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## REPLY TO POWERS' WARNINGS

### Japanese Assurance On Chinese Customs Censorship At Shanghai

**THE** Japanese Embassy spokesman in Shanghai yesterday gave an assurance that due consideration would be given to the interests of the Powers concerned in any Japanese action affecting the Chinese Customs as revenue for foreign loans.

This statement followed the week-end announcement by Great Britain, France and the United States of diplomatic representation to Tokio on this matter.

The Japanese authorities yesterday assumed control of the Chinese telegraph and wireless administrations in Shanghai. They took over all branches of these services and instituted their own censorship.

Japanese military operations in the Yangtse delta extended to a third province yesterday—the 108th day of the war in the Shanghai area — when forces striking out for Wuhu crossed the Chekiang border into Anhwei.

"The Chinese High Command will defend Nanking at any cost. The enemy must be made to pay the full price of our sacrifice," says General Tang Sheng-Chi, the garrison commander, in a statement, yesterday.

General Tang said that no Chinese troops are to be allowed within a radius of 30 miles of Nanking except on the clear understanding that they must be prepared to die.

**More Air Raids**  
If the Japanese thrust towards Wuhu is successful and Nanking is isolated and attacked from both upstream and downstream, heavy loss of life among the Chinese population is feared.

Japanese planes yesterday carried out a severe air raid on Chin-Kiang, a strong pivot of the line of defence for Nanking, raining some 140 bombs upon its defences. A large number of Chinese are believed to have been killed or injured.

Japanese planes also heavily bombed Suanchen, 20 miles down the railway south-east of Wuhu, the next town above Nanking, and blew up an entire troop train. The casualties are said to run into hundreds.

**Railway Cut**  
The tension between British and Japanese authorities at Shanghai has increased, says a Domei telegram, on the question of British ships at Chin-Kiang.

There are six such ships there and the Japanese authorities at Shanghai are said to be pressing the British strongly to have them removed.

The Domei Agency also reports that the Japanese authorities took over the Chinese Press Censorship Office at Shanghai yesterday.

The Canton-Kowloon railway was severed and communication indefinitely interrupted by the destruction of the bridge at Tutong in Saturday's Japanese air raids.

With the virtual closure of the Canton River, it forms the main line of communication between Canton and Hongkong.

In reply to a question about the British, French and American representatives at the Japanese Embassy, the Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday said that the steps being taken by the Japanese only constituted the first phase, namely the assumption of control in so far as the Customs represented a Chinese Government agency. He contended that no one could object to this.

The question had not yet, he declared, entered the second phase, namely the international character of the Customs as a source of revenue for the amortisation of foreign loans. He, however, gave an assurance that due consideration would be given to the interests of the powers concerned.—Press Association Foreign Special.

**EGYPTIAN PREMIER FIRED AT**  
An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to assassinate Nahas Pasha, the Wafdist Premier, who negotiated the settlement with Britain, establishing Egypt's independence.

He was driving from his home to attend a reception when an Egyptian fired four shots at his car.

The Premier was unhurt and his assailant was arrested. He is the grandson of the late Arabi Pasha, leader of the 1882 Revolution.

**FATAL FALL DOWN STAIRS**  
An aged woman, Kate Moroney, fractured her skull and later died when she fell down stairs in a tenement at 16 Mungret Street, Limerick.

