IN DUBLIN

ISOLATES EIRE

ALLEGED GIFTS TO MINISTERS

British Tribunal

Soon after the curtain fell yesterday on the Lynskey Inquiry at Church House, . Wesuminster, London, Mr Sidney Stanley, central figure in the 26-day drama, impetuously thrust nis way across to Supt. Arthur Thorp, Chief of Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad, warmly shook his hand and said. "Thank you very much, Superintendent. You have played the game." Supt. Thorp who headed the police investigations into allegations of corruption involving Ministers and public servants, returned the handshake, smiled and continued on his way out smiled and continued on his way out While lawyers, witnesses, reporters and members of the public imgered in the hall Mr. Stanley shook hands with people whose acquaintance ne made during the proceedings. He answered with his usual robust humour a Press Association reporter's question about Christmas plans, saying that he would, as usual, entertain "his East End children" in the Park Lane luxury flat of which so much has been heard. "It looks as if I shall have about eighty in my flat on Christmas Day," he said. "Why shouldn't they come to my flat? They come mostly from the Shadwel! area, and I shall be sending a dozen cars or so to pick them up. If I do it for the Labour Party, why not for the kiddies?"

The Indonesians are also to demand the release of Republican leaders captured by the Dutch in their lightning swoop.

Meanwhile, both Dutch and Republican representatives in the United States told newsmen yesterday that they had talked with the State Department.

Dr. Soemitro, Republican Minister plenipotentiary, hinted that Marshall aid might be cut off from the Dutch, and the Dutch envoy, Mr. van Kleffens, said in Washington that he had received "clarification" of the United States position.

The Republicans claimed they had the hall Mr. Stanley shook hands

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, ended his strenuous task with a seven-hour address. The public rittings of the Tribunal, before which six Ministers, an M.P and 51 other witnesses appeared, closed with Mr. Justice Lynskey's announcement at 5.50 p.m. that their report would go in due course to the Home Secretary. They will have to sift and weigh They will have to sift and weigh 1,981,500 words of evidence and counrels' specches.

Sir Hartley said, in winding up his speech, said it should be made clear that if there were black sheep in public life, they should not be whitewashed and that this Parliament and Government would

If the bell tolled on some political career, one might remember the words of John Donne-and Sir Hartley quietly recited in the silent hall the last lines of the famous poem ending ... therefore, never send to know for whem the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." If some individuals were found guilty of impropriety, that was no occasion for smug self-satisfaction, because it injured the whole of their body politic. He hoped that the mean innuendoes and reckless gossip would end. Let us proudly assert, he said, that the Inquiry showed the world that politicians of all parties were at one in vindicating and maintaining the worthiest principles of public life.

Completing his remarks on the nine Ministers or public servants quietly recited in the silent hall the one in vindicating and maintaining the worthiest principles of public life.

Completing his remarks on the nine Ministers or public servants against whom allegations were made. Sir Hartley dealt yesterday with Mr. George Gibson, Mr. Glenvil Hall. Mr Charles Key and Mr. John Belcher. He made these submissions about them:— Mr. Gibson, a director of the Bank of England—The Tribunal might feel that there was no evidence of direct corruption, but might find great difficulty in considering whether by indiscreet association and conduct, Mr. Gibson lent himself to the perpetration of something in the nature of a confidence trick by Stanley and secondly, whether he had misused his position as a public servant, might feel forced to the conclusion that he did not emerge with very great credit in connection with the transactions with which he was associated.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secre-

which he was associated.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury—The Tribunal would have no difficulty in saying that Mr. Hall emerged from the Inquiry with his high and distinguished reputation untouched

tation untouched.

Mr. Key, Minister of Works—In connection with licence applications by a director friend of Mr. Key, something had been done which the Tribunal might think destroyed the appear

************************************ FIGURES OF THE TRIBUNAL

During the 26 days (27 counting the preliminary session of half an hour at the Law Courts on Nov. 1) occupied by the Lynskey Tribunal, approximately 1,081,500 words were Spoken. They have been recorded by a team of official shorthand writers at an average speed of 149 words per minute. Of the 58 witnesses, who included six Ministers, one M.P. and 21 civil servants, the fastest speaker was Mr. Harold Wilson, and the most difficult to record was Mr. most difficult to record was Mr. Stanley, because his answers were always ready before counsel had completed his question. The 33 counsel briefed included 11 K.C.s.

distinguish the relations of Ministers. old hens. (3) Sell as many eggs as but this did not come within the possible. (4) Remember that a graver matters of corruption Mr key's association with Stanley might well be thought not a fortunate one but the wisdom of Mr. Key's social friendship was one thing and whether the way of all flesh by the end of the Republic of Ireland Act, friendships led to another than a hundred dirty eggs. Any hen hatched in 1947 should have gone the the way of all flesh by the end of the Republic of Ireland Act, 1949, said Mr. Dillon. If these essential making clear to the world our inter-Key's association with Stanley might such friendships led to anything approaching corruption was a very tial gold mine, said the Minister. different matter.

