

in a view to developing France's contribution towards the prosecution of the war against Japan. As Syria and Lebanon were not able to protect themselves from attack by a Great Power, France was obliged to take precautionary measures.

At the British Labour Party Conference in Blackpool to-day a resolution was passed declaring that the policy of the British Government in respect of Greece, Belgium and Poland was framed more for the protection of vested interests rather than for the national rights of the peoples concerned.

It was reported from Tokyo to-day that British planes bombed the island of Sakishima, between Formosa and Okisawa.

BRITISH POLITICS

MR. CHURCHILL RESIGNS

A London message says that Mr. Churchill, the British Premier, tendered his resignation as Prime Minister to King George VI. to-day. If the resignation is accepted, the present Parliament, which was elected ten years ago, will be dissolved and a General Election held early in July.

No date has yet been fixed for the General Election, but in political circles in London it is believed that the date will be 5th July or, possibly, 11th.

Mr. Churchill failed to reach an accommodation with the Labour Party for a continuance of the Coalition Government until the end of the Japanese war. The Labour Party were anxious for a General Election in October, but Mr. Churchill has now decided not to wait so long, but to hold it in July. A later message says that the present British Parliament will be dissolved in three weeks time. When the House of Commons resumes on Tuesday next Mr. Churchill will lead in his new Government, which will include Independents and members of the National Liberal Party.

GAELIC LEAGUE

BRANCH FORMED IN CHARLEVILLE

A public meeting was held in the Crochial Hall, Charleville, for the purpose of starting a branch of the Gaelic League in the town. Very Rev. Canon Burke, P.P., presided, and addresses were delivered by himself and a number of other speakers.

A resolution that a branch of the Gaelic League be established in the town, proposed by Mr. P. O'Riordan and seconded by Mr. J. Auliffe, was passed unanimously. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Very Rev. Canon Burke, P.P.; chairman, Thomas Rea, N.T.; treasurer, P. O'Riordan, and hon. secretary, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, N.T.

DEATH OF OLD BOHERBUOY BANDMAN

Mr. John Reddan, ex-secretary of the Boherbuoy Band, writes:—I regret to write of the death of an old and respected member of the Boherbuoy National Brass and Reed Band, Ed. O'Reilly (Ned). I knew Ned for a long number of years—royal member in every respect and a most proficient performer on

teely. Nora Kirby, Ballytarsna, Pallasgreen.

Josephine A. Franklin, Corelish, Pallasgreen.

Eileen T. Bridgeman, Cooleyhenon Cottage, Ballysimon, Limerick.

Mary Collins, Farnane, Cappamore.

Mary B. Sheahan, Knockmore, Bruree.

Annie O'Donnell, Clareen, Martinstown, Kilmallock.

Margaret M. Murphy, Cloungarra, Shearin's Cross, Kilmallock.

Senator Madden said that in connection with the award of these scholarships he would like to point out that before being qualified for admission to the Munster Institute, Cork, girls must have spent at least one session in a recognised domestic economy school. He also wished to call attention to the fact that last year the Irish Tourist Association awarded eight scholarships value £40 each to pupils of Vocational Schools. These girls would complete their training in September and already they had secured remunerative positions, which would be available to them as soon as they were qualified. He had asked the Tourist Association to increase the number of these scholarships and they had agreed to add four more for the coming year. In view of the value and importance of the scholarships he hoped a special effort would be made to induce Limerick girls to compete for them.

LIMERICK PRIEST

PASSES AWAY IN U.S.A.

The death has been reported by cable from America of the Very Rev. Patrick Moylan, S.M.A., a priest of the Society of African Missions very well known in Cork, where he laboured for many years.

Born in the City of Limerick on St. Patrick's Day, 1879, he received his early education there and taught at St. Vincent de Paul's School in this city until his entry at St. Joseph's College, Wilton, in March, 1894. Later he proceeded to the College of the Society on the Continent, and was ordained in Lyons on July 20th, 1902. In the following September he was appointed to the Missions in Egypt and served there as Professor at Tintah, Parish Priest at Mahalla, Pastor of English-speaking Catholics at Cairo, and Chaplain to the Forces until 1912. In August, 1912, he came to Cork, taking charge of St. Joseph's Church, Blackrock Road. He was also House Bursar and Professor of Moral Theology at the College there. Later he became Provincial Procurator and held that important office until his transfer as English Procurator at Liverpool in 1931. In 1936 he was appointed Procurator-General of the Society in Rome, and was on Visitation in America when war broke out and prevented his return to Europe. He had not been reported in bad health, and news of his death came unexpectedly.

