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# Nation mourns Derry



Focal point of Ireland's day of mourning—the coffined remains of the 13 victims of the Derry shooting lying in St. Mary's Church in Derry's Creggan area last night. (Other North reports: pages 3, 5 and 8. Pictures: page 13).

## British embassy bombed as 8,000 protest

### Then passport office is set ablaze

A SMALL GELIGNITE BOMB was hurled from a group of demonstrators at the British Embassy in Merrion Square last night. A garda was injured in the blast, caused by an estimated five pounds of gellignite. A second bomb was believed to be in front of the building. There was traffic chaos when hundreds spilled on to Mount Street after the explosion.

The blast tore the embassy door off its hinges and scattered the woodwork about the front of the building. The hallway of the embassy was blackened and suffered severe fire damage. The windows on the ground floor portion were shattered.

Three sections of Dublin Fire Brigade were fighting a blaze at the British Embassy Passport Office, Merrion Square, at 3.30 a.m. A spokesman said it appeared to be well alight.

Earlier a number of people were injured and taken to hospital and between 50 and 60 petrol bombs, including a large container of petrol, were hurled at the embassy.

About 8,000 people massed outside the embassy and as the Belfast Republican leader, John Kelly, was speaking the first of the petrol bombs began to rain in on the front of the building. The entire facade was engulfed in flames. Earlier as the two groups of demonstrators met gardai clashed with them.

The gardai formed in a line four deep on the roadway outside the Embassy, but away from the building, and permitted no one behind the cordon.