Mr. John Belcher-He comported himself with dignity and gave his evidence with a frankness not always found in that of some other witnesses The Tribunal might think him unfortunate in his choice of friends, but that was very different from corruption. There was no evidence of im propriety in the proposed cement

Of bribery allegations involving the Shermans and Stanley, the Attorney-General said "here certainly the truth lies at the bottom of a very deep well, and I cannot pretend we have succeeded in lifting the whole of it into the light

If the Tribunal accepted Mr. Belcher's evidence, strongly supported by his secretary, they would conthe purpose of securing the with-drawal of the prosecution against Sherman's Pools. The withdrawal per bird for the whole country.

These foul Mr. Dillen added had following day clude that Stanley was paid money for might have been a proper decision. There was not a shred of evidence of money payments to Mr. Belcher The

failure to report the bribery allegation and said he delayed and the done if the industry were carried on Tribunal might think prevaricated with still and zeal. about his association with Stanley The Attorney-General spoke of the said that a considerable measure of "libatory benefactions of Sir Maurice" his success was due to the helpful UNSUITABLE IN KERRY Bloch," and said that while there was advice received from the local indiscretion in Mr. Belcher's association with Stanley and Sir Maurice, the Tribunal would have to consider whether hey knew the whole truth about the association with Stanley, or enough about it, to conclude with reasonable certainty whether this was conscious or deliberate corruption on Mr. Belcher's part.

SNOW ON CONTINENT

were reported in Eastern Belgium, stallations in Europe, flew to Rome near the German frontier, yesterday from Athens on Monday Later ported rams for location in south below freezing point (14 fahrenheit).

A Pauter Residual troops and military in A further resolution requested the Department to provide Scotch imported rams for location in south Pacciardi, Italian Defence Minister.—

Reviter

SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION TO-DAY.

Closing Scenes At Strong Pressure On Holland To Halt War In 33 PERISH

STRONG pressure to halt her drive in Indonesia will face Helland to-day when the Security Council meets in emergency session in Paris. The U.S. Is to back the Indonesian Republicans and is to present a cease-fire resolution to the Council, says Reuter.

Indonesia

Mr. Robert Pell, Press Officer to the U.S. Security Council Group, said yesterday that Australia, which supported the U.S. in calling for a Council meeting, had indicated she would rather go beyond a cease-fire and demand the return of Dutch and Indonesian troops to positions held before the weekend outbreak of hostilities.

Secretary of State.

"I have reason to believe that

some other Governments are also urging the United States to cut

Dr. Soemitro said a free and in-dependent Indonesia would be "Western Europe's second front against Communism."

Republican capital, Dutch

bombed Jogjakarta and

reported from Balavia.

vehicles in the streets,

The Indonesians are also to demand | including Mr. Robert Lovett, Under-

The Republicans claimed they had recaptured their capital Jogjakarta.

BURMA CALLS FOR JAVA AID

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, urged India to take the initiative in calling a conference of Asiatic countries to con-sider ald to indonesia in her "valiant and righteous struggle against aggressive imperialism." In a telegram to Pandit Nehru. Indian Prime Minister, Thakin Nu sald Burma would gladly "play her full part in whatever steps were decided upon at such a con-ference." He expressed deep indignation at the "unwarranted Dutch attacks."—Reuter.

GOLD IN EGGS

Minister On Value Of Poultry Industry

That poultry products would become one of the country's most valuable agricultural exports if the present rate of progress was maintained, was stated by the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. James Dillon) when, at Government Buildings, Dublin, he presented the Department of Agriculture presented the Department of Agricul-ture's Cup for the National Egglaying Contest, 1947-48, to Mr. D. H. Edwards, Drumgowan, Burt, Co. Donegal, for the best pen of six birds. This was the 30th annual egg-laying test held at the Munster Institute, Cork. last

Mr Dillon said that this country had one advantage over other competitors
—its ability to deliver perishable agricultural produce to its principal Ence of impartiality which should distinguish the relations of Ministers quarter of clean fresh eggs was better

> Continuing, he said that in the last eleven months our total exports of fowl and eggs, excluding turkeys, amounted to over £5,000,000, compared with the total of £2,800,000 for similar exports during the whole of 1947.