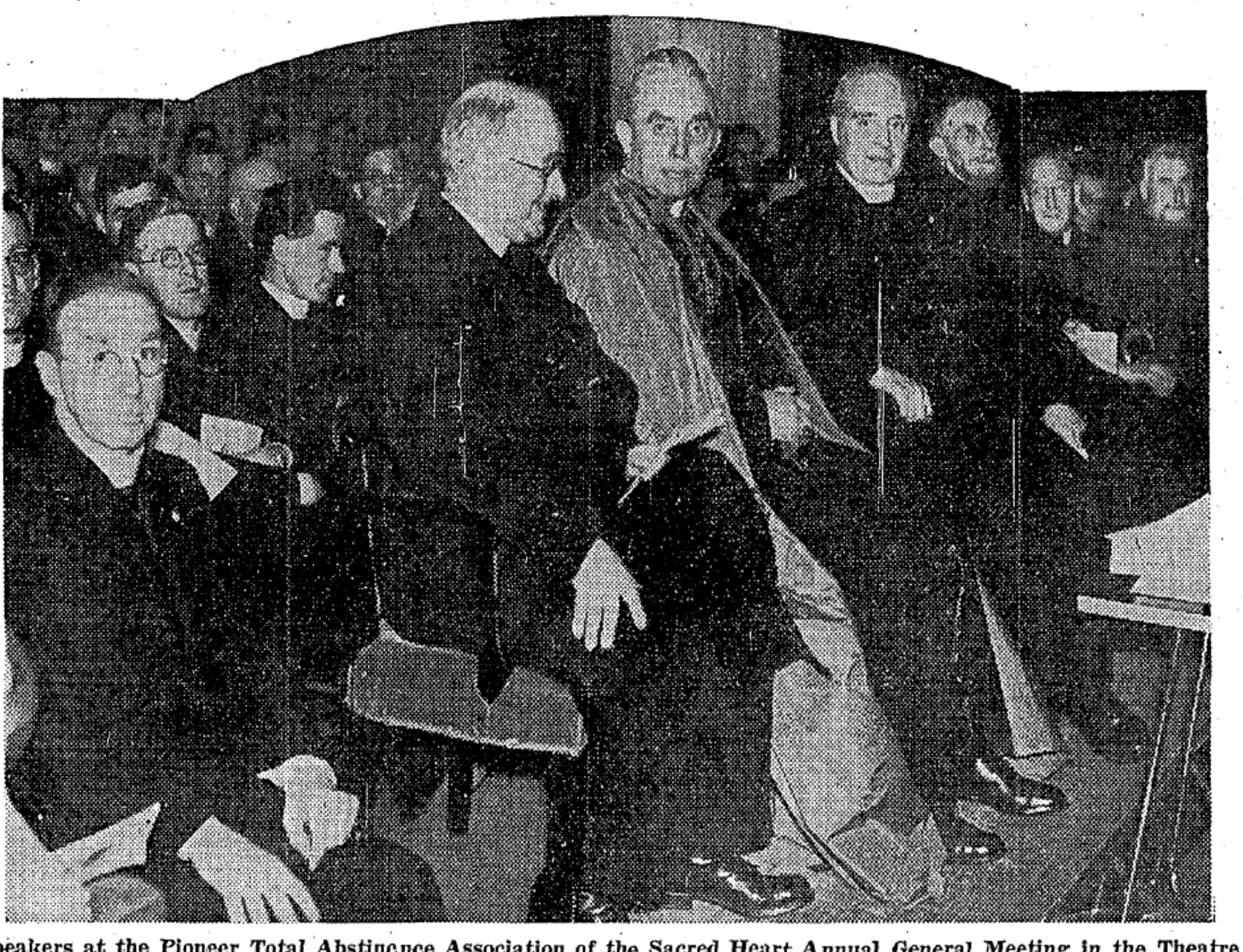
**TO-DAY'S WEATHER**  
IRELAND—Strong South to West-West winds; gale locally; fair at first; occasional rain later; rather mild.  
Further Outlook—Changes in the West and North; fair in the South-East.  
General Inference—Weather will become unsettled in the West and North, with occasional rain later. In the South and East weather will be fair after fog in places at first.

**HIGH WATER.**

	High	Low	High	Low	
Dublin	8.45	5.6	Dundalk	8.30	5.51
Ballina	8.19	5.42	Galway	8.21	5.34
Wexford	8.39	5.62	Waterford	8.11	5.24
Cobh	8.33	5.7	Sligo	8.14	5.37
Cork	8.28	5.7	Westport	8.26	5.39
Youghal	8.32	5.64	Waterside	8.34	5.4
Droghda	8.33	5.54	Youghal	8.33	5.32

Lighting-up Time, 4.42 p.m.

Dixon and Hemenstall, Barometers and Thermometers, 12 Suffolk Street, Dublin. (Advt.)



Speakers at the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart Annual General Meeting in the Theatre Royal, Dublin. From left to right—Rev. Leonard Gallagher, S.J., St. Francis Xavier's Church; Very Rev. Dr. Keirnan, S.J.; Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Lord Bishop of Clonfert (Chairman), and Rev. J. Flinn, S.J. (Central Director) (J.P. Photo S.H.)

## "NO ERA SO BLATANT" Five More Irishmen Killed In Spain

**MUNGRET RECTOR BLAMES NATIONS FOR THEIR ARROGANCE**

**THERE** was now an anti-Christian bias, if not an anti-Catholic bias, the world over. It was the duty of all Catholics to make their views heard. It was their duty to let the world know why it lived in mortal terror.

This statement was made by the Rector of Mungret College, Limerick, Very Rev. Joseph O'Connor, S.J., when he responded to "The College," proposed by Mr. Hugo Flinn, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, at the annual re-union dinner of the past pupils at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on Saturday night.

