

# Industry: output higher

INDUSTRIAL output and the number of people employed in industry in the 26 Counties were higher in the first nine months of this year than in the first nine months of 1957, according to figures issued by the Central Statistics Office.

The index of production volume of the transportable goods industries in the March and June quarters of this year (1953 taken as base, 100) was 107.4 and 107.4, respectively, compared with 93.9 and 106.3 in the March and June quarters of 1957.

## Main increases

The principal increases in production volume of manufacturing industries over the 1953 level were: Creamery butter, cheese and other edible milk products (up 27.7 points); linen and cotton (up 50.1); jute, canvas, rayon, nylon, etc. (up 57.8); chemicals and drugs (up 52.9); manufacture of electrical machinery, etc. (up 52.4); ship and boat building and repairing (up 57.2).

## New Consuls appointed

THE following consular appointments have been recognised, last night's "Iris Oifigiúil," announced: Mr. John H. Fry, honorary consul of Denmark in Cork; Mr. James G. Limerick, honorary consul of Germany in Limerick; Mr. P. G. Duggan, honorary vice-consul of the Netherlands in Limerick; Mr. Basil A. Gatto, honorary vice-consul of Sweden in Cork; Mr. N. P. McEvoy, honorary trade commissioner of the Union of Sth. Africa in Dublin.

## University bomb blast in Madrid

Police are searching for persons responsible for a bomb explosion which shattered windows at the University of Madrid on Thursday night, on the eve of a National Students' Organisation foundation anniversary.

## AMBITIOUS PLAN, 'STATIST' SAYS

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THE White Paper outlining a five-year capital development plan for Ireland is described in to-day's issue of "The Statist," the British financial and economic weekly, as "the most ambitious and far-reaching plan of its kind to have been presented by any Government in the history of the modern Irish State."

The plan is considered in the first of two articles and its proposals on agriculture outlined. The second article will deal with its proposals on industry and the estimated cost of the programme.

"The Statist" says that publication of the plan comes at a crucial moment in Ireland's economic development.

"The country is slowly shaking itself out of the despondency and inertia which have been the chief cause of its economic stagnation in the post-war era, and 1958 has been, by a large margin, a year of recovery," it states.

# FINDINGS CONSIDERED AS BASIS FOR EXPANSION PROGRAMME SUDAN TO PLAN FOLLOWS EXPERT REPORT

## Survey of problems, opportunities

AN exhaustive study of the national development problems and opportunities, completed last May by the Secretary of the Department of Finance, Mr. T. K. Whitaker, and which was considered by the Government when formulating the Programme of Economic Expansion, was published last night.

Entitled "Economic Development," and published "with a view to stimulating interest in the subject of national development," the 250-page volume covers all facets of State activity directed towards economic expansion.

The document highlights the main deficiencies and potentialities of the economy, at the same time suggesting the principles to be followed to correct and realise a number of specific forms of productive development, appearing to offer good long-term prospects, are indicated.

The survey originated from a memorandum from the Department of Finance for the information of the Government on December 16, 1957, to which a copy of a minute from Mr. Whitaker was attached suggesting that the survey should be undertaken and stating the reasons.

The suggestion was approved by the Government and Mr. Whitaker was given free access for information, advice and assistance to officers of other departments and State organisations.

## Necessary

Referring to the desirability of attempting to work out an integrated programme of national development for the next five or ten years, Mr. Whitaker pointed out that he had no "plan" in mind, but had thought for some time that it would be a useful national service to prepare a study embracing the following three elements—

(i) as groundwork, a brief outline of the present state of the economy, concentrating on the main deficiencies and opportunities;

(ii) a statement of the principles to be followed in order most effectively to correct the defects and realise the opportunities; and

(iii) indications of the specific forms of productive development which appear to offer the best prospects.

What is urgently necessary is not to know that more resources should be devoted to productive purposes but rather to know what are the productive purposes to which resources should be applied and what unproductive or relatively unproductive activities can, in the minimum social disadvantage, be curtailed to set free resources for productive development.

## Despondency

This, states the memorandum, was urgent for at least five reasons—

(1) The growing concern on the absence of a comprehensive and integrated programme is tending to deepen the all-

too-prevalent mood of despondency about the country's future;

(2) In the context of such a programme it would be easier to win acceptance from particular decisions of policy which, presented in isolation, might be strenuously opposed;

(3) A slowing down in housing and other forms of social investment must be faced from now on because of the virtual satisfaction of needs over wide areas—and it is necessary to find productive investments which will prevent the unemployment problem from becoming very serious;



Pictured at a lecture under the auspices of the Printing Industry Co-operative Society in the Shelbourne Hotel were (from left): Dr. Roger McHugh, Lecturer in English Literature, U.C.D.; Mrs. Denis Neenan, Mr. Charles McCarthy, B.L., the lecturer, and Mr. Brendan O'Garra, chairman of the society.

## More talks to end free trade crisis

Signor Fanfani, the Italian Prime Minister, met the President of the European Economic Committee, Herr Walter Hallstein, yesterday, in Rome, to seek a way out of the deadlock on the proposed European Free Trade Area.