This was very gratifying. It was interesting, said Mr. Dillon, to compare the actual quantities. Last year enable Ireland to be regarded interwe exported 1.311.272 great hundreds nationally as a Republic and will of eggs. while for the 11 months of this year we exported 2,165,189 great national affairs. hundreds Last year these exports were worth £1,777,000, while this year they were worth £3,589,000. They looked forward hopefully to maintain-ing that scale of performance. Mr. Edwards' six birds (Rhode Island Reds) laid 1341 eggs in 46 average of 2235 eggs per bird in that has not vet been decided upon. per hird for the whole country.

These fowl. Mr Dillon added, had actually earned 55/9 each before making allowance for labour and DATE OF SIGNING money payments to Mr. Belcher The Belchers' banking account told "a figure as 25/- to provide for the rather pathetic little story," with Mr. Belcher spending up to the limit of his income and Mrs. Belcher trying to be been produced a gross profit of 30/- per hen. He did not suggest that every hen. He did not suggest that every after it has been presented. Thus, profit, but it showed what could be

POPE SEES U.S. ARMY

Mr Edwards, thanking the Minister.

The Pope received Mr. Kenneth Royall, U.S. Secretary of the Army. and his wife, in private audience vesterday Mr. Royall, who is tour-The first snowfalls of this winter ing American troops and military inIN BLAZING

Crash Near Hong Kong

velt, was among 33 passengers and crew who perished in the flaming wreckage of a Skymaster airliner yesterday.

THE REPUBLIC OF

THE Republic of Ireland Bill was signed yesterday in Dubiin by the President, Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly. Also present at the ceremony were the Taoiseach, Mr. J. A. Costello, and Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External

a matter for the Government, and has not yet been decided upon.

and photographers and newspaper-

the President, with a fountain pen, wrote "Sean T. O Ceallaigh" at the foot of the parchment on which the Bill, now an Act, is printed. hung the original printed declaration of the Republic of 1916.

That it is so is very evident by In it. I have never sen so many Pressmen here on any occasion

The Taoiseach (Mr. Costello) in a comment remarked: "I am proud to have the honour of having been present on the occasion of the signing



national position and giving proof of unity at home and of goodwill to our friends in the Commonwealth." The Minister for External Affairs (Mr. MacBride) said: "I am very glad to have had the honour and privilege of being present on the occasion of the signing of the Republic of Ireland Act. In so far as this portion of the country is concerned it is the first achievement of the national aspirations of the people. This Act will

people is that we will soon be able to achieve the unity of our national territory."

Though the Bill is now law, the date weeks, only three of which were of coming into operation of the Act under first grade, representing an is a matter for the Government, and

DEPARTMENT RAMS

Mr. Patrick Galvin told the Kerry

Agricultural Committee that the rams

PLANE

Captain Quentin Roosevelt, a grandson of the late Theodore Roose-

Dr. Soemitro said a free and independent. Indonesia would be "Western Europe's second front against Communism."

A communique issued in Batavia yesterday announced a new landing by Dutch forces on the north-east coast of Sumatra.

A Hague spokesman denied that Dutch planes had bombed Jogiakarta itself, but said it was possible that anti-aircraft positions near the artifield had been bombed.

According to two Americans and a British national, evacuated from the Republican capital, Dutch planes had been bombed.

According to two Americans and a British national, evacuated from the Republican capital, Dutch planes bombed.

Franklyn D. Roosevelt, had been in the dependent Indonesia would be "Western Europe's second front to depend the work against town the weekange. The pilot was a Dane. Captain Charles Sumby—A.P.

Mr. Quentin Roosevelt was married in England during the war. His bride was Miss Frances Webb, an American Red Cross worker, from Kansas City. They were married in April. 1944, at Blandford Parish Church. Dorset, by the vicar, Canon B. T. Rosson. At the time Mr. Roosevelt's father, Brig-Gen, Theodore Roosevelt, was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt, was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt, was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt was married in April. 1944, at Blandford Parish Church. Dorset, by the vicar, Canon B. T. Roosevelt's father, Brig-Gen, Theodore Roosevelt, was in England from Italy recovering from a severe illness. Capt. Roosevelt was married in April. 1944, at Blandford Parish Church. P planes Franklyn D. Roosevelt, had been in strafed London since the previous year.

