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Labour leader's tribute to Steve



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TANAISTE and Labour leader Dick Spring will lead politi-

cal figures who this Wednesday and Thursday will pay final tributes to the late Steve Coughlan. The twice former

mayor of Limerick and Labour TD from 1961 to 1977 died after a short illness in the Limerick Regional Hospital yesterday.

cian, the late Steve Coughlan served Limerick well in his long political career which included 29 years on Limerick City Council.

He was Mayor of Limerick in 1951 and again in 1969. Limerick City Council were due to meet

this afternoon to pay tributes to the former Mayor.

The late Mr Coughlan was a publican and ran what is now Eric Lynch's bar, for a number of years. He was also a bookie and his familiar figure and glowing grin was one of the features of the annual Christmas holiday meeting at Greenpark, Limerick.

"People from all over the country have been in contact about the funeral and Dick Spring and most of the Labour TD's and Minister's

have indicated that they are coming to the funeral," explained sitting Labour TD Jim Kemmy this morning.

The late Mr Coughlan is survived by his wife Peggy and by his two sons Stephen and Thady, also a former Mayor and by his daughter Nellie and two sisters Mary and Bernie.

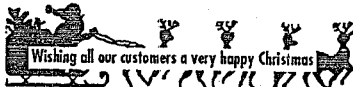
His remains will be brought from Griffin's Undertakers to St Joseph's Church this Wednesday at 7pm. Funeral mass on Thursday at 11.30am.

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Weather for the Christmas Holiday

THE fog will slowly thin to mist, this afternoon, but perhaps lingering in some low-lying districts of the Limerick Region, throughout the day. Cloudy and misty in the west with some hill or coastal fog; drizzle in western districts, from time to time, but continuing dry further east, with perhaps a little hazy sunshine eventually; highest temperatures 7-11°, best in the west; winds light easterly or south-easterly, but locally moderate to fresh along the west coast. Continuing dry in western areas, after dark, with little or no wind inland; fog will once again form over a wide area; westerly areas will have further patches of drizzle or rain; southerly to south-westerly winds will freshen and later feel cold with temperatures from 0° to 2° inland, giving a slight ground frost locally, but 5-8° near the west coast. Tomorrow morning will see fog and any frost soon clearing as southerly winds increase moderate to fresh generally. It will stay dry tomorrow-in eastern parts, with sunny periods likely to

develop; but western regions will remain cloudy and misty with further outbreaks of drizzle or rain; 9-11°. Dry in many eastern parts, tomorrow night, with clear spells, but still misty and drizzly along the western seaboard; still mild and too breezy for any fog to form. Staying fairly mild on Friday, but south-westerly winds will tend to strengthen further; drizzle or rain will spread in from the west, during the day, and will be slow to reach eastern parts. This will clear on Friday night, leaving Christmas Eve (Saturday) colder and still breezy, with a few showers in the west and bright sunny intervals. In the early hours of Christmas Day, south-westerly winds, backing southerly, will increase strong to gale force, giving periods of heavy rain in the morning, and early afternoon in the west and moving quickly inland. This will clear eastwards very quickly with squally wintry showers setting in Christmas Night and for most of St Stephen's Day.

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