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TODAY'S WEATHER
Bright spells and showers at first. General rain later. Cold at first. (See Back Page)

Cabinet ready to tackle inflation

THE TAOISEACH, Mr. Lynch, declared last night that if employer-labour talks did not reach agreement on the orderly development of incomes, the Government would take action to reduce inflationary pressure and restore balance in the economic sphere.

Mr. Lynch was speaking at the annual dinner of the West Louth/

Nobber Comhairle Ceantair of Fianna Fail, in Carrickmacross.

He said the Government had refrained from any "precipitate action" so as to give bodies such as this the maximum opportunity and this should not be misconstrued as an abdication of its role.

He went on: "I wish to make it clear that in the absence of any satisfactory agreement, the Government will take whatever action may be necessary to reduce inflationary pressure and restore balance in the economic sphere. I would emphasise that in this connection time is running out.

Bank officials to resume on Monday week?

BANK officials are expected to be back in their offices next Monday week—but it may be three weeks later before the banks reopen to the public for normal business.

Last night's decision by the Irish Bank Officials' Association to put the new proposals to its 6,500 members for a ballot without comment is seen as a formal acceptance by the executive of the latest peace plan.

For many officials the ballot is a mere formality although some sources thought that the vote would be about 60-40 for acceptance. However, there seemed little doubt about the final outcome and now the banks must face the gigantic task of clearing up a backlog of more than seven months' work.

Factors
Said one happy bank official last night: "I am delighted with the new proposals and I know exactly how I will vote."

He was surprised, however, that quite a few officials were not quite as pleased with the new improved offer but he was certain these were in the minority.

Important factors which will swing the vote for acceptance are the granting of a 7 1/2 per cent bonus for the first three weeks of work; full pay for holiday periods and the guarantee of overtime for 12 weeks. This guarantee is important to officials in quiet provincial branches where there might be more than a few weeks of overtime to be worked after resumption. In the bigger branches there could be up to four months of overtime after the 12 week guarantee period.

The ballot papers will be sent out immediately and the result will be known by Thursday next. In his proposals Mr. MacDermott, Director of the conciliation section of the Labour Court, said: "As the outstanding issues did not admit of settlement by normal negotiation methods both parties agreed that I should make proposals which I deemed fair and reasonable."

Proposals
"I have explored with both parties all the areas of difference over this long period and am now in a position to make proposals which, in my opinion, should be acceptable to the Banks on the understanding that they will be put to a ballot of the members of the I.B.O.A. without adverse comment."

years' service should be advanced to the appropriate scale with effect from January 1, 1971, rather than the date of resumption as previously proposed.

He also proposed that in return for an all-out effort by all the staff to clear the arrears of work in the first three weeks following resumption, augmented by such special measures as employment of married women, pensioners, and extra staff and during which period work will continue until 10 p.m. each evening, Monday to Friday, a special payment (incorporating overtime) of 7 1/2 per cent of the annual salary applicable on resumption should be made at the end of the three week period."

Mr. MacDermott made this comment: "Because of the extra strain on staff that is anticipated in this period, both during the day and evening, the Banks should not require any work after 10 p.m." He added that appropriate adjustments should be made for offices which start before 9.30 a.m.

Overtime
What is regarded as one of the most important proposals by Mr. MacDermott is the fact that the enhanced rates of overtime should apply to all hours worked in excess of the first seven hours in any one week and should apply for a maximum period of 12 weeks following the initial three weeks period.

He also proposed that the staff should be afforded the opportunity of working four Saturdays while arrears are being cleared. Further Saturdays might be worked where necessary as provided in the existing agreement with the prior sanction of the Head Office.

On the question of overtime for managers, Mr. MacDermott proposed that there should be a flat rate of £3 per hour for a period of 12 weeks following the initial three-week period.

He also proposed that all officials should have the option of taking pay in lieu of their entire annual holidays for 1970 and that officials exercising this option, in whole or part, should be paid as soon as practicable.

In a further comment Mr. MacDermott says: "Relying on the assurances of the Banks I propose that following the initial three-week period, officials should not be obliged to work more than 15 hours per week in any week, Monday to Friday, for the first six weeks; nor more than 12 hours per week in the succeeding six weeks. This was not to say that officials who were willing to work beyond the required limits should not be free to do so."

"The severe price increases that we have now experienced for almost two years have brought us to the point where their prolonged continuation would prove a serious threat to our export position and jeopardise our chances of reducing unemployment.

"In the coming months, it will be necessary for important and difficult decisions to be taken. I would hope that employer and union leaders would rise to the challenge and succeed in producing an agreement that enables all groups to share in rising living standards in a manner that will avoid any further price inflation.