Mr. Roosevelt was decorated for

gallantry in action in North Africa.

PRESIDENT O'KELLY SIGNS HISTORIC DOCUMENT

IRELAND BILL

The Bill is now law, but the date of coming into operation of the Act is economic disaster was just around the natter for the Government, and has not yet been decided upon.

General Lucius Clay, American

In the quiet of his study at Arus an yesterday was the first day the Bill Uachtarain at 11.35 a.m. yesterday, the President (Mr. S. T. O'Kelly) signed the English and Irish texts of the Republic of Ireland Bill in the presence of the Taoiseach (Mr. Costello), the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. S. MacBride), officials and photographers and payments.

While a newsreel camera hummed, Opposite the President on the wall After he had signed the document the President said:-

"This is an auspicious occasion. the Interest the Press has shown



"The fervent hope of the Irish

supplied by the Department for the mountainy district of west Kerry were altogether unsuitable and that there was general dissatisfaction with them. A resolution was passed stating that Scotch mountain rams were most suitrestrict selection to rams of that breed. local station at Muckross.

FRONT PAGE NEWS IN U.S.

President Sean T. O'Kelly's signing of the Republic of Ireland Bill yesterday was front-page news in New York newspapers.

A three-column heading over a report in the "New York Sun" stated: "Eire at last is free, President O'Kelly affixes his signature to Measure taking Republic out of British Commonwealth."

"Eire cuts last link with British Crown" was the head-ing in the "World-Telegram." In the "Journal America" the heading was: "Ireland is now free Republic, British rule

NO QUEUES FOR TURKEYS .

Imported turkeys were on sale to all comers at several Cambridge shops yesterday, there were no queues. The British Ministry of Food stated yesterday that total supplies of turkeys this Christmas would be 11,000 tons, of which 4,200 are home produced and 6,800 imported. Last year only 3,000 tons were home pro-duced and 8,000 tons imported. The total of other poultry available is 3,500 tons more than last year, at 9,000 tons of which 3,800 are home produced and 5,200 imported.

TUGS FAIL TO MOVE GROUNDED SHIP

Despite the efforts of three tugs two of them Dutch, the Norwegian steamer Bosphorous (2,111 tons) was yesterday still fast on Haisborough sands, off the passengers was mentioned at a meeting Norfolk Coast, where she went of the Galway Advisory Committee of aground on Monday evening. An attempt to refloat her at high tide failed and it was considered that the chances of moving her were remote as the wind was strong and the weather worse. Cromer lifeboat stood. by all night and yesterday, with the Great Yarmouth salvage tug, Richard

HUNGARIAN ENVOY TO TURKEY RESIGNS

M. George Goulaji, Hungarian Minister to Turkey, resigned office yesterday and asked the Turkish Government to give him refuge .-

FILM BOYCOTT ENDS

The telegraph service between Great Britain and Ireland was cut off between 7.30 p.m. and 9.0 p.m. last night through a power failure at Dublin, and telephone services were also subject to considerable delay. The telegraph service was restored shortly after 9 p.m., but with a three and a half hour delay. Power and light in parts of Dublin failed for a time.

In some areas the 'phone hold-up lasted 50 minutes The trouble was due to fusing and ignition of wires in the Militown suburban transformer station.

POWER FAILURE

transformer station.

THREE-POWER GOVERNMENT FOR BERLIN

Door Left Open

urging the United States to cut off aid."

The Dutch had "constantly violated" all the political and military agreements entered into with the Republic, including those signed under the auspices of the United States, he said. "The capture of Republican leaders was due to the fact that our Government believed negotiations were still going on. With unheard of treachery the Dutch launched a sneak attack."

Dr. Soemitro said a free and independent Indonesia would be "Three-Indonesia wo

tion of the new Komandatura is in accordance with the wishes of the City administration.

Eartier yesterday, General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, described reports that the Western Powers intended to re-militarise the Western Zones, as "silly and unfounded."

