

COMMUNISM

What The Evil Thing Means

REVOLT, MURDER, TYRANNY

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—What is Communism? This is a question which has proved an enigma to countless thousands the world over. Not until death and destruction were brought to their homes and the appalling truth laid bare did the people realize the true meaning of the word Communism.

Since the entry of Russia into World War No. 2 almost every man and woman in this country have asked themselves what is Communism, and have freely discussed the subject in the home and elsewhere. In summing up this question a great number of people arrived at the conclusion that Communism means that all people are equal and will share equally all the wealth that a country may possess. Others seem to think that the extreme poor are taken out of their poverty and wretchedness and automatically brought up to the same status, financially and otherwise as the man in comfortable circumstances, the reverse of all of which has happened.

Communism really means that property must be State controlled, that all people must work for the Government with a very carefully selected Communist few as leaders.

The Communists have for years dedicated themselves to revolt, murder and tyranny as the key to power. The Spanish revolution is one case in point. Their unmistakable stated purpose is to keep the majority of the people so confused and fighting with each other that civilisation as we knew it will crash.

Should this terrible thing happen, here is the opportunity they are waiting for. They will then march in as a military body to take control in this hour of chaos and confusion and there and then establish themselves under the control and guidance of Moscow. Communism is, without shadow of doubt, a world-wide conspiracy for power. The Communist politicians have openly admitted it. In Russia the machinery is set in motion for executing that conspiracy, and Moscow is the supreme headquarters for all Communist activities and for all nefarious plans. They incite racial and religious hatreds and prejudices; they enslave a country's economy with strikes in a fashion unparalleled in the annals of any nation's political interference.

Today we have Soviet-inspired propaganda making all sorts of allegations against the Franco regime in Spain. They state in putting their case before the Security Council that a Franco Government would constitute a danger to international peace. What they really mean is that the Catholic Church will constitute a grave danger to Communism in Spain. This is not the voice of Catholic Poland speaking and making such absurd allegations, but the voice of a contemptible Communist minority who are helping the Polish people in subjection at the point of the gun and sword, and almost daily carrying out mass executions, and of whom, it be said to their everlasting credit and shame, they have already murdered 60 Catholic priests. To the unwary and to those of you who may lend an ear to the evil whispering of the Moscow agent such is the definition of Communism.

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SERIOUS FIRE

WING OF CLARE MILLS DESTROYED

A fire which broke out at the Diamond Woollen Mills, Sixmiledge, County Clare, on Friday, completely destroyed a wing of the building, in which the boilers were situated. A considerable amount of damage was done to machinery. When the Limerick Fire Brigade arrived on the scene they found the flames spreading so rapidly through the building that it was thought best to put a call through to the Cork Fire Brigade for assistance. The Cork Brigade, however, were unable to travel. After some hours strenuous work the fire was brought under control. The task of the Limerick Brigade was rendered easier by the fact that an abundant supply of water was available from a nearby dam. Before the arrival of the Limerick Brigade, Gardai and civilians kept the flames.

OTTERS IN NEW ROLE

Having emptied the local rivers of fish, otters are now raiding farms over a mile from the nearest water at Process Moss, near Ballyvaughan, Co. Antrim. Farmers in the vicinity have traced the loss of ducks and hens to their depredations. At Ballyvaughan an otter shot in its quest, while another was killed on the road by a motor

MAIZE COMING

Details of the quantities of grain loaded on to ships in Argentina show that 14,200 tons of maize being sent to the Twenty Six Counties of Ireland.

OF MANY PARTS

Death Of Popular Figure

MR. CIARAN O'KELLY, N.T.

With feelings of deep and sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Ciaran O'Kelly, N.T., Principal, Parteen National Schools, which took place in St. John's Hospital early yesterday morning.

The deceased who had reached middle life, was for over thirty years Principal of Parteen Schools, a position to which he was appointed shortly after his graduation from the Drumcondra Training College, where he distinguished himself for his erudition and general aptitude as a teacher.

For many years he was Chairman of the County Committee of the I.N.T.O. and Secretary of the Limerick City Branch for the past thirty years and in these capacities he laboured assiduously for the upliftment and advancement of the teaching profession. An impressive and forceful speaker, he was a very successful organiser and no one will deny that he was largely responsible, if not mainly, for the strength of the I.N.T.O. in Limerick City and County. Though he never sought popularity—his very nature rebelled against anything savouring of sophistry and humbug—he was held in very high esteem and regard by the general public, but especially by his colleagues, who admired and appreciated him for his many fine traits of character. His unselfishness, devotion to his calling, loyalty to principles and unflinching adherence to lofty ideals were qualities that won for him the confidence of his fellows, not only in Limerick, but throughout the country. Proof of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by his colleagues will be found in the fact that he was elected a Vice-President of the I.N.T.O. at the annual congress of the Organisation now being held in Dublin. The announcement of his election came over the wireless last night shortly before the remains were transferred from the hospital to St. Patrick's Church, a circumstance that gave a touch of poignancy to the solemn scene.

