

## IRELAND'S CONCERN IN EUROPEAN TRADE

A conference in Dublin to-day, organised by the Irish Council the European movement, the aspects for agriculture in Europe were discussed. Mr. Patrick Smith, Minister for Agriculture, opened the conference. He touched on world-wide problems in agriculture. It was nominally important, he said, that this country should maintain its increase its agricultural output in the common market countries. So far as he could see, the evolution of common agricultural policy envisaged by the treaty of Rome seemed likely to lead in the direction of greater production within common market countries with the possibility of a reduction in prices. Should a satisfactory form of association be worked out eventually between the two groups in Europe, it will be a matter of the greatest concern to countries such as Ireland that the importance of traditional channels of trade and regional economic association should be fully recognised and that highly industrialised countries in Europe would actively operate to solve the problem of countries which were depending largely on agricultural exports so as to achieve a truly healthy economy of the world. The nations could be firmly established.

## IRISH BEST FED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

While experts in Ireland agree with the report of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organisation that the Irish are the best-fed people in the world, they think we eat too much fat, butter and eggs. According to the F.A.O., 3,500 calories are available daily to the Irishman, with New Zealand a short head behind with 3,430 calories and the Danes third with 3,350. A woman dietician in a leading Dublin hospital said the Irish eat good, plain, simple food, but took too much fat. People in the towns and cities ate adequately, but the rural population was inclined to over-do it.

## RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

A trade agreement and an agreement on economic and technical co-operation have been signed between Ghana and the Soviet Union in Moscow, said a Moscow Radio broadcast. The Soviet Union will extend to Ghana a long-term loan of 16,000,000 roubles (about £14,550,000) at the official rate of pay for Soviet technical assistance. The terms are "as easy as those on which the Soviet Government has granted credits to other under-developed countries," the broadcast said.

# Inquiry To Be Held To Close Two City Cemeteries

**An ancient cemetery—Killalee—in the heart of the Garryowen housing estate is to be closed for public use.**

At the instance of the Corporation, a Sworn Inquiry will be held shortly into an application to have Killalee closed—a cemetery in which very few burials now take place. In fact, the last burial took place there eighteen years ago.

### A SECOND CEMETERY

The Corporation also proposes to close St. Bridget's Cemetery, near the Watch-house Cross. This cemetery had been confined to burials of inmates of the old City Workhouse.

Killalee Cemetery, which is very small, has been in use for well over a century. Until comparatively recent times, it was standing on its own, as it were, but with the spread-out of the city following the housing development the cemetery became more or less "enclosed."

### SOME WEIRD STORIES

In the immediate vicinity of Killalee is another very old cemetery—that of St. John's Church. In days gone by this graveyard held an uncanny attraction for the less sophisticated, who loved to dwell on and embellish reports of weird happenings in the vicinity.

For such people, the death-coach and the phantom funeral were as prosaic realities as the arrival today of C.I.E. buses at the railway terminus.

The story tellers minutely described the glassless hearses bearing black coffins, and plumed horses, mourners in period attire and attendant coaches.

### BUT IT WAS NEVER SEEN

What a thrilling ghost story, if there was no weak link! But there was one—who ever saw the death-coach? Not even one, of course. Yet people were gullible enough to believe what they were told and, so, for long years the timid would not venture near St. John's Square at night lest they should encounter a phantom funeral.

## COUNTY BRIGADES FIGHT BARN FIRE

Rathkeale and Newcastle West Fire Brigades were engaged for several hours on Monday in fighting a hay-barn fire on an outside farm at Dunganville, between Ardagh and the Old Mill. The farm is owned by Mr. Michael Burke, Newcastle West. The brigades arrived at about 2.30 a.m. and found that the fire had got a firm grip on the hay which was burning furiously. Despite the fact that the nearest water supply was about half a mile away the brigades with two pumps laid on succeeded in saving a large quantity of the contents of the barn which contained between 35 and 40 tons of hay. Much of the hay was damaged by fire and smoke. Mr. John Doyle, Chief Officer, was in charge of the Rathkeale brigade and the Newcastle West unit was under Mr. Dan O'Keeffe, officer in charge.

## TO TAKE HIS SON'S PLACE IN PRISON

Mr. Oliver Powers, father of the convicted American U-2 pilot, Francis Gary Powers, has written to Mr. Khrushchev asking to be allowed to take his son's place in prison, he revealed yesterday.

## MAN KILLED WHEN BEER EXPLODED

When a barrel of beer exploded in Galve, Spain, part of it hit a 75-year-old man on the head and killed him.

## INDIA REGA CONGO SINGLE EN

THE Katanga Government Congo threatened to close the Kamina air base out claiming that it was all part of Katanga territory their sovereignty must be After receiving the U.N. force at the strengthened by and Swedish troops.

Mr. Pandit Nehru, in the House of the Indian Parliament Delhi to-day, said that his Government regarded the Congo as a single entity, which should not be split up. If the United Nations had not acted, intervention by other countries would have been possible and Congolese independence could not have lasted. The Indian Premier said his country was air-lifting medical and staff to open a hospital in the Congo within the next 10 days.

## MORE MAINTENANCE STAFF FOR AER

Aer Lingus is increasing its maintenance staff, it was announced in Dublin Airport to-day. It is a move for the trans-Atlantic airline. When the new staff is in the Company will be in a position to carry out its own maintenance.

"When our jet 'plan' said an official to-day, it will be in a position to carry out its own maintenance."

The first of the jets is expected to arrive at Dublin Airport tomorrow, and it is expected to begin operation in the following days.

## ENGINEERS LO JUNGLE

The Ecuador Defence Force disclosed that seven British engineering trip have been in the jungle for 40 days in the jungle of northern Ecuador.

They were on their frontier post on the Putumayo when contact was lost. The British have failed to signal.

## HALPIN SCHOOL DANCING

On Saturday next, the 10th, Halpin School of Dancing opens at St. Michael's, Cecil St. There is a special for country pupils on 2 p.m. Early application is invited.



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## Changes In Limerick