He told a Press conference: "I regard it as significant that these statements have followed closely upon the foundation of the new German police force in the Soviet Zone, and it is not difficult to guess their source." "Sur disarmament and de-militaris. on policy speaks for itself," he added, "In my opinion, the Soviet Zone

police force is excessive in numbers and in arms and not consistent with Allied agreements on disarmament. He "by no means" believed that

Military Governor, announced yesterday that Western Zone Berliners would get a special Christmas issue of coffee, sugar and chocolates or sweets through increased airlift shiptients.

"To assure large stocks there has been an increase of 30 per cent, in the food airlift target for December," he said. The airlift of industrial goods to and from Berlin was also being increased. being increased.

A record output of crude oil in Bizonia 'and highest industrial production since the war were officially announced in Frankfurt yesterday.

Industrial output reached a new post-war record last month at 75 per cent. of the 1936 level. Chief increases were in machinery. Labour Court Award electrical equipment.

MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF CHILD

"Iris Oifigiuil," which will appear on Christmas Eve.

The signing ceremony, which took place on a mahogany desk on which there were five telephones, was also witnessed by the President's Aides de Camp (Colonel S. O'Sullivan and Compt. P. Heffron), the Secretary to the Government (Mr. M. Moynihan) and the assistant to the President's secretary (Mr. M. Slattery).

"Iris Oifigiuil," which will appear on the cacused said to the kitchen accused said to the child: "I have two place on a mahogany desk on which the course here. John."

Anastatia Feehan (23), Thomas Square, said accused was her uncle. He was at her house on June 1st. He was the house on June 1st. He was standing at the front gate allowance. With regard to the Union's claim for a higher wage rate for chocolate crumb workers, the Court is of these being officers. Her workers became operative. This recommendation is given on the understanding that the workers is Captain James F. Kelly, son of the Coptain James F. Kelly, who was for 23 with regard to the Union's claim for a higher wage rate for kelly, senior, was among those who visited the vessel of these being officers. Her engite that the workers is Captain James F. Kelly, who was for 23 with regard to the Union's claim for a higher wage rate for kelly, senior, was among those who vesterday.

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Accused used to see the child nearly
every day or couple of days a week,
he would meet the child at the gate when passing to the creamery.

The further hearing was adjourned for a fortnight.

GALWAY WANTS LINERS

"Ample Hotel Accommodation"

TO CALL

The inability of Cove to provide hotel accommodation for trans-Atlantic liner the Irish Tourist Association yesterday among reasons why the liner companies should again send their vessels to Gaiway. It was pointed out that there was ample hotel accommodation there Some of North Atlantic liner companies stated recently in reply to agitation for a return of the liner traffic that insuffi-ciency of shipping tonnage prevented them from sending passenger ships to Galway at present, and they promised to consider the position later. Galway now makes the case that some of the snips now using Cove should be sent to Galway.

BRITISH TRADE ENVOYS LEAVE TURKEY

Two members of the British trade and financial delegation, which arrived in Turkey about a month ago left Ankara yesterday for London to report to the British Government. Mr. The Sons of Liberty, an organisation Somervile Smith, assistant secretary and manufactures, dressed skins, which has been beyootting British films of the Treasury, who heads the shown in the United States as a protest delegation, will remain at Ankara for cardboard manufactures, certain personal withdrawing the havents—Associated some time to continue discussions withdrawing the boycott. - Associated some time to continue discussions clothing and wearing apparel, toys and Irish artists.

Press. | Continue discussions | Clothing and wearing apparel, toys and | Irish artists. | Single fare

COVERNMENT PREPARES FOR STREET FIGHTING.

Communist Forces Grip On Tientsin BRITAIN-U.S.

U.S. AID SUSPENDED.

The £17,500,000 reconstruction pro-

struction engineering surveys. The distribution of relief would continue in the five Chinese cities in which the

E.C.A. was now operating even if those cities fell to the Communists, provided any de facto Government

guaranteed to meet the conditions pre-

COMMUNISTS yesterday captured the major North China port of Tanzku. closing the sea escape route for Government armies boxed in 30 miles to the West at Tientsin, it was learned in reliable quarters in Nanking-

Government General Fu Tso-Yi ordered all-out preparations for street "Storm In Teacup" fighting in Tientsin and the old capital of Peiping, now isolated except by air and radio. A military spokesman claimed that General Fu was ready to launch an offensive and the next development would be "an annihilation fight towards victory."