The deadlock is between Britain and France. But Herr Hallstein is getting the advice of all the six "Little Europe" nations during a tour aimed at solving the Anglo-French dispute. He will next visit Paris for more talks there.

Meanwhile Britain and five other industrialised countries of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation which are not in the common market have been invited to Berne early next month to discuss the Free Trade Area situation, it was announced yesterday.

The Swiss Government has invited Britain, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Austria to send experts to the meeting, which will also be attended by Swiss experts.

## Juror was tricked out of £1 note

A MAN who served on a jury at Cork Circuit Court on Thursday appeared in the District Court there yesterday to tell how a confidence trick was played on him in the precincts of the court.

"This is the cleverest case of larceny by a trick that has ever come before me," said Justice O'Donovan.

He sentenced Timothy O'Leary, 12 Fort Street, Cork, and Thomas Butler, Knockree House, Gurransbarrow, to two months' hard labour, charged with stealing a £1 note from Mr. James Carroll of Dunmanway, Co. Cork.

Mr. Carroll told the Court that he was approached on Thursday by two men in front of the Courthouse. They asked him for a 10s. note to show a man inside. He had not a 10s. note and gave them 1s. The man to whom he gave the 1s. said he would be back in a minute.

WAITED FIVE MINUTES "I did not know there was another exit," Mr. Carroll said, adding that he waited for five minutes. When he told a friend the friend said, "you will be waiting a long time for your money."

Timothy O'Leary said that Carroll gave him the £1 after he had asked for a loan of 10s. He and his companion went away to get change. Butler said that Mr. Carroll gave the money as a loan.

## Junior Whip appointed

MR. HARRY WEST, Unionist M.P. at Stormont for Enniskillen, was yesterday appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture. He also becomes Junior Government Whip.

Mr. West, who is 40, succeeds the late Mr. John Bailey, and is freely tipped as a successor to Rev. Robert Moore, Minister for Agriculture who has intimated that he intends to retire.

Mr. West is a former president of the Six-Counties Farmers Union.

## Monaghan letter on spiked roads marked 'read'

FERMANAGH CO. COUNCIL, by a Unionist majority, yesterday decided to take no action on a request by Monaghan Co. Council that the Fermanagh body should use its good offices to assist in relieving customs and "spiked road" hardships imposed on farmers living in an area known as the Commons, Co. Monaghan.

The Monaghan Co. Council enclosed a letter which they had forwarded to the Stormont Ministry of Finance, Belfast. The letter stated that the Commons was in a pocket practically surrounded by the Six Counties.

These farmers were not allowed to bring in or take out pigs by Customs at Clontivern and because of spiking of roads, considerable hardship was on them because of the distances they have to travel for purchase and sale of pigs. It was hoped sympathetic consideration will be given to the Council's request to allow pigs to be taken in and brought out by Clontivern Customs.

The request was supported by Mr. Philip McCarron (N.), who proposed that the Fermanagh Council co-operate, Mr. F. G. Patterson (U.), seconded the proposal. Capt. John Brooke said it had his sympathy, although he did not see what could be done, since it was a matter for the British authorities.

## 'The remedy'

Mr. George Elliott said the remedy lay in Monaghan's hands. If they did not send people across in the darkness of the night to create trouble there would be no need for spikes.

Mr. George A. Cathcart also opposed on the grounds that Six Co. movement of pigs without specific authority would be a breach of the Swine Fever Order.

Mr. Mark Breen (Nat.) said that if people had to pass through Fermanagh to get in and out of the Commons, Mr. Patterson said the Commons people suffered great hardship having to travel as much as 20 miles to reach Clontivern, which was only a short distance away.

Mr. Cathcart proposed that the letter be marked "read." The Chairman, the Earl of Enniskillen, put the amendment and all Unionists supported it except Capt. Brooke and Mr. Patterson.

## Mart men's evidence in cattle case

TWO witnesses from the Six Counties gave evidence at the resumed hearing at Athlone Court yesterday of the case in which Patrick Christopher Conroy (23), cattle dealer, Cong, Co. Mayo, is charged on 25 counts having obtained cattle and sheep by false pretences to the value of about £12,000.

John R. Savage, Kilanchey, Co. Down, branch manager of the Ulster Farmers' Mart, said he saw Conroy in their sales yard in Belfast on September 30. He entered 22 cattle for sale. Later 15 more cattle were entered in his name. Before the sale he asked Conroy in what name he wished the cattle to be entered. Conroy said Conroy, Cong, Co. Mayo. Shortly afterwards he changed that to Conroy Bros., 5 and 6 Ormonde Quay, Dublin.

Mr. Savage said his firm arranged payment to the seller of the cattle through their head office.

George R. Knipe, Benburb, Dungannon, accountant in the Ulster Farmers' Mart, Portadown, said that on October 1 Conroy called to their head office in Portadown. Mr. Knipe handed him a cheque which represented the proceeds of the sale of cattle the previous day.

