

UPROAR

President of Zambia gets Freedom of Limerick

HIS Excellency the President of Zambia, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, received an enthusiastic welcome on his arrival in Limerick this evening where he was given the Freedom of the City at an impressive ceremony in the School of Commerce Assembly Hall, Mulgrave St.

Earlier in the day he toured the Industrial Estate of Shannon Airport and visited several of the factories there showing a keen interest in everything.

Welcoming the President to Limerick, the Mayor, Councillor Jack Danagher, said:—

"It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me, on behalf of the City Council and on behalf of all the citizens to extend to you a warm and sincere welcome to this ancient city of ours.

"Your decision to visit us and accept the freedom of the city filled us with joy and gratitude. We are aware that you are an extremely busy man, and the fact that you made time to pay us a call endears you to us all. You were amongst us before, but now you come as the exalted head of the great new Republic of Zambia. Our only regret is that your stay will not be a longer one, but we do hope that you will pay us a return visit when you may have more time to spend with us and to savour our age-old way of life.

OLD AND NEW

"We have here Ireland's oldest city—a city of which we are justly proud. We have in it a blend of old and new—the modern edifice looking down with benevolence on the ruin of the great and glorious past. Remember, Limerick was the battle cry of our Wild Geese as they swept through the battlefields of many a Continental country. We look back with pride on our great past, but also we look forward to the advance of Limerick in the modern way. We are now on the crest of a great wave, and in the not too distant future Limerick will certainly rival any other Irish city in prosperity and in importance.

A LEADER.

The Mayor went on to say: "You come here, Mr. President, as a kindred soul — you come here as the leader of a nation which fought the long and bitter struggle for freedom.

We here in Ireland can appreciate your joy and happiness at seeing your people freed from the yoke of tyranny. We can rejoice with you in seeing the bright new flag of Black, Red and Green waving over the land of Zambia.

"For well nigh 800 years we here were engaged in our fight for freedom and it is grand to know that we were in some way an inspiration to your people in your great fight for your freedom.

"We rejoice with you in your victory—we applaud you for your efforts and no man has done more for his country than you, Sir, the President of the Republic of Zambia. Your country is new only in name—it is ancient in tradition and native culture.

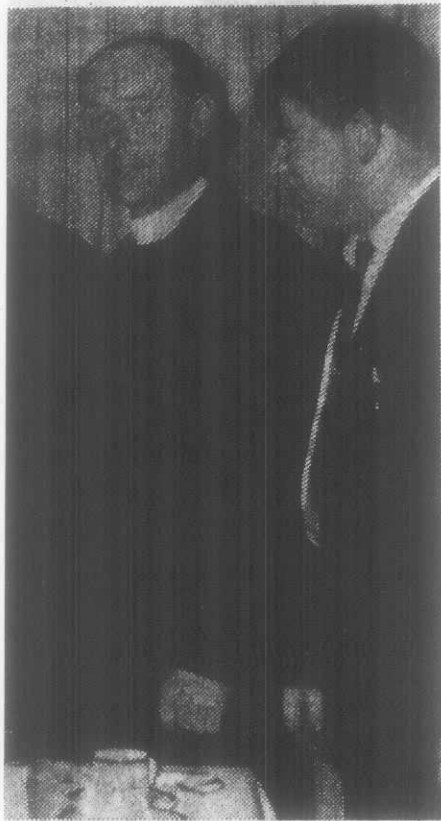
GOLDEN AGE.

"Your own vibrant personality has made a great impact on world affairs. It is abundantly clear that you are very much alive to the world of to-day and to the world of to-morrow. You have asked the Irish for help in building your country and I am sure this help will be freely given. We have always been a great missionary race and in our golden age we spread the light of learning and Faith in the then pagan Europe. To-day we still continue in this missionary spirit and in your country of Zambia there is ample evidence of this. Members of the Jesuit Order and others also are working in your country and we here are very proud of their efforts.

GREETINGS

"You have made it crystal clear that you are the harbinger of goodwill and tolerance from your country to all the nations of the world. We here join with you in spreading this doctrine, because we know it is the teaching of Christ. Our

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Mr. Harry Cox, Treasurer, L.D.M.C., presenting a cheque for £850 to Mr. Leo Kearns, Chairman, Janesboro' Sporting and Athletic Club, to provide dressingrooms, showers, etc., at Pearse Stadium. Also included (left to right): Mr. Tom Joyce; Very Rev. M. Enright, Rev. Fr. P. Houlihan, Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Mr. Charles Ingle, Mr. Tom O'Mahony. The presentation took place in Cruise's Hotel last night on the occasion of the club's third annual dinner/dance.

State coach trip for Dr. Kaunda

The C.I.E. State coach, last used by Dr. Radhakrishnan, President of India, during his State visit in September, will be back in service tomorrow when Dr. Kaunda returns to Dublin after his visit to Limerick and Shannon Airport.

Dr. Kaunda and his party will leave Shannon by a C.I.E. Worldmaster coach in the morning and travel to Limerick Junction. There they will board the State coach, which will be attached to the 8 a.m. passenger train from Tralee.

The train will arrive at Kingsbridge No. 1 platform at 12.40 p.m., where Dr. Kaunda will be greeted by Dr. Andrews, C.I.E. Chairman; Mr. Frank Lemass, General Manager, and other C.I.E. officials.

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