TRANSPORT ACT

QUESTION OF MONOPOLY

At the monthly meeting of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture, held on Saturday, Mr. Denis Power, Co.C., Chairman, presiding,

Mr. McNamara proposed that the Department be asked to increase

agency, to realise that the end of the war in Europe is not going to bring him that blessed relief and freedom to which he has been looking forward. The present White Paper proposes a rigid control over building projects for a period of at least five years more, and it is necessary to examine the proposed scheme in order to see in what way it will affect the City and County of Limerick.

The total expenditure envisaged in the plan is 99½ million pounds. Of this it is proposed to spend nearly 46½ millions in the City and County of Dublin. Limerick Chamber of Commerce feel that this allocation is excessive. Even allowing for the fact that 20 per cent. of the population of the country is already located in the City and County of Dublin, the proportion of the expenditure earmarked for that area seems abnormal.

A serious effort should be made by the Government to prevent the continued growth of Dublin and decentralisation of administration and of industry should be attempted. This plan seems to support the policy of centralisation, and the projects suggested for the Dublin area should be all re-examined carefully with a view to dispensing some of the work to the rural areas, or to provincial centres.

Under the plan as proposed, it would appear that the monopoly enjoyed during the war by Dublin as an imports centre is to continue indefinitely to the detriment of the ports of Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Galway and Sligo.

Otherwise, the allocation of the total between the various types of building seems reasonable enough except for one or two points. It is difficult to see what urgency exists for the provision of new Garda and Military Barracks, so as to justify the expenditure of almost 2½ millions.

Then, again, the report itself draws attention to the paucity of projects having a direct bearing on agricultural production. The members of the Chamber of Commerce feel that this is a grave defect in the whole scheme. The farmer is, and has been, striving might and main to provide food and fuel for the population, and were it not for his efforts, our plight would have been a sorry one. He has neither the time nor the facilities for post-war planning; nevertheless, he has many important projects awaiting his attention when the time comes; projects which must be undertaken if our agricultural industry is to provide the exports without which the whole five year plan will collapse. No allocation has been made to meet this situation, which should really take a prime place in any planning. The importance of this cannot be over emphasised.

On page 9 of the report, it is stated that "it is the view of the industry that the best chance of getting essential materials from abroad in the post-war period is to secure them before the vast building programmes of other countries get properly on foot." The Chamber of Commerce feel that it is extremely unlikely that the country will gain any advantage in this way. The most we can hope for is that there will be a general desire to resume normal trading as soon as possible, and that our needs, being only a small proportion of the total, will receive fair treatment in the general scramble for materials. There will also be problems in foreign exchange which will not be easily solved.

The Report points out that in order to put building on a planned basis with a definite scale of priority, it will be necessary to make a general Order prohibiting

Arthur Rank—the Accompanied by the arrived by air and that his objective States. Mr. Rank a some time in the flying visit to the Of course, flour novelty to Mr. Rank member of the family of Arthur, however brother, James, dough for the "silver is now, outside of of the biggest industry.

DID VERY WELL.

The College Play talented amateur artists—did very well Matthew Feis com recently in Dublin. "Capuchin Annual" production of the very coveted distine award of a special individual acting Anderson tied with McKee Barracks. The Miss Shelah Richard tribute to all the numbering thirty, w all parts of Ireland. Players are to be h tulated on their m cess.

A GREAT PRIEST.

Very Rev. Patr S.M.A., Procurator-G Society of African M death has taken place was a Limerickman ago he was born in and the only survivor the family is a nun of England. When city some years ago availed of an opportunity to dress the members of the Confraternity of the in the Redemptorist for the repose of his celebrated in St. Jo to-morrow (Thursday 8.30 o'clock. Many of sidents of the New S curra district, recall touching incidents of boyhood days of F who, as a youth, ded his life to the Propa Faith in pagan lands

BRILLIANT CAREER

The late Father M brilliant collegiate ordained at Lyons, F He ministered in Eg when he was recalled Provincial Proc Joseph's, Blackrock where he was Pro Novitiate for ten years was Procurator at I in 1934 he went to curator-General. Jus war in 1939 he wen where, following ex work, his health beg the news of his de come as a surprise munity of the Socie Missions, whom he zealously in various over forty years.

SILVER JUBILEE.