"Nations have been selfish and arrogant before, but never in the Christian era have they so blatantly made a religion of their selfishness and arrogance as now," Father O'Connor declared.

Under the circumstances, Catholic nations could play a big and useful part.

The ideal of every Catholic should be God and country—not country without God.

They should all pull their full weight as Catholics, and be possessed of the "Christianity conscious."

The most important thing in the training of a boy was to give him a sound Catholic outlook on life, he said.

Having regard to the disturbed state of Europe and the world, with suspicions, fears and dangers of war, it was now more necessary than ever to have sound Catholic principles enunciated.

"The Pope," given by Rev. J. Kelly, Apostolic School, Mungret, was honoured by the recital of a special prayer.

"Bire," proposed by Mr. D. J. Gleeson, D.J., was received with musical honours.

"Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. E. O'Neill, T.D., and responded to by Rev. E. Cahill, S.J., Millown Park.

Mr. H. Flinn said that the name of Mungret brought back glorious memories and reminded them of what they owed to the great text of the Order.

A company of 100 attended, including Very Rev. J. J. Gubbins, S.J., Rector, Crescent College, Limerick; Very Rev. J. R. Deeny, S.J., Rector, Emo; Rev. A. Nathan, S.J., Editor, "Mungret Annual"; Mr. McGrath, S.J.; Rev. T. Mahon, Roscommon; Rev. J. Morris, Galway; Messrs. R. D. F. Johnson, D.J.; H. B. Moran, Co. Registrar, Limerick.

Mr. Frank Fahy, Ceann Comhairle of the Dail, presided.

**FIVE** more Irishmen have been killed in action while serving with the Spanish Government forces, it was learned in Dublin on Saturday.

A supplied report states that they lost their lives when the Irish Unit, under Major Frank Ryan, was engaged in preventing insurgent concentration near Belchite, the town on the Aragon front which was recently captured by Government troops.

Four of the dead were exiles, who joined the Irish Unit. The names are:—

James Woulfe, Limerick; Joseph Kelly, New York; Patrick R. McLaughlin, New York; Mick Brown, New York; Stuart (Paddy) O'Neill, Vancouver.

Thomas James, Wexford, commander of the Unit's ambulance corps, who was wounded at Belchite, is now reported to be out of danger and making a rapid recovery.

**UNIT'S 32 DEAD.**  
Fatal casualties in the Irish Unit are now stated to number 32. An official list issued in Dublin on Saturday gives their names as follows:—

Michael Nolan, Dublin; Frank Conroy, Kildare; James Meahan, Galway; Michael May, Dublin; Liam Timlinson, Belfast; Peter Daly, Ennis; Michael Kelly, Ballinasloe; Co. Galway; William Laughlan, Belfast; Thomas Woods, Dublin; Michael Russell, Ennis, Co. Clare; Hugh Bonar, Donegal; W. H. Fox, London; John Scott, Liverpool; Leo

Greene, Dublin; Samuel Lee, London. Denis Gandy, Dublin; Rev. R. M. Hilliard, Killybegs, Co. Kerry; James Foley, Dublin; Maurice Quinan, Waterford; "Kit" Conway, Tipperary; Tommy Patton, Achill, Co. Mayo; William Barry, Meibourne; William Henry, Belfast; Thomas T. O'Brien, Liverpool; Charles Donnelly, Dublin; Patrick R. McLaughlin, New York; Joseph Kelly, New York; Mick Brown, New York; Stuart (Paddy) O'Neill, Vancouver; James Woulfe, Limerick; Eamon McGroarty, Derry; Thomas Morris, Liverpool.

**100 WOUNDED.**  
In addition to these, nearly 100 have been wounded. The majority are now recovering, and many have rejoined the Unit, but 21 have been invalided home.

Paddy Duff, Dublin; Paddy McElroy, Inchicore, and Michael Lehan, Tralee, Co. Kerry, arrived home last week.

Mr. Duff, who commanded a machine-gun section in the Irish Unit, said that he was wounded in the leg and saved his life by rolling into a shell-hole.

He added that there was no comparison between the new Republican Army of 600,000 men, properly uniformed, armed and disciplined, and the overvalued militia of the early stages of the war.

It is stated that, in addition to the Irish Unit's casualties, 50 Irishmen, all exiles, have been killed while serving with American, British and Canadian battalions. Among these was George Brown, a native of Kilkenny, who was Political Commissar of the British Battalion.

**Seven Airmen Drowned**  
An Italian flying-boat disaster has cost the lives of seven airmen.

The accident, a collision between two military flying-boats, occurred last Monday a few miles out to sea off the airport of Augusta in Sicily, but is only reported yesterday.