General Fu's headquarters claimed from the United States. They were that Government infantry and artil- said to have been bought privately. Politically China was yesterday no lery, helped by aircraft, had driven the Communists from a south-eastern suburb of Peiping, inflicting heavy casualties. Troops were also building machine-gun emplacements and tree trunk barricades in the streets of Tientein. ably until to-day.

The British Consul, Mr. Scott Burdett, refused to allow the military to occupy the British-American tobacco factory.

Meanwhile a Government force of about 10 divisions was standing ready to defend the approaches to Nanking, north of the Yangtse River, where one-eyed Communist General Liu Po-Cheng was expected to begin an offensive at any time.

Forty-five "baby tanks" mounting vailing under the present Govern-

A scene from Peiping. Communist forces are reported to have isolated the city, and the Government have made preparations for street fighting there.

Smm. cannons arrived in Shanghai ment. - Reuter.

CONTROVERSY

-Hoffman

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Aid Administrator, said in Washington yesterday that he considered the controversy between Britain, Holland and Belgium and the Economic Co-operation Administration over the resale of aluminium shipments "a very big tempest in a very little tea-

He told newspapermen that he had discussed neither the aluminium question nor the E.C.A. decision to gramme for China has been sus- question nor the E.C.A. decision to pended, Mr. Paul Hoffman, Aid send more than 50 per cent of relief

For Soviets

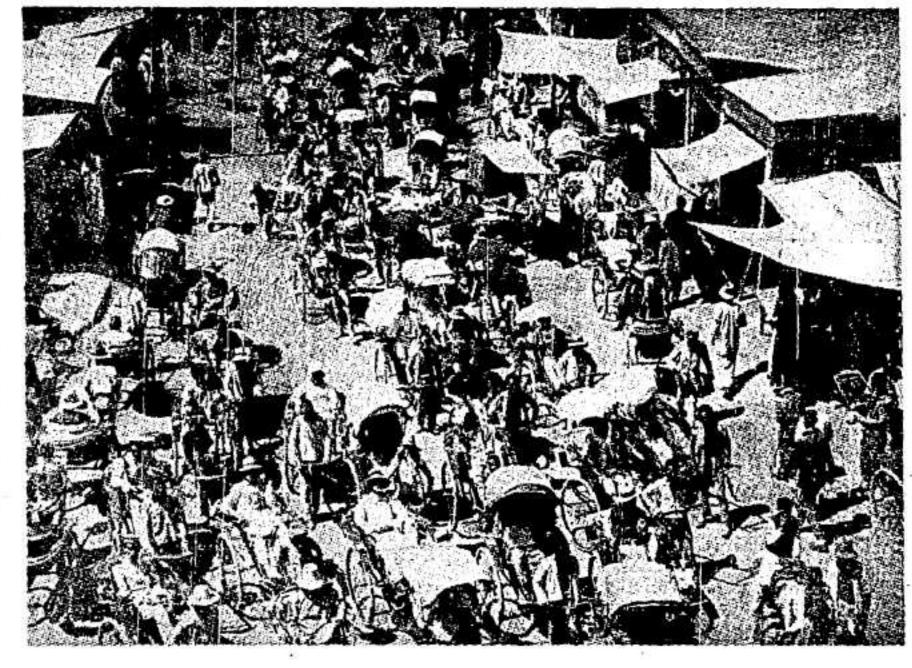
Military sources reported that 2,000 mobile Communist troops made a hitand-run raid yesterday on a town only 10 miles north of Nanking itself. They were said to have withdrawn after suffering caualties.

Britain, France and the United Three-states vesterday established a Three-states vesterday

STALIN'S QUIET BIRTHDAY

Marshal Stalin celebrated his 69th birthday yesterday quietly in the Kremlin. There were no gun salutes or fire-works, with which Russians normally

celebrate special occasions.-Reuter.



CORK CREAMERY WORKERS

The Labour Court has investigated a dispute between Ballyclough Co-operative Creamery, Ltd., and the trish Transport and General Workers' Union concerning rates of pay of workers employed in the manufacture of chocolate crumb at the company's premises at Mallow. Co.

the heading was: "Ireland is now free Republic, British rule ends."—Reuter.

At Kilkenny vesterday District Justice O'Shea resumed the taking of the depositions in a case in which Marie Hopositions and the Court, the Labour Court teember yourcers employed by the Court H

skill than those of the other general workers employed in the creamery, and that the claim for a higher wage rate is not well founded

Other matters before the Court included the fixing of a revised allowance for shift work, night sustenance allowance, differentials for charge hands, condenser men and oven operators, rates of pay for Sundays and public holidays. The Court recommends that these matters be determined by direct negotiation between the parties, and if the parties so desire the Court will appoint an officer to assist in the pegotiations.

