in morning, but well scattered showers will develop in late morning and afternoon. Still rather cool. (See Page 23)

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BIGGEST DAILY SALE IN IRELAND

Going for a pint...even his tasters had to approve

By P. J. CUNNINGHAM and LIAM COLLINS
THE DRINKS enjoyed by President Reagan and his wife Nancy in Ballyporeen, did not come from the stocks of the famous Ronald Reagan Lounge in the village. Instead, a specially chosen barrel of Smithwicks and draught equipment

were installed by Secret Service agents assigned to look after the pub. Last night the owner of the Ronald Reagan Lounge, John O'Farrell, said "A White House team of officials decided everything and even carried in a barrel and tap. All I did was pull the pint and serve it up to the President".

Speaking during a private family party, in the living quarters of the pub last night, he dismissed stories of a £50,000 payoff from the brewery saying "I wish they were true". But he added that they had influenced the drink given to the President's wife Nancy. "We asked for Carolans because it is a local product made in Clonmel

and my wife comes from that town", he explained. But even still, it was the President's men who purchased the bottle of liquor which was used. Immediately, upon entering the bar, Mr. O'Farrell presented the President with his first ever drink in a public house. Because of the pressure on time, he sipped only about a quarter of the pint. However, to the surprise and delight

of the owner, it was a thirsty Ronald Reagan who came in after his lengthy platform speech and exclaimed: "All right, where's my pint?" He then drank the rest of it before being whisked away to the departure point for Dublin. Not all the drinks companies were as fortunate as Smithwicks and Carolans. A display add on the side of a

village house which said "Bush — the President's choice" was the subject of frenzied activity by White House aides. On Saturday night the "p" was painted over in white leaving it as "the resident's choice". Just as the President began his walk down the village, a concerned security agent wanted to know if this was done on orders or if it was intended as a slight to the President.

It's Reagan's day



HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS ARMS...



President Ronald Reagan holding four weeks old Catherine Nancy O'Farrell, daughter of the owners of the Ronald Reagan lounge yesterday.

ONLY one citizen of Ballyporeen kept a normal routine when the most powerful man in the world called in yesterday. Everybody wanted to see and shake hands with President Reagan except four-week-old Catherine Nancy O'Farrell, who slept soundly through all the frenzy in her parents home. The charming little lass—unaware of the important occasion—went for her usual afternoon nap, when the President and his wife called into the Ronald Reagan Lounge. Even when he eagerly picked her up in his arms, in the centre of the bar, Catherine Nancy's only concession was to yawn discreetly as the President beamed down lovingly at her. His wife knew all about the new arrival at the O'Farrell home when she saw the baby

belong cradled by regular babysitter Marie Lonergan. "Her name is Catherine Nancy, and she is four-weeks-old, right?" asked Mrs. Reagan, showing that she was kept in touch with Ballyporeen. The baby seemed perfectly at home in Mrs. Reagan's hands and at one point lifted her arm and unconsciously pointed her fingers towards the First Lady's face. Just as she was about to carefully return her to the babysitter, Mrs. Mary O'Farrell put the President on the spot. Calling to the President from the other side of the counter, she said: "Mr. President, you hold her for a second." Showing a little maladroitness, Mr. Reagan finally had little Catherine Nancy nestling safely in his hands when television

crews called on him to turn around for the cameras. A member of the White House press corps then asked the President: "How come they named the baby after your wife and the lounge bar after you?" He retorted swiftly: "The fortunes of war." The Reagans seemed particularly taken by the children at Ballyporeen and during the entertainment by the Comhaltas group, they paid particular attention to the performance of seven year old dancer Deirdre Maloney from Cashel who said later "he seems like a nice man, very kind." Despite being tied to a tight schedule, the Reagans took time to shake hands individually with the 37 children from Ballyporeen national school who formed a guard of honour at the heli-pad departure scene.

President's triumph, and a Govt. appeal for North help

By CHRIS GLENNON, Political Correspondent
TAOISEACH Garret FitzGerald last night issued a direct appeal to President Reagan to put his weight behind a fresh initiative to end the Northern tragedy. The Taoiseach's call came after a day on which President Reagan captured the hearts of Ireland with his emotional return to his Ballyporeen roots. He told him: "The people of Northern Ireland have suffered far too much. They deserve and they need our help and yours." And Dr. FitzGerald made it clear, as never before, that the Government would agree to a Northern solution not covered in the Forum report. In a highly significant statement, he told President Reagan that the Report represented "an agenda, not a blueprint". The Taoiseach chose last night's State banquet in honour of President and Mrs. Reagan at Dublin Castle to launch what must be seen as a gesture of reconciliation to Northern Unionists.



