

Ireland's Economic Future Tied Closely to England

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 Dublin—(UPI)—Ireland celebrates her great national feast day of St. Patrick Sunday in turmoil of speculation on her economic future and conscious that fateful decisions lie ahead.

No longer a member of the Commonwealth and denied entry to the European economic community, Ireland is only too aware she can no longer indefinitely "go it alone" in a world leveling off into rival trade groupings.

It was in this realization that Ireland originally applied for full membership of the common market—an economic community she thought was to include Bri-

tain. It was in this atmosphere she accepted, after much soul-searching, the full political implications of membership which would involve.

This was no easy decision for an ancient nation proud of its sovereignty and with a history of fierce independence. It was not easy, either, to accept the inevitable whittling down of her neutralist role on the world stage, particularly within the framework of the United Nations.

Economic Factor
 But economic factors outweighed any Chauvinistic leanings and Premier Sean F. LeMass backed by all political parties, took the step toward Europe in August, 1961.

and asked for common market membership.

At home, the government set about preparing the country for the highly competitive conditions which would follow admission to the exclusive market.

In a glow of enthusiasm and optimism seldom witnessed here, LeMass and his ministers stomped the country bringing the new message of "Europeanization" to the people. Whose infant industries had been nurtured in the soft atmosphere of protective tariffs.

The nation reacted favorably to the challenge. It was accepted that many industries might go to the wall, that only the efficient

would survive the blast of free competition.

Costs Cut
 Industries set about streamlining their production methods in an effort to cut costs. The depressed agricultural community saw membership in the European economic community opening up untapped markets.

Overshadowing these ambitious dreams was the stark reality that Ireland's economy was firmly anchored to that of Britain.

This was dramatically underlined by the concern felt here when Britain's hopes for common market membership first withered and then, last January, died on the rock of French opposition.

With more than 80 per cent of her exports directed to the British market, Ireland could see no place for her in a Europe that locked the door against her powerful neighbor.

LeMass told a discomfited nation that Ireland would not press her application for membership until Britain's future role became clearer.

Support Fickle
 But has had announcement brought political difficulties in its wake.

LeMass, heading a minority government dependent on

the fickle support of a handful of independent deputies, has felt the breeze of public discontent.

Opposition parties, which had withheld fire during the common market negotiations, moved quickly to attack. Fine Gael, the main opposition party, joined with the Labor party in moving no confidence motions in the government's austerity policies.

LeMass survived in parliament by a margin of six votes, but has found himself catapulted into an election atmosphere which may force him to dissolve parliament and hold a general election.

A shrewd politician and political realist, LeMass knows he must produce quickly some alternative program to fill the common market void.

His first move was to arrange urgent meetings with British Premier Harold MacMillan to map out the course of future trade.

To LeMass this is a gamble. But the dynamic, pipe-smoking Irish premier has never been afraid to gamble his political fortunes. He will take with him to London for the talks External Affairs Minister Frank Aiken, architect of Ireland's neutralist role in the United Nations. This role has sometimes alien-

ated such traditional friends as the United States but has steadily enhanced the prestige of Ireland's small permanent delegation.

Forum Interests
 Ever since Irishman Frederick Boland's term as president of the United Nations general assembly, interest in the world forum has been steadily maintained in Ireland.

This has been strengthened by Ireland's contribution to the work of the United Nations in the Congo.

Her growing prestige has been manifest too in the number of world leaders who have visited here during the past year, including U.S. Secretary General Thant, former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Even as Ireland welcomed these distinguished visitors to her shores, she continued to play the great national guessing game—when will President John F. Kennedy visit his ancestral birthplace at New Ross, County Wexford?

Kennedy Expected
 Repeatedly told by former U.S. ambassador Grant Stockdale that President Kennedy will take an early opportunity to visit this country, Irish hopes soared when it was announced the U.S. leader planned to visit Italy this year.

The White House has refused to speculate on an Irish visit by the President and the U.S. Embassy in Dublin has been equally reserved.

In New Ross itself where the local population already has played host to Senator Edward Kennedy, there is an air of quiet confidence that his distinguished brother will visit them also.

"Once he puts a foot in Europe, he can't avoid an Irish visit," seems to be the firm local conviction.

If he does visit Ireland, Kennedy will find a nation still troubled by the twin evils of the unemployment and emigration but a nation, also, that has taken giant steps forward in industrial advancement.