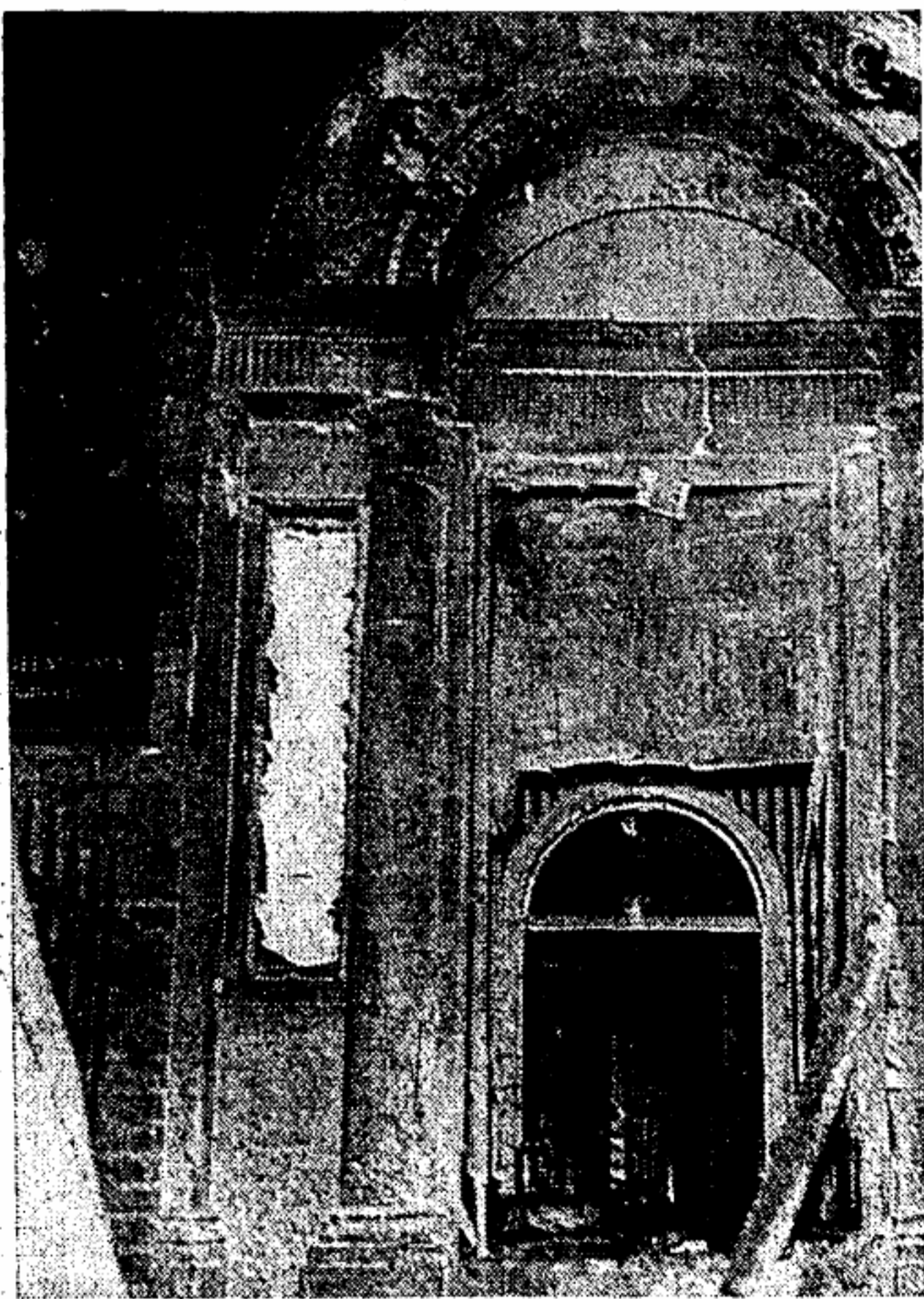
### Impaled

Another Garda was injured when he was getting over the railings at Merrion Park, opposite the Embassy. He suffered a leg injury when he became impaled on one of the spikes of the railing.

Early today a man was seen to run into the burned hallway of the Embassy, but he was dragged out by a number of gardai, who dashed in after him. The man was not arrested or taken away.

By 1.30, the crowd had dispersed and then the gardai began to leave for their stations. Throughout the night a force of gardai remained on duty at Merrion Square.

The Royal Liver Society premier in Dun Laoghaire were



The steel-reinforced door of the British Embassy building shattered in last night's bomb attack

destroyed after a number of men entered it, sprinkled petrol inside and set it ablaze. Other premises attacked last night were Cooks Travel Agency, College Green, and Austin Reeds, tailors, in Grafton Street. Petrol bombs were thrown at each of the buildings, but damage was confined in both instances to the display win-

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## Maudling says: 'not an inch'

IRELAND TODAY will be a nation of mourning as businesses, industries and schools on both sides of the Border close for the funerals of the Derry dead. Massive protests are planned, and it is expected that workers in their thousands will be on the streets to voice their opposition to British policy in the North.

At Westminster last night the British Home Secretary, Mr. Maudling, said that internment will go on, and that there will be no takeover by the Tory Government of Northern security. He also warned that anyone taking part in the planned civil rights demonstration in Newry on Sunday would face "grave consequence".

The Dail met yesterday and heard statements from the leaders of the three main parties, and then adjourned as a mark of respect for the 13 dead men. The Fine Gael leader, Mr. Cosgrave, suggested that he and the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, and the Labour Party leader, Mr. Corish, should fly together to London to press British political leaders to act in the crisis. It is understood that the British premier, Mr. Heath, would be willing to meet such a delegation. A Dail delegation may also visit the U.N.

At Stormont yesterday, the Northern Premier, Mr. Faulkner, warned that the Unionist community would not tolerate any proposition aimed at reunification. The former Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Craig, suggested that the Bogside and Creggan areas of Derry should be allowed to secede to the South.

Violence continued in the North yesterday. A British soldier was shot dead and another wounded, and a UDR man was shot at his home. In Belfast a woman was caught in a crossfire and was still critically ill late last night. At Narrow Water, Co. Louth, a battle between British troops and civilians raged across the Border for three hours.

Many thousands of Southerners travelled to Derry last night for today's funerals of the victims. They will be followed today by other large contingents. Groups have been organised to travel by private cars and coaches from Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, Limerick, Wexford, Wicklow, Longford and Dublin.

Throughout the country the Tricolour will be flown at half-mast. The President, Mr. de Valera, and the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, will be represented at the funerals.

### Thousands

The Anti-Internment Campaign Committee are organising motor convoys for people anxious to travel to Derry for the funerals.

Motorists are asked to join the convoys which will leave from the following points at 7 a.m.: Dublin (Glassevin Cemetery) via Slane, Carrickmacross, Monaghan, Omagh and Strabane; Galway (Eyre Square) via Sligo, Bundoran and Ballybofey; Dundalk (Newry Rd.) via Newry, Armagh, Dunganon and Aughnacloy.

Technicians at RTE said last night that they will not work on any programmes other than news today during the Derry funerals. BBC and ITV will cover the funerals.

Air services into and out of Dublin, Cork and Shannon airports will be suspended between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. At Dublin Airport 3,000 Aer Lingus employees will attend a Requiem Mass in one of the hangars at 11.30 a.m.

R.G.D.A.T.A. has asked its members to close their premises for all or part of the day.