South Shields, where she was handed over to Irish Shipping Ltd. after her acceptance trials, s.s. Irish Pine acceptance trials, s.s. Irish Pine and secretary). Mr. L. S. Furlong (joint manager and secretary), Mr. J. Seption over to Irish Shipping Ltd. after her acceptance trials, s.s. Irish Pine and secretary). Mr. J. Seption over to Irish Shipping Ltd. after her acceptance trials, s.s. Irish Pine and secretary). Mr. L. S. Furlong (joint manager and secret negotiations.

EASING OF EXPORT CONTROLS

In order to encourage export trade to the maximum extent which the supply position permits the Minister for Industry and Commerce has made an Order, which will, from the 1st January, 1949, remove completely from export control a long list of items, details of which are given in an official advertisement Although the supply position makes it necessary to retain export control over many commodities, the Minister will in a great many cases be prepared to give licences freely for commercial exports, and commercial exporters who wish to obtain further information as to the position in the case of particular commodities should get in touch with the Department of Industry and Commerce. Subject to certain exceptions, export licences will be given whether the applicant is a manufacturer, a merchant or an agent. The concession will not, however, apply to the re-export from this country of goods which have been imported from a hard currency country, unless the goods have undergone a substantial process of manufacture in the meantime. Articles which may be exported in clude table waters, sports games and athletic equipment, biscuits, blankers, carpets rugs, matting perfumery, earthenware, chinaware and other clay

products, canned fruit and jam, fur skin

Irish Pine Sails From Cork On Maiden Voyage

TITHE latest Irish Shipping Ltd. vessel to be commissioned, s.s. Irish Pine 1 7,500 tons gross, and built specially for the Atlantic route, sailed at 6 p.m.

yesterday from Cork Harbour for Baltimore and New York. This was the maiden voyage of this steamer which is at present the largest in Irish Shipping Limited's fleet and she marks a considerable step forward In Ireland's maritime prowess. She has accommodation for twelve passengers and can carry about 7,000 tons of cargo.

The more formal proceedings are being reserved for s.s. Irish Pine's arrival in New York, and her return

to Ireland The Minister for Industry and Commerce and Mrs. Morrissey are to fly to New York to be present when s.s. Irish Pine arrives there, and among the celebritles who have been invited to honour the entry of Ireland into the Atlantic passenger-cargo traffic are His Eminence Cardi-nal Spellman and Mayor O'Dwyer of New York.

When s.s Irish Pine returns to Ireand with maize and general cargo, traders interested in shipping from America will be invited to inspect J. O'Neill, joint manager (do.), Rev.
J. Coyne, S.J., Mrs. Leydon, Miss
Mary Leydon and Mrs O'Neill. Fr.
Coyne, who is well known for his
lectures and writings on social sublectures and writings on social sublectures are coived a special invitation to jects, received a special invitation to Industry and Commerce would be make the round trip. On Christmas present. Day he will celebrate three Masses on board.

The passengers, who joined the vessel in Cork Harbour yesterday afternoon, found that a Christmas spirit already prevalled, for the dining room and founge were decorated with coloured lights, holly and Tricolour ribbons.

The decoration of these rooms is very tasteful, and a distinctive feature of the passage ways in the vicinity is the hanging of oil paintings of Irish scenery by well-known

PRICES, WAGES AND PROFITS

Irish Union's Council See Minister

The \ Minister for Industry and Commerce yesterday received the Central Council of the Congress of Irish Unions to discuss the general economic situation in the country. has six passengers—Mr. J. Leydon, After a full and frank discussion, Chairman, Irish Shipping Ltd., Capt. covering the whole question of wages,

> WHOLESALE PRICES The wholesale prices index number for October 1948 was 232.1 (hase October 1938, 100), as compared with 230.4 for September 1948, 231.2 for August 1948, and 228.2 for October 1947. These index numbers are in continuation of the series published in the September 1948 issue of the Irish Trade Journal and Statistical Bulletin.

COST OF LIVING INDEX The interim cost of living index (essential items) at mid-Novembar.

1948, was 99 thase mid-August, 1947, as Single fare for the crossing is £55, 1948, and with 97 at mid-August 1947.