Many Jobs
 Although unemployment has become a football in the thrust and parry of national politics, no government has yet been able to make an appreciable impact on the figures running at about 70,000 jobsless a year.

Traditional reluctance of the Irish farmer to early marriage has been an important factor in denuding the farms of the younger generation,

slowing agricultural advancement.

The marriage age is high, the birth rate low and the combination has significantly affected the population growth over the years.

Many reasons have been put forward for this state of affairs. Economic necessity and financial stringency are the most commonly mentioned causes. Lack of suitable housing and of social amenities in the rural areas are also blamed.

Whatever the reason, the marriage trend has greatly disturbed the government which sees no real prosperity until the younger generation can settle happily on the land and begin rearing families at a reasonable early age.

The Irish, in sum, had quite a few troubles to mull over on St. Patrick's Day.

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Wife of Representative Asks Pay Be Cut to Former Salary

By ZAN STARK
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 Salem—(UPI)—Although the battle over legislators' pay increases still rages, no senator or representative has refused to accept the monthly pay or expense allotment. But the wife of one representative who is employed as a secretary, has asked that her pay be cut to the amount she was receiving in her former job.

The secretary is Mrs. Maybelle Elder, wife of Rep. Ed Elder, (R-Eugene). He is one of those who fought the legislative pay hike when it was enacted early in the session.

Legislators formerly received \$800 a year in pay, plus a small expense allowance.

Daily Expenses
 They now receive a \$3000 a year salary, and expenses of \$20 daily for up to 120 days while the legislature is in session.

Secretaries—all but Mrs. Elder, that is—receive \$17 daily, seven days a week. This amounts to \$510 in a 30-day month.

When the pay bill battle was fought on the House and Senate floors, opponents charged husband-wife legislative teams could earn \$1360 a month.

Twenty of the 30 senators employ their wives or daughters as secretaries. In the House, 34 of the 60 representatives hire wives and daughters.

During debate on the bills, opponents in both houses hinted they might not accept the pay, or might turn back some of the expense money.

Through the snow drifts Dr. Busby fought his way to the side of the stricken man. After examining him, he shook his head gravely, and ordered, "Get your lawyer, your family, and your friends over here on the double!"

When he got back home, Dr. Busby told his wife the instructions he had given. "Poor fellow," she sighed. "Is he really that sick?" "Not at all," grinned Dr. Busby. "He'll be perfectly well in 24 hours. But I was darned if I was going to be the only sucker out on a night like this!"

On a backroad in the South, a tourist stopped for gas and fell into conversation with the slow-moving but amiable attendant. "What's your name, young fellow?" asked the tourist idly. "Poe," said the attendant. "Any relation of Edgar Allan Poe?" laughed the tourist.

The attendant registered surprise, and said, "Why Ah AM Edgar Allan Poe!"

Advice from Dick Krinsley: Always try to drive so that your license will expire before you do.
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In recent weeks Republicans have charged the Democratic legislative leaders with excessive spending. Last week Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Lewiston) charged the legislature was "creating a very poor image" by spending more itself while trying to cut other budgets.

Additional Employees
 Rogers said this session was costing \$492 per day more than the 1961 session because of 30 additional legislative employees.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has stated publicly that the legislature is "thin skinned" about criticism over the pay increase.

The purchase of new typewriters for legislative secretaries sparked charges of "excessive spending" from many Republicans.

Floyd J. Gould of the audits division of the secretary of state's office said no legislator has refused to accept his pay or expense money.

He said Mrs. Elder was the only legislative employee who had asked for a reduction in pay.

Gould said there were no indications legislators were not cashing their checks, although he indicated there was a possibility.

Secretary of State Howell

Appling Jr. said at least one legislator had discussed the possibility of not accepting his pay.

Appling said he considered it a "private" discussion, and would not go into details.

It appeared evident, however, that there was no movement on the part of legislators to refuse their pay checks. Neither did it appear that there would be any less talk about the issue as the session progressed.

Portland—(UPI)—A truck line official has claimed a new helicopter pilot record.

Will Jossy, president of Bend-Redmond Truck service, won his private helicopter pilot's rating after only 15 hours of instruction.

Instructor Wes Lematta said that as far as could be determined this was a new record for a non-professional pilot. He said the minimum required by law was 25 hours until two months ago.

Helicopter Pilot Record Claimed



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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

"WOULDN'T YOU know it?" sighed Dr. Busby. "The worst blizzard in years and at 3 a.m. the patient who lives furthest from the Throughway gets sick and I have to go see him."



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