The further hearing was adjourned to December 4, and Conroy was remanded on continuing bail.

## Congratulated by Irish Envoy

Mr. Hugh McCann, the Irish Ambassador in London, yesterday called on Most Rev. Dr. Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster and congratulated him on behalf of the Irish Government and people on his nomination as Cardinal.

## Officers home for Christmas?

While the exact date is not yet known, it is understood that the Irish Army officers who are at present with the United Nations Observer Group in the Lebanon, will return to Ireland before Christmas.

DEATHS CONNOLLY (Dublin) — November 21, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Sarah, sister of Andrew Connolly, 31 Brookfield Road, South Circular Road, deeply regretted by her sorrowing daughter, sons, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

MCKENNA (née Carmichael) (Dublin) — November 21, 1958, at the Meath Hospital, Coralic Estate, joined with Denis McKenna, 3 Ardoo Road, Rathmore, very deeply regretted. Funeral on Monday evening at 5.30 o'clock to Frances Church, Merioneth Quay. Burial on Tuesday at 10 o'clock Mass to Mount Jerome Cemetery.

# LOOK AT FOREIGN LINKS

SUDAN'S new regime is to consider all the country's agreements with foreign nations and will reject all those unfavourable to the country, Major-General Wahab, Minister for the Interior, stated in Khartoum last night.

In foreign policy the government formed by Gen. Abboud "will not take any step that may harm the Sudan's independence," he stated. "It will not give a bit of its freedom to anybody. We are ready to defend the Sudan's independence with our lives."

The new regime would rather die of hunger than accept any aid from abroad which lessened the Sudan's independence, he stated. It would accept any Soviet or other offer of help if there were no strings attached.

Gen. Wahab repeated Gen. Abboud's declaration after the coup that the army movement which engineered it had been formed to relieve the Sudan from corruption, chaos and instability.

"The movement came from army officers only, not to serve any party against another," the Minister stated. "It will work to maintain the Sudan's independence and raise the standard of living."

## Brothers on golf club staff died within 2 hours

Two brothers who died within two hours of each other, were interred in Redford cemetery, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, yesterday.

They were Mr. Edward Martin, 3 Soldiers' Cottages, Killincarrig, who had been professional at Greystones Golf Club for over 50 years, and Mr. Joseph Martin, 10 Grattan Park, Blacklion, Greystones, who was greengrocer at the Club.

Edward, who is 74, died in Newcastle Hospital at midnight on Wednesday, and Joseph, aged 70, died shortly before 2 a.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Edward Martin, junr., is the present professional with the Greystones club, while another son, James, is professional at Edmondstown Golf Club.

## Says outlook for cinemas critical

The Irish cinema industry is in a critical situation, due to falling attendances and increasing costs, according to a statement by Mr. W. Bergin, president of the Theatre and Cinema Association (Ireland).

Referring to the closing of British cinemas which followed the opening of new T.V. stations, he says that unless entertainment tax is reduced here, as in Britain, many cinema closures are inevitable.

## Talks on air traffic control

European civil aviation experts will meet in Rome next week to discuss the formation of an agency to control traffic in crowded air lanes.

The exact date of the meeting of directors-general of European civil aviation has not yet been arranged. Sources in Rome said the conference would be held "before the end of the month." All Western European countries will be represented.

## AT LONDON FASHION FAIR



Irene Gilbert is the only Irish designer represented at the 2nd International Fashion Fair at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this week. Great interest has been shown in her stand there, which features some of her Spring-Summer 1959, ready-to-wear collection.

Highlights of this collection are some lovely Spring suits in Irish tweeds, and Summer separates in matching embroidered, and plain Irish linens.

Pictured here is 'Sea Spray,' which is a top in white and beige embroidered linen, with a contrasting band of plain beige linen, worn with a plain beige linen skirt. This two-piece is made from Moygashel linen.

## 11 die, 22 hurt in French mine

Eleven men were killed and 22 injured—but five of them seriously—in an underground gas explosion in a coal mine on the Franco-Saar border about 50 miles east of Metz yesterday.

Twelve miners were trapped by a cave-in, but all had been rescued by late last evening. Five of the dead were identified as French. Most of the miners in the area are Saarlanders, although there are some Italians as well.—(UPI).

## To attend British medical dinner

The Minister for Health, Mr. MacEntee, will attend the centenary dinner of the British General Medical Council in London next Thursday.

## Coal exploration to start soon?

The placing of a contract for the recently announced Leitrim coalfield drilling project is expected shortly, it is learned. It is estimated that work will begin early next year.

The exploration, mainly by diamond drilling, will be under the direct supervision of the Geological Survey.



Dr. J. Stuart, Master of the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, and President of the G.A.A., speaking in the Mansion House, Dublin, where he officially opened the Augustinian Foreign Missions Association's Sale of Work. Seated (from left) are: Rev. P. G. Byrne, O.S.A., who is in charge of the home missions, St. John's Priory, John's Lane, Dublin, and Rev. Father J. L. Cotter, O.S.A., Director, Foreign Missions, John's Lane.

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