

ew, for that great Pontiff as strong in his condemnation of Socialistic principles as Pius XI in later years.



as far back as 1878 Pope XIII issued an Encyclical in which he denounced Socialists, Communists and Catholics as "the propagators of attacks on the supernatural, social authority, family and private property." It is of interest to note that his message put Socialists first in his indictment. The three, he went on to explain, were joined closely together "in a fruitful alliance" to carry out their purpose of "uprooting the foundations of civilised society at large." We can very safely conclude from all this that the great Leo XIII would give his blessing or approval to the Socialistic scheme now in operation in our country.



One of the things to be remembered in particular about Socialism—and it is something that is all too frequently overlooked—is that it is a near relation of Communism. In fact the one who traces the former is in almost certain to slide into the latter, except his eyes were opened in the meantime to the dangerous slope which he finds himself. The programme of the Sixth World Congress of Communists, held at Moscow in 1928, stated that between Capitalist Society and Communists there is a transition period. "The characteristic feature of the transition period is a whole," it went on to say "is the ruthless suppression of the resistance of the workers, the organisation of a Socialist construction, the training of men and women in the spirit of Social-

Limerick Clann na Poblachta has sent a letter to the Minister for Social Welfare suggesting that a bonus—perhaps in the form of a double week's allowance—be paid around Christmas time to those people receiving the old age pension.

During a discussion on the question, it was pointed out that the Minister had made statements—published in the Press—to the effect that the new Social Welfare Scheme would not be in operation before January 6th, 1949, due to the amount of preparation that requires to be made.

The meeting was of the opinion that those people who would come under the scheme should be compensated in some way for the delay, and it considered that a letter, conveying the meeting's resolution, be forwarded to the Minister concerned.

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## LIMERICK MAN'S REMAINS

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### BROUGHT BACK FROM HOLLAND

The remains of Patrick J. Fitzgerald, left Kingsbridge to-day for Limerick. The coffin, which was covered with the U.S. flag, was escorted to Limerick by an N.C.O. of the U.S. Army.

The late Patrick J. Fitzgerald served with the U.S. Army during the war, and was killed in action in Holland.

His remains were brought back from Holland for re-interment as a result of an arrangement carried out by the U.S. Authorities.

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## GAELIC LEAGUE

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### CITY BRANCH

The annual general meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Gaelic League will be held at 18, Thomas Street, on Sunday next at 3 p.m. All members are requested to attend. All activities of the branch are now in full swing—classes, ceilidhthe, table tennis, library. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of new members to help in realising the true Gaelic ideal of making Ireland Gaelic from shore to shore.

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### ST. PATRICK'S CARNIVAL

The "Dive Bomber" and the

GOOD.

The power of this little book for good in a world torn and dragged this way and that by false ideologies—not to speak of the innumerable and highly intensified inducements to sin which confront every human being everywhere in this our day—must be stupendous, and this particularly because of its universal appeal. It will appeal to priest and people alike. The priest will find in every page splendid matter for sermons; priest and people plenty of food for thought and incalculable help towards their spiritual uplift. In fact, all honest Christians—be they Catholic or non-Catholic—will be the better for having perused this excellent little book, which is in no way polemical. Even those who have never heard the name of Christ will find within its pages a clear, beautiful and complete pen picture of the Man-God Jesus Christ, Who is all and everything to the meanest of His creatures.

No wonder that "Christ is All" has been already translated into French and Italian, as well as into beautiful Irish—the latter by Father Thomas Gallagher. The English edition is in clear legible type and has a most attractive frontpiece of Leonardo Da Vinci's Christ.

The author has many more literary works to his credit—chiefly biographical. If, however, he had written nothing else save "Christ is All," his name must live in the annals of Catholic literary achievements. J.C.

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## ENJOYABLE EXCURSION

On Sunday last, 3rd inst. (writes a correspondent), the Engineering Staff of the Condensed Milk Co. Lansdowne, sponsored what turned out to be a most successful 'bus excursion to Ballybunion. From the oldest (78) to the youngest (17) member of the party could be heard the words which truly sum up of the day's proceedings—" 'Twas a great day." And so it was a great day in every respect, and it is the hope of all that this day out was the forerunner of many outings to be enjoyed by this happy group next season. Incidentally, it is 13 years since an excursion was run from Lansdowne, and last Sunday's revival was, it is to be hoped, the herald of a return to better and more peaceful times.

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## IRISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS

At the recent committee meeting of Cairde na Gaedhilge it was pointed out that the Irish classes for adults at the Municipal Technical