"Any such agreement will meet with the appropriate response on the part of the Government, which will pursue the necessary fiscal and monetary policies. This sharing in the economic future is what the Government would wish to see, and I would urge all leaders on both sides of industry to weigh carefully what is at stake when taking their decisions.

"Should there be a failure voluntarily to arrive at satisfactory arrangements, the Government will take action aimed at stabilizing prices and safeguarding employment, since these must take precedence over any wish to see a wider degree of participation in the management of our economic problems."

F.F. troubles

Earlier, Mr. Lynch said: "Despite its recent troubles, Fianna Fail—and what political party or government does not have its internal troubles from time to time—has drawn on its great resilience and on loyalty and dedication to surmount every difficulty. It has successfully done so in the past. It is successfully doing so now."

The Fine Gael Leader, Mr. Cosgrave had been talking about the need for "a united team of statesmen strenuously working at the solution of many daunting national, political, social and economic problems."

He fully agreed with Deputy Cosgrave that that was what the country needed. "I assert that that is precisely what the present Fianna Fail Government is providing. But no government, no political party, can maintain its momentum and vigour without loyal and dedicated workers and supporters."

"Fianna Fail has survived such attacks and coped with these pressures from the day it was founded, because of

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Massive security for Nixon's visit



President Richard Nixon salutes the crowd lining his motorcade as he and Spanish Chief of State Gen. Franco, are driven through central Madrid yesterday with an escort of lance-carrying mounted guards.

Dont take your car here

No parking will be permitted on either side of the following thoroughfares between the hours of 8 a.m. and approx. 5.30 p.m. on Monday:

Main Road, Phoenix Park, between Phoenix Monument and Conyngham Road junction. Parkgate Street between Main Road, Phoenix Park and Sean Heuston Bridge. South line of Quays between Sean Heuston Bridge and O'Connell Street, Wintetavern Street, Christ Church Place, Lord Edward Street, Cork Hill to Upper Castle Yard Gate, Ship Street, O'Connell Street, Cavendish Row, Parnell Square East, Nth. Frederick Street, Dorset Street, Drumcondra Road Lower and Upper, Swords Road to New Airport Church Road, New Airport Road.

With some exceptions all traffic movement will be prohibited during the times and on these routes.

TIMES

1.00 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Main Road Phoenix Park, between U.S. Embassy Residence and Conyngham Road, Parkgate Street, Sean Heuston Bridge, Sth. Quays to Wintetavern Street, Wintetavern Street, Christchurch Place, Lord Edward Street and Cork Hill.

4.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—Sth. Quays between Wintetavern Street and O'Connell Bridge, O'Connell Street including centre of the thoroughfare, Cavendish Row, Parnell Sq., East, Nth. Frederick Street, Dorset Street, Drumcondra Roads Upper and Lower, Swords Road to Airport Road and Airport Road.

The public are asked to cooperate with the Gardaí by NOT taking their cars into these areas on the occasion.

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PRESIDENT Richard Milhous Nixon arrives in Ireland this afternoon to a gathering storm of protest over a war 6,000 miles away in Vietnam.

His plane, Air Force One, will touch down at Shannon Airport at 5 p.m. There to greet him will be the Taoiseach and Mrs. Lynch, the U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. John D. Moore, and President Nixon's host and hostess in Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mulcahy.

More than 100 vehicles, including ten 44 seater coaches are being pressed into service today for the motorcade from Shannon to Kilfrush House, Knocklons, where the President will stay.

Six of the coaches will be for an estimated 350 to 400 newsmen covering the visit, while the remainder of the vehicles will be for officials.

Last night security forces were making further checks on the route which the President's motorcade will take. A huge force of Gardaí will be on duty along the route and will be augmented at Limerick, where large crowds are expected.

No traffic

Gardaí have announced tightly controlled traffic plans for Limerick City and the surrounding area during the Presidential visit.

In his brief stop in the City during the journey from Shannon, President Nixon will be presented with an Irish blackthorn stick by the Mayor, Mr. J. P. Liddy.

Extra Gardaí will be standing by to prevent any possibility of trouble during a public "Anti-Nixon" rally being organised by Maoists.

Main purpose of President Nixon's visit is to consult with his negotiators at the Vietnam Peace talks. Tomorrow morning at Kilfrush House he will discuss the Paris negotiations with U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. William P. Rogers; Mr. David Bruce, U.S. Ambassador in Paris; Dr. Henry Kissinger and Mr. Phillip Habib, the principal U.S. negotiator.

The New York Times has reported that President Nixon's consultation with Mr. Bruce could lead to a major military decision on the Vietnam war. Following the meeting President Nixon is due to travel by helicopter on a private visit to Mr. Mulcahy's other house in Waterville, Co. Kerry, returning to Kilfrush House in the late afternoon.

