

A NATION BEYOND MEANS?

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

In his letter in your week-end issue, Mr. Patrick Carey's Road, Limerick, says "brazen audacity" my that no financial provision made by the Coalition for the salary increases teachers, Civic Guards and the fact is that my statement is absolutely correct but did not mention enough, as it left other things out of account. The Army and Civil Service has been completely established by official figures that the Government committed themselves to giving of increases to the Garda Síochána, Army and Air Corps. These increases were altogether a sum of £1,000,000 but no provision whatever was made in Mr. Kelly's Budget. Mr. Kelly's statement that the cost of the increases was duly provided for in the Estimates will deceive no one who has any knowledge of the facts. Placing an item on a statement is one thing; paying the money for it is another. The place to provide for it was in the Budget. It had no such provision as everyone should know. The possible proof that the Budget was a fake and that the fact that rather than a discussion on it in the Dáil, the Government decided on a general election.

Mr. Kelly's Budget has shown itself to be some-thing of a boomerang to those who used it as a weapon against the Government. The Government were shocked by it at the time, but now, when it is coming to see in growth that its severity is due to the Government's trickery and that the Government are necessary to get out of what was a very bad situation. The Government's Inter-Party set up by getting shy of Budget for all the arguments they made in that respect. At Ring, Co. Waterford, Mr. R. Corish, T.D., one of the Labour Party, said the Budget has been done for three purposes—to create a pool of unemployed; to reduce the standard of living; and to maintain in her rearmament the same thing was said at some weeks ago by Mr. Kelly, the ex-Taoiseach. He gave Mr. Kelly in your paper the same amuse-ment by saying that "the Government did this Budget and behind about living beyond our means that Fianna Fáil is deter-mined to reduce the standard of living of the people." Surely the Government use childish statements and do not believe them. If they should give up politics; but use them as propaganda have terrible contempt for their hearers. Those who stoop to such absurdities are proving that they are not serious.

Restoring St. John's Cathedral

ON Saturday, the Diocese of Limerick keeps the yearly memory of the dedication of the Cathedral. This year, however, the usual lights will not burn before the consecration Crosses along the aisles of St. John's. The internal walls are in process of being stripped for replastering. This is part of a general scheme of restoration being carried out for the past few months throughout the entire fabric of the century-old church. Not quite a century, indeed, for the foundation was laid on the first day of May, in the year 1856.



After the stress and strain of the years the roof timbers happily show little need for attention. So much slating, however, has been replaced in recent times and so much similar patching would be necessary in the immediate future that the brave resolution has been taken to roof the whole building in copper. The sanctuary slopes of the transepts are already covered, and with favourable weather the new roofing should extend far down the nave and aisles before the coming of winter.

The provision of worthy sacristies and a general scheme of decoration are also planned. The parishioners and the diocese are facing their responsibilities with the same courage and imagination as enabled Bishop Ryan and his architect, Hardwicke, to give Limerick so noble a Cathedral in the shadowed years that followed the Famine 'Forties.

THE GREAT FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WITH a series of most impressive and edifying Corpus Christi Processions on Sunday, West Limerick joined with the rest of the country in paying a remarkable public tribute to Christ The King, writes a staff reporter of the "Leader." Favoured with ideal weather conditions, public demonstrations of loyalty and adoration were held at several centres, including Newcastle West, Rathkeale, Foynes, Dromcollogher, Glin, Castle-mahon, and at the Novitiate of the Oblate Order at Cahermoyle.

The annual Eucharistic Procession at Newcastle West on Sunday was one of the most successful and impressive ever seen in the western

LOCAL CLUB'S SUCCESSFUL DOG SHOW

THE first Limited Dog Show held by the Limerick and District Canine Club proved an outstanding success yesterday, at the L.P.Y.M.A. Sports Ground. The fixture, which was organised under the licence of the Irish Kennel Club, attracted 142 exhibits. In all there were twenty classes. The judges for the day were Messrs M. J. Riordan, B.E., Cork, and J. J. O'Hara, Dublin. The smooth running of the Show was another tribute to Mr. Joe Sheehan, the energetic Hon. Secretary of the local canine club. During the judging many promising Show dogs were seen, and they should do well at the Open Shows.

PROPERTY RIGHTS IN TRADE

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

DEAR SIR—At a special meeting of the members of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce (Alderman John Carey) held on the 16th inst., the views of each of the four candidates for the Dail by-election in the constituency were considered. The views arose out of the questions which were submitted to the candidates by the Chamber in connection with their views in connection with the confiscation of property by the Government with a view to the payment of adequate compensation to the owners concerned.

In the case of Ald. John Carey and Mr. Sean Hayes, their answer stated that they did not support any such action on the part of the Government. In the case of Alderman Russell and Mr. Clarke they appeared to think that the property owner was in this matter under the law.

A lengthy discussion took place during the course of which it was explained that in the original position it was intended that the property, in addition to means for buildings, etc., was also to cover the business of the owner resulting from his enterprise during the period of years. It was pointed out that it was this aspect of the matter in which the Chamber was particularly concerned.

As to the rights of the man in claiming protection of the Constitution from interference by Ministerial Order, it was pointed out that legal opinion which was secured from more than one Counsel was to the effect that there was no redress, and the Government, therefore, expressed the view that despite the fact that there was no legal remedy, confiscation of this nature must be regarded as being in accordance with natural justice and morality. It is felt that to place an undue burden on one section of the community without the opportunity of a proper enquiry to prove that the result would be a notable benefit to the common good was mentally unjust, and the Government, in transferring one business man to another, established trading rights very full and thorough investigation is against the principle of justice.

Yours faithfully,

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FEAST OF THE SA HEART

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"Behold this Heart which loved men."
(Words of our Divine Lady, Margaret Mary).
Behold this Heart! Thine
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