

# STATEMENT BY MEDICAL PROFESSION

## Virus Identified And Typed

A fully representative meeting of the medical profession was held at University College, Cork yesterday to discuss the poliomyelitis situation. Every aspect of the outbreak was examined and the meeting was agreed at all possible steps were being taken to combat the outbreak.

The meeting desires to inform the public that the epidemic, though an extensive one and probably not yet at its peak in numbers, is a mild form of the disease. The virus has been identified and typed.

It also desires to assure the public at all modern methods of treatment are available.

### RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

The President yesterday received Mr. J. McCullough and Mr. J. H. Arbison, executive members of the Mann na n-Innealtóirí.

## Missing, 10 Ocean Drama Reaches New York Survivors

Ten are known to have died and sinking of the 29,100 ton Italian liner, 644 ton Swedish liner, Stockholm, in US coast on Wednesday night. Decks crowded with survivors, docked due ships to reach port.

Safety factors existed during the voyage.

### SEA EXPERTS' QUESTIONS.

Three questions were raised in maritime circles yesterday on the collision. The sea experts asked: Was one of the ships off course? What happened to the radar? What happened to the Andrea Doria, claimed as unsinkable? On the first question experts pointed out the Stockholm was at 40.3 degrees north latitude and 69.50 degrees west longitude when she rammed the Andrea Doria. If the ship had been following her track agreed upon immediately after the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the Stockholm should have been at least 20 miles south of the location.

Maritime officials conceded that the Andrea Doria was travelling on the correct path since most west-bound ships "home" by way of the Nantucket lightship.

The sinking of the Andrea Doria after the collision puzzled the experts. The Andrea Doria's hull was subdivided into 12 compartments by vertical bulkheads rising to the main deck. It was designed to float if two compartments were flooded, even when the damaged compartments were adjacent. It was believed that the collision did not damage more than two compartments. Shipping men theorised, however, that the flooding of three or more compartments could have occurred because the crash may have put out of commission automatic doors that close off other compartments.

# General Character Of Polio Outbreak "Mild"

July 26, '58 —Minister For Health  
Conference Held At Cork City  
Hall

THE general character of the outbreak was on the whole of a mild nature and the mortality rate had been extremely low. He did not think there were any grounds for panic, declared Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, Minister for Health, following a conference at the City Hall, yesterday, with representatives of the city and county medical authorities and officials on the polio outbreak in Cork. There was no need for public alarm and there should be no mass exodus from the city nor should people wishing to visit the city hesitate to do so, he said.

It was learned last night that ten more suspected cases of polio, the highest number admitted in any one day to date, were brought to St. Finbarr's Hospital yesterday. The number of confirmed cases is now 72 and 11 suspects.

The conference at the City Hall was also attended by the Lord Mayor Ald Sean Casey, T.D., the Cork City Manager, Mr. P. Monahan, the City Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. C. Saunders, the Co. M.O.H., Dr. G. McCarthy, Dr. M. Gould, R.M.S., St. Finbarr's Hospital, the Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. J. F. Williams, Mr. J. C. O'Connell, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Gurranebraher Hospital, two inspectors from the Dept. of Health, Dr. J. D. Hourihan and Dr. H. O'Flanagan as well as assistant medical officers from the local authorities. A full review of the situation relating to the polio epidemic was made.

The Minister later toured the polio wards at St. Finbarr's Hospital and subsequently gave an interview to members of the Press.

### FULL-SCALE CO-OPERATION

He stated that a full discussion had taken place with reference to the outbreak.

"I am satisfied," said the Minister, "that there is full-scale co-operation by all local authorities in meeting the situation."

"I have visited the special polio centre at St. Finbarr's Hospital and I should like to express my extreme satisfaction at the arrangements made at the Hospital and at the facilities and equipment available. I think a special word of appreciation should be expressed in relation to the work that is being done by the R.M.S., his assistants, nurses, ambulance drivers and domestic staff."

"They are giving a noble service to the people of Cork in their attendance and treatment of all cases," the Minister continued. "I think Cork is extremely fortunate in having available such an excellent centre."

The general character of the outbreak, he said, was on the whole of a mild nature and the mortality rate had been extremely low.

"On the advice I have received," continued the Minister, "I don't think there are any grounds for panic." In this respect the Minister specially complimented the mothers on the steps they had taken in observing the precautions recommended by the medical authorities.

### AVOIDANCE OF FATIGUE

The Minister laid particular stress on the avoidance of fatigue and over exertion and he had this to say for mothers: "Don't let your children play too much, feed them well and get them to bed early."