The late Mr. O'Kelly did not confine his activities to the betterment of the teaching profession. He was an ardent worker in the cause of Labour interests generally, and two years ago, in recognition of his constant advocacy of the rights of the working man, he was elected President of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, an office he held at the time of his death. A man of boundless energy, he found time to identify himself with many progressive movements. He was, for instance, an active member of the committee formed for the purpose of securing for Limerick a Constituent College of the National University, while one of his last public acts was to speak and take part at the official opening of Feile Luimnighe. He was also a useful and practical member of the City Vocational Education Committee. By his death trade unionism has lost a sterling champion, and the community as a whole a man who never shirked his duties and responsibilities where the public weal was concerned.

In their irreparable loss the sympathy of all will go out unstintedly to his widow and eight young children. Their bereavement is so great that words must fail to assuage their grief, but yet there is the consoling thought that a husband and father has passed on to the great unknown having done life's work well—not in a narrow sense, but in the wide field of human effort and endeavour. May he rest in peace.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS.

At the removal of the remains last night there was a great concourse of the general public. Hundreds of people assembled at the hospital to visit the remains and to join in the reciting of the Rosary, to offer condolences to the young widow and helpless orphans.

The coffin was borne by four officers of the Trades Council—Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Mr. James McQuane, Mr. Michael Cooney and Mr. Tom O'Dowd. When the remains had been placed on a catafalque in front of the High Altar in St. Patrick's Church the Rosary was said by Mr. T. Kelly, N.T., the responses being given by the crowded congregation.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 11.30 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 o'clock.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A special meeting of the Committee of the Limerick Branch I.N.T.O. was held last night, the Chairman, Mr. T. Kelly, presiding. Tribute was paid to the late Mr. Ciaran O'Kelly who, for over 30 years, acted as secretary to the branch.

The Chairman said that the late Mr. O'Kelly had been an outstanding champion in the teachers' cause and his guidance and leadership over such a long period had won him the esteem not only of his colleagues of the Limerick Branch, but of all the members of the I.N.T.O.

AT I.N.T.O. CONGRESS.

At a Private Session of the I.N.T.O. Congress in Dublin yesterday, Mrs. K. M. Clarke, President of the Organisation, announced the death of Mr. O'Kelly, to whom she paid a glowing tribute for his lifelong work on behalf of the I.N.T.O. After many references to his unselfish labours for the welfare of

BLACK OUTLOOK

For Famine Areas

BIG DROP IN WHEAT EXPORTS

The outlook for the famine areas of Europe has deteriorated somewhat following statements made today concerning wheat deliveries.

At Washington to-day, Mr. Chester Davies, Chairman of President Truman's Famine Emergency Committee, stated that the United States would be unable to export the quantities of wheat originally intended.

The exports, he said, from 1st to 10th April were less by 94,000 tons than the original objective, while from 1st January to April 10th the exports were down by 507,000 tons. It was officially stated at Canberra to-day that Australia would not be able to export the total of 37,000,000 bushels of wheat to the famine areas of Europe before August.

A Rome message says that U.N.R.R.A. to-day informed the Italian Prime Minister that ships carrying 32,000 tons of wheat on high seas for English ports have been diverted to Italy. It is expected that another cargo bound for England will also be diverted to Italy.

MOTOR CAR OVERTURNS

When motoring from Rineanna to the city last night, Col. P. Maher, Manager of the Shannon Airport, his wife and daughter, met with a rather serious accident. When an oncoming car approached, Colonel Maher applied his brakes with the result that his car overturned, the occupants being pitched on to the road fence. They were picked up by a passing motorist and conveyed to their home. Col. and Mrs. Maher suffered from shock while Miss Maher received some cuts and bruises.

Col. Maher was on duty as usual at the Shannon Airport to-day and is quite well again. Both Mrs. Maher and her daughter are almost completely recovered.

A FATAL FALL

When returning to his home from Kilmallock on the 15th inst., Mr. John Clifford, Toberna, Effin, met with an accident, which later proved fatal. The deceased, who was driving a pony attached to a trap, met a friend on the road and pulled up for a chat. As he leaned backwards in the trap he got unbalanced and fell out, his head striking the roadway, rendering him unconscious. He was conveyed to St. John's Hospital, where he died on the 19th inst.