### Protest

The protest of Dublin will be closed today, and dockers and other workers employed at the port will join a massive protest march on the British embassy in Merrion Square this afternoon.

The dockers, members of the Marine Port and General Workers Union have been asked to link up with fellow union members to assist at a Mass in the Jesuit Church in Gardiner Street at 5.45 p.m.

Courts in the Twenty-Six Counties will be closed today, the Department of Justice announced last night.

In the Dublin pro-Cathedral, the Archbishop, Most Rev. J. C. McQuaid, will preside at a High Mass at 11 a.m.

Most Rev. Dr. Alan Buchanan, Church of Ireland Archbishop, will take part in a special service in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10 a.m.

The Jewish Representative Council of Ireland announced yesterday that special prayers would be offered at a service under the auspices of Adelaide Road and Greenville synagogues at Dolphin's Barn today.

Schools all over the country will not open today and civil

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## 40,000 file past bodies of victims

An estimated 40,000 people attended the removal of remains to the church of the 13 Derry-men shot by British troops in the Bogside on Sunday. Eleven of the men will be buried in the city cemetery today, one will be buried in Co. Donegal and the other in the city cemetery, Derry, tomorrow.

Cardinal Conway will attend the Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Creggan, today at noon. The Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Derry, Most Rev. Niel Farnen, and priests from city parishes.

The Taoiseach will be represented at the funerals and Government ministers are expected to attend. The Fine Gael leader, Mr. Cosgrave, left yesterday evening to attend the funerals. Twelve other members of the party will also attend.

The Labour leader, Mr. Corish, will also attend the funerals, and at least five other Labour T.D.s are going with him.

The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. T. J. O'Sullivan, a former member of Belfast Corporation, together with the City Manager, Mr. P. Clayton, and other local authority leaders will also attend.

### Processions

Several hundred people walked behind each funeral procession in Derry last night as the coffins of the 13 men were taken to St. Mary's Church. Funeral processions came from the Bogside, Creggan, Waterside, and Carnhill areas.

Hundreds of people followed the processions as they wound their way through the darkened streets of the Bogside lit up at intervals by car headlights.

Hearse bearing the coffins at times had to negotiate barricades in the areas which have been "no go" to the British army and police since July.

### 40,000

In the darkness outside St. Mary's Church people stood in silent groups at the corteges passed through the gates. Relatives wept as the remains were brought into the church. All the coffins were laid in a row in front of the main altar.

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## Our opening hours

The Burgh Quay and O'Connell Street offices of THE IRISH PRESS will not open until 10 a.m. today as a mark of respect for the victims of the Derry shooting and to enable staffs to attend a special Mass arranged by newspaper workers at nine a.m. in St. Saviour's Church, Dominick St.



A British soldier on duty in Dungiven, riot helmet doffed, bows his head in prayer during the minute's silence in the town for the victims of the Derry massacre.

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## WEATHER

A frontal system near the south of Ireland is moving slowly northwards.

Forecast 6 a.m. to midnight: Sunny spells at first in the north. Cloudy weather with rain, heavy in places, will spread from the south to all areas. A clearance to brighter weather with scattered showers will follow. South-east or east winds, later veering south, will be strong with gale gusts. Normal temperatures.

Further outlook: Bright spells and showers with strong gusty winds.

## TODAY'S TIDES

Dublin 2.10, 2.26; Ballina 8.32, 8.36; Belfast 1.34, 1.48; Bray 2.04, 2.10; Cork 8.37, 8.49; Cobh 8.17, 8.24; Derry 10.42, 11.04; Dingle 7.21, 7.30; Drogheda 1.50, 2.06; Dundalk 1.54, 2.10; Fermis 1.40, 1.49; Galway 7.49, 8.13; Limerick 8.19, 8.43; Killybegs 7.37, 8.01; Sligo 8.38, 8.02; Valentia 7.19, 7.28; Clifden 7.42, 8.07; Waterford 9.14, 9.23; Westport 8.10, 8.34; Wexford 8.35, 8.51; Wicklow 1.26, 1.42; Youghal 7.23, 8.32

Sun rises 8.10; sets 5.09. Lighting-up time 5.39.

Dixon Hempenstall, 111 Grafton Street, Dublin. Barometers. (Advts.)

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## EMBASSY FIRE

Two units of Fire Brigade brought fire at rear British Embassy. Passport Office under control in less than an hour.

Badly damaged. Gardai on duty at front of building when fire noticed, 8 a.m.