The two machines, which had taken off shortly before dawn for a reconnaissance flight in the Mediterranean, crashed into one another for some unexplained reason and dropped straight into the sea.

The two crews, totalling seven, were all drowned.—Reuter.

**Alcohol Factory Appointment.**—Mr. M. Coogan, assistant manager, Ladbashish Alcohol Factory, Letterkenny, has been appointed sub-manager at the Cooley factory.

## "Doing A Great Work"

### Most Rev. Dr. Mageean Praises Catholic Young Priests' Society Reply To Anti-Clericalism

**THE** Society was doing a great work and any one of the boys whose education they had undertaken might become a Francis Xavier, not only in the work he did but also in the example he gave.

This statement was made by the Bishop of Down and Connor, Most Rev. Dr. Mageean, in a tribute to the Irish Civil Service Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, when he presided yesterday at their sixth annual meeting, which was held for the first time in Belfast.

Six or seven years ago, he said, the Society had a membership of 2,500. To-day they had 20,000 members. More remarkable still was the growth of the Civil Service branch. He understood that at the present time they had practically 7,000 members in seven branches, all organised on a Vocational basis.

The membership in the North had been criticised, but he thought it was fairly good considering the circumstances.

Their collaboration in the Apostolate of the Church was very close and would inevitably reap a harvest which they could not even imagine.

It was their privilege to follow the line that was set them by the Hound of Heaven in its quest of souls.

They had come to Belfast this year to show their appreciation for the work done by their "co-Apostles," and to stimulate the work in the North. He could assure them that they in turn would receive a stimulus before they returned.

**PARTY FROM DUBLIN.**  
A party of three hundred civil servants, members of the society, and representatives of affiliated branches, travelled from Dublin by special train, and after the meeting were entertained by the Belfast Branch.

Rev. E. G. Crossan, B.A., St. Malachy's College, Belfast, moving the adoption of the annual report, said the branch had undertaken the education of 48 students for the priesthood.

"People did not realise the alarming scarcity of priests in the world," he added. "There are in the world 325,000 priests amongst 3,700 million people, and there are only 1,500 priests among 1,000 million pagans."

They had, he said, to thank the members in Dublin for bringing the Society to Belfast. It was a splendid gift.

The Holy Father, by making St. Theresa a second Patroness of the Missions, was calling to his aid laymen and laywomen to help in the apostolate.

Mr. S. Hughes (Dublin) seconding, said the officers of the Society had an outlook as wide as that of the Church to which they belonged. The spread of their work was the best answer they could make to the claptrap of anti-clericalism, the subtle poison that the enemies of the national traditions were spreading throughout their country.

"The numbers of young men," he declared, "who, through our instrumentality, will have attained to the dignity of the priesthood will be our

answer to the slanders of the clergy and our declaration of Faith in the Church of Christ."

"There are many people nowadays professedly 'advanced' and 'emancipated' who are quite unwilling to accept of a genuine proletarian but not His Church.

Without Christ's priests they will have no religion, and even the cheap sentimentality, that these people would substitute for Christian doctrine, will fade away into a slough of vice and inhumanity.

The God-idea as enshrined in the First Commandment was the most attacked by God's enemies to-day, even in Ireland.

"To have a good time" was the high-water mark of social achievement—a very good one where the Commandments were observed; a very bad one where they were left aside, as seemed to be the aim in so much that was modern.

The Catholic Bishops were always right, because they always put first things first. "If we only follow their advice, will not all the other things that are good for us be added unto us in the fullness of time?"

"What better solution can the mind suggest for the difficulties raised by the partition of our country than that all parts of it, and all parties in it, should find common ground on a common agreement in the adoption of His law, and in putting into practice the principles of His religion as taught by His Vicar, and His 'co-Apostles' in Ireland."

He felt honoured at having an opportunity of meeting on a common platform where all flags could line up in amity, his Belfast brethren, for as a Dubliner who knew the life of his city fairly well, he envied to Belfast and Cork the vigorous intellectual quality of their Catholicism.

"We in Dublin," he said, "have a lot to learn from you here, if as citizens of a capital city, we are to live up to the responsibilities thrown upon us by the national tradition which was Christian—namely Catholic—before everything else."

Rev. T. Murphy, C.S.S.R., Clonard, addressed the meeting on the work of the missionaries in the foreign fields.

Rev. E. J. Doherty, O.M.I., Spiritual Director of the Branch; Mr. P. Cummins, N.T., President of the Teachers' Branch; Mr. A. McGann, Dublin, and Mr. M. J. O'Neill, President of the Branch, also spoke.

## ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS

### Paris Press Hopes For Firm Stand

**M. CAMILLE CHAUTEMPS,** the French Prime Minister, and M. Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, arrived in London last night, and will begin, to-day, consultations on the international situation with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and other leading statesmen in Britain, writes the Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent.

The discussion, to-day, which will take place at 11 Downing Street, Mr. Chamberlain's official residence, will continue throughout the day almost without intermission. The French statesmen will be the guests of the Prime Minister at luncheon, and of Mr. Eden, at his private home, at dinner.

No "pledges" or undertakings may be expected.

The talks follow quickly from Lord Halifax's visit to Herr Hitler, and for this reason the Anglo-French attitude to German international and internal policy must come to the forefront.

Problems of Czecho-Slovakia, the future of Austria, and Germany's colonial claims are vital international affairs, and as such will be discussed. Lord Halifax will be present.

While matters affecting Germany must obviously be discussed at length, it is felt that an even more important and immediate scope for consultation to-day is the Far East. Here the situation has grown more grave during the week-end.

Hopes of a firm stand by France and Britain, combined with apprehension of new demands by Germany, are reflected in many of these writings in the French newspapers.

"Pertinax," in the "Echo De Paris," says: "Lord Halifax's mission has precipitated problems which were hitherto only in process of formation."

"He is pleased to think he has opened the door. Let us hope he has not opened the sluice gates."

German comments on the visit to London of M. Chamberlain and M. Delbos display a certain aloofness, though there appears to be an undercurrent of uneasiness behind the commendation of speculation in the British and French Press.

## Sixty-Eight Killed In Air Raids

### INSURGENT BOMBERS ACTIVE NEAR MADRID

**FIFTY** bodies have so far been recovered from wreckage of houses in the village of Colmenar Viejo, 20 miles north of Madrid, which was raided by ten insurgent bombers just before noon yesterday.

Accompanied by three pursuit planes the bombers flew over the town and dropped over 100 bombs. About 120 buildings have been totally or partially destroyed, and almost every little house in the village has had at least its windows panes shattered.

A Spanish Press Agency despatch received by Reuter on Saturday states that General Miaja had announced during the morning that 18 people had been killed and 70 wounded in an insurgent air raid at Okana, a village in Toledo province.

The text of the Spanish Government's reply to the Non-Intervention Committee's Note on the withdrawal of foreign volunteers was approved at a Cabinet meeting at Barcelona on Saturday night. It will be made public in a few days' time.

The Cabinet, after hearing a report from Don Julio Zugazgotia, the Socialist Minister of the Interior, also acknowledged Senor Ramon Gonzalez Pena as the legitimate head of the U.G.T. (Socialist Trade Union) in the place of Senor Largo Caballero, the former Prime Minister.

Salamanca radio broadcast the following announcement last night:—"The Nationalist General Staff announces that owing to the reason that the campaign demands the blockade of the coast in the power of the 'Reds,' including Minorca and the prohibition of all commerce with those ports, the neutral zones in Valencia and Barcelona are suppressed. Ships anchoring in them will be attacked from the date of the publication of this announcement."

**TO END AGREEMENT**  
Notices served on the Great Southern Railway Company on Tuesday last, terminating the 1936 agreement on the question of the restoration of a 10 per cent deduction from earnings, were endorsed at a meeting attended by 1,200 engineering shopmen employed at Inchicore yesterday.

The unions affiliated to the Dublin Trades Union Council had rejected an offer to restore another 2½ per cent, as from November 15—5 per cent, having already been restored with a further review of the remaining 2½ per cent, in six months' time.

The agreement is now being terminated by a three months' notice, expiring in February, when the unions hope to secure the full restoration.



## A SPECIAL GAS COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

with the MAINSTAT Gas Cooker will be given in the Dublin Gas Company's Theatre each day at 3 p.m. (excepting Saturdays, and Thursday, Dec. 2nd, and Tuesday, Dec. 7th) from TO-DAY (MONDAY), NOVEMBER 29th, to FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

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Little Carmel Quinn with some cocker spaniels at the Irish Fox Terrier Club's Show at Mountjoy Square, Dublin. (J.P. Photo (L.))

## LORRY SEIZED AFTER BORDER ESCAPE

It is reported that while a lorry, which had been travelling under bond, with its contents sealed, was being examined by Customs officials near Muff, Co. Donegal, on Saturday night, the driver ran off and escaped over the border.

The lorry, which is stated to have carried a large quantity of dutiable goods, was seized and later brought to Lifford.

The nature of the goods could not be ascertained, the Customs officials declining to give any information.