Dr. O'Higgins then answered a number of questions with regard to the conference on the outbreak. He told reporters that they had discussed the question of accommodation now and for the future as well as physiotherapy and nursing requirements.

Asked to comment on the movement of children out to the country he said that in view of the

mildness of the epidemic he thought there was no need for public alarm and there should be no mass exodus from the city, nor should people wishing to visit the city hesitate to do so.

In conclusion, he referred to the untiring work of Dr. M. Gould, Mr. Maurice Hickey, Dr. E. Gould and Dr. K. O'Callaghan.

The South Cork Board of Public Assistance, the body in charge of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranebraher, is endeavouring to secure additional physiotherapists to assist in the treatment of polio cases after the infectious stage has been passed.

## LAND CHARGES PROBLEM "INSOLUBLE"

### Committee's Findings

A committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Roxburgh, which made an investigation into land charges, says in its report issued last night, that the framers of the Land Charges Act, 1925, posed a problem for the committee which was insoluble "until it solves itself upon completion of the registration of all titles to land."

The committee was appointed to consider the position arising after January 1 this year, when the land charges register will have been in existence for more than 30 years, and a purchaser of land under an open contract may not be entitled to call for a root of title earlier than that period of time; and to advise any amendments of the law that ought to be made.—P.A.

## DUBLIN PILOT'S BODY FOUND AFTER CRASH IN MALAYA

The pilot of a jet Venom fighter which crashed near Butterworth, North Malaya, on July 24th, was yesterday identified as Flying Officer Frederick William Thomas Hobson (23), of Marina Mart, Fairview, Dublin.

His body was found on Thursday floating in water two miles from the wreckage of the fighter, lying in 20 feet of water about 40 miles from the Butterworth base.

A Malay shopkeeper who said he saw the crash, has told reporters that the plane exploded in mid-air.

increase in the wages of bakery workers, payable under Labour Court recommendations made in October, 1955.

In their second interim report, the Committee made proposals as to how this recommendation might be implemented.

### OVERWEIGHT AT TIME OF SALE

They said that under the existing provisions, which require that bread must be of the prescribed weight at the time of sale, "it is clear that scaling weights, that is, the weight of the dough before baking, have been so fixed as to provide that, generally speaking, bread is slightly overweight at time of sale."

It is hardly surprising, therefore, to find that in the case of hot bread the tests show a significant overweight at time of sale. We are informed that, with the exception of sliced and wrapped bread, relatively little cold bread is now sold.

The scaling weight for all bread is determined by reference to the small proportion of cold bread which is sold, with the result that by far the greater number of loaves sold are overweight to the

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## TAOISEACH SEES IRISH CENTRE

### Mr. Costello's Visit To London

The Taoiseach, Mr. Costello, who is in London on private business, visited the Irish Centre in Camden Square, London, last night. He was received by the Chairman, Rev. Thomas J. McNamara, who is Chairman of the London Co. Board, G.A.A., and a native of Newtownshandrum, County Cork.

With Mr. Costello were his son-in-law, Mr. Alexis Fitzgerald, and the Irish Ambassador, Mr. F. H. Boland. Mr. Costello will return to Dublin on Monday. He has gone over to see his daughter, Mrs. Eavan Sutton, of Cork, who is ill in a London hospital.

The Taoiseach and his party were shown over the Irish Centre, which is known as Oliver Plunket House. Twenty-seven Irishmen are in residence and soon this number will be doubled—the L.C.C. has passed the plans for a large hall to be built at the back of the present buildings, and this will provide for further social purposes.

The Irish Centre was opened by his Eminence Cardinal Griffin last September, and the Cardinal has himself given about £4,500 towards the cost of the freeholds.

Among the committee members present to greet the Taoiseach were Mr. J. P. Steacy, Chairman; Mr. James Conway, Mr. L. P. Arnold, Mr. Stephen Hussey, Mr. Tadg Feehan (Boherbue) and Sister B. M. Kenny.

## NEW BUILDING OPENED IN DUBLIN

A new passenger and customs clearance building at the North Wall, Dublin, to the order of the British and Irish Steam Packet Company was opened yesterday by Mr. J. Nugent, chairman, Bord Fáilte Éireann.

It was erected at a cost of £60,000 on the site of the former Glasgow warehouse which was destroyed by fire two years ago and the accommodation includes a spacious waiting room for 600 passengers, customs clearance rooms for goods and warehouse space.

Among those attending the opening were Messrs. T. J. O'Driscoll, General Manager, Bord Fáilte, Mr. S. MacKenzie, Chairman, Dublin Port and Docks Board, and Mr. P. J. Heard, Director and General Manager of the B. and I. Company.

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