Mrs. Nixon, however, will go to Ballinrobe by helicopter, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. She will be greeted by

Good news for Dublin schoolchildren—they will be given the afternoon off on Monday, not so much to greet President Nixon as to ease the strain on the city's transport system.

local officials and will call on her closest living Irish relative, Mrs. Katie Naughton. She will lunch at Ashford Castle and arrive back at Kilfrush House at 5 p.m.

On Monday the Nixons will travel to Dublin, calling to Timahoe en route, where they will visit the burial place of the President's Milhous ancestors. Part of the journey will be by car, but from Naas they will proceed by helicopter to the U.S. Embassy in the Phoenix Park.

Lunch with President de Valera in Aras an Uachtairain will follow. At 4.15 p.m. the visitors will leave by motorcade for Dublin Airport via the city centre.

Flights hit

Bus traffic will be banned from O'Connell Street, the Quays, Westmoreland Street and the area around Christ Church Cathedral from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, and on other roads near the Phoenix Park and in the city all traffic movement will be prohibited at certain times during the day.

As Dublin Airport will be closed between 5.30 and 6.15 p.m. on Monday, Aer Lingus expect short delays on six flights scheduled during that time.

Strict security precautions are being taken as the number of demonstrations planned by various groups continue to rise. Already there have been many strong protests against the visit.

Protests

Apart from political protests there is mounting indignation over the closing of the centre of Dublin to traffic on Monday afternoon and last night phone calls were made to our newsroom about this.

Apart from demonstrations along the Presidential route, a protest march to the U.S. Embassy in Dublin is planned for tomorrow afternoon by several bodies opposed to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

The Dublin South-East constituency Council of the Labour Party last night decided to support the call for the Regional Council of the party to oppose the visit of the U.S. President. A call was made to all members to attend the three day picket of protest already organised.

An anti-Vietnam picket protest by Sinn Fein will be put on Waterville House tomorrow during President Nixon's visit there.

Siesta to fiesta for President

SPANIARDS turned their siesta into a fiesta yesterday and gave Richard Nixon the biggest welcome of his presidency.

"It was a very exciting reception. It was the largest crowd I've seen," Nixon told White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler at the end of a six-mile motorcade accompanied by General Franco through Madrid streets lined 15 deep at places. Information and tourism Minister Alfredo Sanchez Bella told newsmen the crowd numbered between 1.3 and 1.5 million.

Ziegler said it was the biggest reception Nixon has had since taking office.

In the Plaza del Marques del Duero, the motorcade paused for Madrid's Mayor to present Nixon with the golden key to the city. Nixon swooped the key up,

holding it above his head with both hands. "This is not an ordinary key. An ordinary key opens a door to a house or a room. But this key opens the hearts of the people of Madrid and Spain and the people of the United States. We are grateful for this wonderful welcome," Nixon said.

For Nixon's British visit today, the security clampdown outlasts anything staged for his previous two visits last year. His official plane, Air Force One, will fly into a section of London's Heathrow Airport completely cordoned-off by police. Armed men will watch from roofs and other vantage points. Anti-hijacking precautions have already closed all public viewing points.

Armed secret servicemen accompanying the President will take up strategic positions on landing to join secret service colleagues and armed special branch men.

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New claim in for £6 million legacy

A 27-YEAR-OLD Co. Cavan man, now working as a groom in England, last night began tracking down American lawyers for a slice of the £6,000,000 which a Gorey (Co. Wexford) electrician is to inherit.

John Grannell, from Cootehill, who works in Over Pover, Knutsford, Cheshire, claims relationship to the Texas millionaire who left the legacy through his grandfather.

"Naturally I am excited, but I know I won't become rich overnight as it will be a long

drawn out process to get my share of the fortune," he told the Irish Independent by telephone last night. He hinted that he was anxious to contact the quiet electrician, Mr. Aidan Grannell, who is reputed to be the only claimant to the money.

"No matter how much money I get," added Mr. Grannell, "I have no intention of giving up my job here. I am too happy at my work."

Hijack suspects 'on trial'

Suspected hijackers of the Pan American Airways Boeing Jumbo jet, diverted to Cairo airport and blown up on the tarmac on September 26, are now standing trial in the Egyptian capital, it was stated in Montreal.

Mr. H. El Meleigy, Egypt's delegate to the International Civil Aviation Organisation conference in Montreal told a reporter he had learned from Cairo that the Government had arrested those alleged to be connected with the hijacking and those responsible for the plane's destruction. "I know that the men have been charged under the national criminal law," he said, "and it is severe."