

London Calling  
MINISTERS' HOLIDAY UPSET

From Our Special Representative  
Fleet Street  
Saturday morning  
OF the Ministers recalled to Whitehall on account of the flare-up in Cyprus, only the Prime Minister was able to resume his interrupted Christmas holiday. With a respite connection to his special home he will keep in touch with events.

Westminster to Davos  
AMONG the winter sports enthusiasts now preparing for their departure are the members of a Parliamentary team which will accompany a team of Swiss parliamentarians to a skiing match at Davos. This is an annual contest which was first held in 1911.

Meter profits  
PROFITS from parking meters are being asked to provide office space for cars but the fields of the Council complain that although £1,400,000 has been collected by the 15,000 meters in London, less than £200,000 has been allocated for their upkeep.

No bribery  
IT may be a sign of healthier public morals that the Bribery Prevention League faces discomfiture though the fact that the police has taken over much of the work has probably something to do with it.

Rural complaint  
A LONG-STANDING complaint from rural areas is to receive attention from the post office. In towns and cities when packets are too large for the pillar boxes it is easy to post them in packets to a nearby post office.

Meat exports to U.S. increasing  
STATISTICS introduced during the continuing U.S. Senate debate over rising meat imports show that Ireland, though well below such major exporting countries as Australia and New Zealand, steadily is improving its position in the U.S. market.

MR. G. C. HEWSON  
The Bishop of Killala, Most Rev. Dr. O'Boyle presided at Solemn Requiem Mass for Mr. George C. Hewson, Ballina.

MRS. P. PLACE  
Mrs. Phyllis Place, of Malind, Foxrock Park, Co. Dublin, was the widow of the late Lt.-Col. John W. Place, general manager, Johnson & Johnson (I.) Ltd.

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# Nicosia 'back to normal'



A fireman in action during the blaze which destroyed the Rathgar Laundry Service, Harmony Row, off Lower Mount Street, Dublin.

## More tariff cuts in 1964

"Irish Independent" Reporter  
THERE will be a further reduction of 10 per cent in the Republic in the protective tariffs on industrial products generally, from Wednesday next, January 1.

COMPETITIVENESS  
An official statement yesterday said that these further moves in the direction of dismantling industrial protection were designed to encourage industries to undertake the measures necessary for re-organisation and adaptation.

YOUR WEATHER TODAY  
A south-westerly air stream covers Ireland. Forecast (5 a.m. to midnight): Linstear and East Ulster - Bright periods. Fresh or strong southerly winds. Very mild. Munster, Connaught and West Ulster - Rather cloudy. Scattered outbreaks of rain near coasts, becoming more persistent in the evening.

Tax on oil for central heating  
THE Revenue Commissioners. It is understood, have decided that bulk purchases of fuel oil for central heating will be subject to the 2½ p.c. turnover tax from Wednesday next.

Kidney is transplanted in Dublin operation  
A KIDNEY transplanting operation has been performed in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, on a 21-year-old patient.

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## Dublin laundry is destroyed by fire

A LAUNDRY was destroyed and the premises of two other firms were damaged in a fire at Harmony Row, off Lower Mount Street, Dublin, yesterday. Miss Maureen McGowan (26), a member of the family which owns the Rathgar Laundry Service, ran into a blazing room on a backstreet.

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## TRIPARTITE TALKS 'VERY USEFUL'

Nicosia, Friday  
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## Injured in Tyrone crashes

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## Poteen trade is thriving

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
IT has been called many things in many places. In areas of the South of Ireland the name "mountain dew" is preferable. Moving northwards along the western seaboard, one is likely to have "a drop of the hard stuff" or a drop of the "crathur" thrust into the hand. Gardai remain aloof and persist with their references to "illicit spirits". But far and wide it is invariably labelled "poteen."

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## Wisp of smoke

Deserted farmhouses, lonely mountains and hillsides, inconspicuous lake islands and in fact any place the Gardai are not expected to search have been used by the distillers. In years gone by a tall-tale wisp of smoke spiralling skywards from a bleak and uninhabited district aroused the suspicions of the law enforcers.

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