RUNAWAY HORSE

A horse attached to a float took fright and bolted in the vicinity of John Square to-day. The driver, Henry Neville, Garryowen, who was thrown from the vehicle, sustained rather serious injuries. He was brought into St. John's Hospital, where he is being detained for treatment. The horse was brought to a standstill.

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL DINNERS

The Committee of above wish to thank very sincerely the Committee of the Limerick Muintir na Tire Fuel Fund for their generous cheque (£200). As the city is badly in need of a new kitchen, it has been suggested that this would be an opportunity to start a fund for the purpose.

PRESENTATION TO MAYOR

At the annual conference in Dublin on Monday, of the Typographical Association of Ireland Ald. M. J. Hartney, Mayor of Limerick, was made a presentation by the members to mark his thirty years connection with the Association. Ald. R. S. Anthony, T.D., was in the chair.

A FINE SUMMER?

Porpoises were seen close to the shore off the south coast of the Isle of Wight on Monday. According to longshoremen, the early arrival is a sure sign of a fine summer.

PRESENTATION

On his retirement after nearly 50 years service with the G.S.R. and C.I.E., Mr. James Hayes, station-master, Dromkeen, Co. Limerick, was the recipient of a presentation by the railway staffs.

BANK PROMOTION

Mr. Gerald W. K. Clarke, accountant, Provincial Bank, Ennis, has been promoted manager of the Kanturk Branch. Mr. D. B. Aherne, accountant, Dingle, replaces him at Ennis.

the teachers, she called upon the meeting to stand in respectful silence as a tribute to his memory and his worth.

TELEGRAMS OF SYMPATHY.

The following telegrams of sympathy from the Congress were sent to Mrs. O'Kelly, wife of deceased:—"Teachers Congress now in session send you deepest sympathy on death of your husband, a life-long and sterling member of the Organisation, and a fearless advocate of the rights of his fellow-teachers."—O'Connell, General Secretary. "Sincerest sympathy in your great bereavement."—Jeremiah O'Kelly, Vice-President, I.N.T.O.

CIVIL FLYING

Local Aero Club's Enterprise

ARRIVAL OF NEW 'PLANE

Like a tiny-winged vehicle resembling a moth, cruising smoothly through a greyish mist, a plane appeared in the sky at 7 minutes to 4 o'clock on Saturday evening at Rineanna. Nearer it came to the now famous air base, for observers to discern that it was not an inward bound Constellation or Sky-master, but the cream-coloured little two-seater which had been purchased by the Shannon Aero Club Ltd.

Gliding majestically in the breeze, as it hovered over Rineanna, in another few minutes it touched down with perfect precision, and Messrs. St. J. Kearney, the pilot, and Mr. Robin Ryan, his assistant, alighted. They received hearty greetings from the Deputy-Mayor, Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., who was accompanied by the Acting City Manager, Mr. M. F. Donnellan, and from their fellow members who had travelled from Limerick for the historic landing.

Members of the club present were:—Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Messrs. M. Quillinan, P. Collier, P. Duggan, T. Ryan, M. P. Riordan, J. Lawlor, S. Jorgensen, A. Toppin, and Mrs. Saul. The plane was flown from Leicester, where it was purchased.

The Deputy Mayor said it was his very great privilege to congratulate Messrs. W. St. J. Kearney and Robin Ryan, on their very successful flight from Leicester to Rineanna. It was, too, a very successful flight for the Shannon Aero Club, and he was glad to know that the club was the first in Ireland to have its own plane. He wished to extend his congratulations to the secretary, Mr. M. Quillinan, and Capt. Hanrahan, on their great efforts, which helped in launching the club.

THE FLIGHT

Mr. St. J. Kearney told a "Limerick Leader" reporter that they took off from Rearsby Aerodrome, Leicester, at about 11.45 a.m. on Thursday, and arrived at Speake, Liverpool, a little over an hour later. After refuelling they headed north for Kingston, Carlisle, and when they touched down at this base they refuelled again and went on to Belfast, where they arrived at about six o'clock on the same evening. On Friday morning they cleared customs, refuelled again and flew to Collinstown in an hour. They left Collinstown at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, passed over Limerick after 3.45 o'clock, and touched down at Rineanna, at 3.52 o'clock. It was an excellent journey, their only difficulty being occasioned while flying from Leicester to Speake due to low visibility caused by the smoke of the industrial cities and towns in that area. Mr. St. J. Kearney intimated that he has 30 years experience of flying, and will act as chief instructor to the club, the aim of which is to promote civil flying.