ARE you going for a pint? President Reagan gets the flavour of the day with a pint of Smithwicks in Ballyporeen yesterday.

A 'NEW DAWN'
His speech — guaranteed worldwide media coverage — was followed by President Reagan's strongest condemnation yet of American support for the IRA. He prayed that there would soon be a "new dawn" in Northern Ireland — when both Catholics and Protestants could live together in a peaceful and just society, "free from the nightmare of intimidation and violence". Earlier, President Reagan — still visibly moved by his nostalgic visit to Ballyporeen and the home of his forefathers — declared: "I want to return". Only a few hours before, he had stood in Ballyporeen's tiny Church of the Assumption on the very spot where his great grandfather Michael was baptised 155 years ago. The U.S. leader told the people of the Co. Tipperary village that it was like "coming home after a long journey". "I come back to you as a descendant of people who are buried here in pauper's graves", he said. The President departed from his official script to share his inner thoughts with the villagers. "My father did not know anything about his roots", he said. "I think he is here today. I am glad he now knows from whence he came." "Of all the honours and gifts awarded me as President, this visit is one I will cherish dearly", Mr. Reagan told a rapturous crowd of 3,500 in the village square. "I can't think of a place on this planet I would rather claim as my roots than Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary." For the most powerful political leader in the Western world, the emotional return to the home of his ancestors provided a rare opportunity to mingle with the ordinary people. He walked freely down the village street, shaking hands and exchanging jokes with the cheering crowds. Over 30,000 tourists poured into Ballyporeen over the weekend to see the site of the President's roots. Some visitors slept overnight in their cars to catch a glimpse of him during his two-hour, 15-minute visit yesterday. Behind the scenes, a total of 2,500 security personnel — almost as many as the 3,500 spectators who lined the village street — stood on guard. The security operation for the four-day Presidential visit — the most elaborate in the State's history — will cost more than £6 million. Some 600 protestors who turned up at Ballyporeen yesterday did not even get within earshot of President Reagan and were kept outside the village until he had left. The U.S. leader left the cares of world affairs behind for a few hours at Ballyporeen. He touched down in a helicopter more than 130 years after his great-grandfather left to sail to America — and five minutes ahead of schedule.

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Row over pub visit

By P. J. CUNNINGHAM and LIAM COLLINS
THE US Secret Service took over the Ronald Reagan Lounge in Ballyporeen and even told the owner where to stand and what to do for the arrival of President Reagan. Their attempts to run the show led to angry exchanges between an owner's wife Mrs. Mary O'Farrell and the head of the US Security in the premises. Mrs. O'Farrell wanted her sisters and sisters-in-law to be allowed to stay in the bar to greet President Reagan and his wife on their arrival. She told the security chief she had complied with all the demands from Special Agents but now she was insisting on her right to have her family present. Mrs. O'Farrell appeared to be getting her way until a woman security



co-ordinator burst in minutes before the President's arrival and shouted: "Get those women out of here and back to the lounge where they are meant to be." When asked by the women were being shunted to the back lounge, Mrs. O'Farrell replied: "I don't have any say here any more." The total control exercised by the Presidential

officials was further underlined when Mr. O'Farrell was asked to bring President Reagan look-alike Myles Reagan from a back room to the bar for a photograph. A resigned John O'Farrell shook his head and said: "I'm the landlord but I don't have any control." But the atmosphere changed dramatically moments later when

first, Nancy, and then the President of the United States walked across the threshold and into a typical village bar. The family instinct in Mrs. Reagan led her and her husband straight away to the two young O'Farrell children, Laura (6) and Tom (7), dressed in their Sunday best. Standing on the counter, Laura had kept a fixed gaze on the street and shouted: "He is coming right down... I can see him." Little Laura won the heart of the Reagans when she presented Nancy with a bouquet of flowers. Touched by the gesture from the little girl, the First Lady explained: "That's lovely. You make me feel like a bride again." But when a member of the O'Farrell family told her: "You have already got the right man by your side," she replied: "I know I have." As Mrs. Reagan was being introduced to the other O'Farrell relatives and looked around the pub she exclaimed: "I have heard all about it from my son." "It's a great occasion," beamed publican John O'Farrell as he was introduced to his VIP guests. And as he served a pint of Smithwicks to the President he said loudly: "The hospitality of the house." After taking a sip the President said: "The only thing I'm happy about is that Michael O'Regan left Ballyporeen or else I wouldn't be here with you all now." He said he was deeply touched by the ost hearty-welcoming welcome by the villagers. "It was more than I was anticipating," he added. Mrs. Reagan and the President then toasted

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