The Secretary, Mr. Maurice Quillinan, when interviewed, said that the club had already a considerable list of prospective pupils, and he was awaiting sanction from the Department to allow them to give flying instructions. The plane will be parked at Rineanna for the time being, as the club was seeking a suitable site near the city for an aerodrome. A statement on the club's progress would, the Secretary added, be made in a week hence.

The plane, which is an Austro two-seater, side by side, was constructed by Messrs. Taylor Craft Aeroplanes, Leicester. It has a wing span of 36 ft. 6 in., is 24 ft. in length, and 6 ft. high. It has a 90 h.p. Cirrus engine, and its top speed is 105 miles per hour, while its cruising speed is between 85 and 90 m.p.h. It consumes 4½ gallons of aviation spirit per hour.

WEEK-END FLIGHTS.

Over the week-end Mr. Kearney gave members five-minute flights around the Airport. The members, who include some of the airline staffs at Rineanna, expressed complete satisfaction with the performance of the machine. One member, Mr. G. Brown, who is attached to the ground staff of American Overseas Airlines, will bring over his own machine, a "Piper Cub," in the near future. Officials of the club have expressed a desire that they would acquire further aircraft as time went on.

The Easter week-end of 1946 certainly can be considered a historic one for the Shannon Aero Club, for the members could boast, on Limerick's behalf of being the first club in Ireland to possess its own aeroplane. In this connection it has created an epoch in Irish Aviation history, which indicates that Limerick is alert in taking a hand in the progress of flying.

It is something to be proud of that the club is the first in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales to operate since the summer of 1940. Restrictions on the supplies of petrol for machines are holding up the progress of similar amateur flying clubs in England, which are otherwise ready to start. Thereby, Ireland's position in civil aviation is far more favourably progressive when comparing it with that of Britain.

ANTI-COMMUNIST VOTE

By a vote of 113 to 30, the annual conference of the British Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks in Cardiff refused to support Communist affiliation to the Labour Party.

TOWN TOPICS

NEW CITY MANAGER.
The new City Manager, Mr. M. Macken, B.A., B.Comm., will take over the reigns of office on 1st proximo. Many important civic matters await his attention. Foremost amongst these is the dilapidated state of certain parts of the city, notably Clare Street, Bank Place, Francis Street and Arthur's Quay. Of course, housing is inextricably associated with dangerous and tumble-down tenements. Until it is possible for the Corporation to embark on a big housing scheme there is little hope that the old shacks at present serving as tenements can be demolished. Mr. Macken can look forward to a busy time ahead in pushing pressing social schemes and projects.

INTERESTED VISITOR.

An interested visitor to the Shannon Airport during the week-end was Mr. Donald O Buachalla, the last Governor-General of the Free State. He was met by Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., Deputy Mayor, who happened to be in Rineanna in connection with the arrival of the training plane purchased by the Shannon Aviation Club. Mr. O Buachalla was accompanied on a tour of inspection through the airport. The distinguished visitor was greatly impressed at all he saw and in the course of conversation he expressed surprise and admiration at the colossal proportions of the drome. Too much praise, he said, could not be given to the Government for their courage and enterprise in undertaking a work of such magnitude.

A GREAT WORKER.

The death of Mr. Ciaran O'Kelly, N.T., has deprived the I.N.T.O. of one of its most dynamic and enthusiastic workers. Late and early he laboured unselfishly for his fellows and no task, no matter how formidable, would deter him. He identified himself with every progressive movement and in that connection it should be mentioned that his last public act was to assist at the formal opening of Feile Luimnighe. He was also an active member of the committee set up to promote Limerick's claim to a Constituent College of the National University. For many years he was secretary of the County Branch of the I.N.T.O., and in that capacity, despite the fact that he did not enjoy robust health, he rendered signal services to the organisation. At the time of his death he was president of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council.

THOSE BANANAS.

There need no longer be any doubt that the banana has arrived in Limerick. While it is true that the fruit is not displayed in our shops, yet there is evidence, nevertheless, that it is on sale. All one has got to do is to look at the footpaths and streets; indeed, pedestrians would be well advised to have a good look lest they might step on a yellow skin that is as slippery as an eel. It is amazing the little respect and consideration some people have for the safety of others. To throw the "jackets" of bananas carelessly about the streets is tantamount to a crime against the community as a whole. But there are some amongst us who will never learn anything, not to speak of good manners.

ROWDYISM.

And mention of manners reminds us of the behaviour of young fellows who delight in horse-play along the footpaths. These hooligans—they are nothing more or less—have no regard for the rights of others. Occasionally "gangs" burst from nowhere, jostle and bustle all about them, quite oblivious of the fact that they are an intolerable nuisance. Indeed, they seem not to care much, if anything at all, for the rights of pedestrians. This sort of rowdyism should not be tolerated.