

# Brother Rice Statue Stands Over Callan

## NEW PU OF CZE REDS

PRAGUE

AS long as Kilkenny limestone can withstand the elements, the life size figure of Brother Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers, and teacher of the young, will look from a ten-foot square pedestal over his native Callan in the Co. Kilkenny.

With the great Christian educationalist on the memorial, which was unveiled by the Bishop of Ossory, Most Rev. Dr. Collier, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of laity and religious yesterday, is a young boy, one of the stray waifs of Waterford whose plight caused the prosperous Mr. Rice to sell his flourishing business and enter religion as a great crusader at the turn of the 19th century.

Across the principal street of Callan he looks into the Church, which replaces the one in which he was baptised in the penal times and which is the only building to obstruct his view of the farmhouse at Westcourt, where he was born on June 1, 1762, years before O'Connell had begun his campaign to force the British to put the rudiments of their democratic creed into practice in this country.

Among the big gathering was Bro. E. F. Clancy, Pro. Superior General, who flew from America to be present at the unveiling. The day began with Solemn High Mass in the Parish Church at which the Bishop of Ossory presided.

Very Rev. Dr. M. Doyle, P.P., Callan, preached a panegyric on the life of Brother Rice.

Prior to the Mass a contingent of the Kilkenny-Waterford area F.C.A. paraded to the Church from the C.B.S., West St., and provided a Guard of Honour, under Lieut. T. Keane, which was inspected by Gen. Mulcahy, Minister for Education, and by the Bishop of Ossory.

### Perfect System

Most Rev. Dr. Collier, Bishop of Ossory, at the unveiling ceremony, said that Brother Rice commanded our admiration and homage on many counts, but especially on his personal life and on his life work—the Christian education of the young. On the second count he gave to our country, and indeed to the world, the most full and perfect system of Christian education for the young that had ever been evolved.

"It has stood the test of time," said His Lordship, "and it needs no change to-day. After a trial of 150 years. It has passed into the life of the country, under our native Governments, and it flourishes as Brother Rice would love to have it—a sound secular education, founded on a strong Christian religious basis, the ideal on which states that hope to endure are worked.

"It," added His Lordship, "education in the schools of Ireland is safe, then the Faith of Ireland is safe, and surely that is all that matters. And under God we owe most of that to Brother Rice and his teaching community."

Gen. Mulcahy, Minister for Education, said that they were not only honouring Brother Rice. They were challenging each one of themselves because they had seen on his way to Cahir, Brother Rice's example to show what a man could do in Ireland, even in the night on a U.S. Air Force Sky-laboured. They were telling the Order which he founded that the

had failed to achieve. There was not the slightest doubt that the spread of education, particularly in secondary education and the work of the Christian Brothers, had a special share in the success of the language revival, the industrial revival and in the independence movement.

V. Rev. Brother J. P. Noonan, Superior General of the Order, returned thanks to all who had subscribed to the monument and who had worked for the success of the function.

Mr. C. Hogan responded on behalf of the Memorial Committee.

The general attendance included: Mr. Peter Grant, the sculptor; Messrs. T. Walsh, T.D.; J. P. Pattison, T.D.; P. J. Crotty, T.D.; Councillor J. Monahan, Mayor of Kilkenny; Sir Cornelius Gregg; Col. W. Butler, Dr. M. J. Crotty, Rev. Bro. J. M. Quinlan, Provincial; Rev. Bro. M. L. Rice, Consultant; Rev. Bro. T. X. Gleeson.

### MOR-SHIAMSA IN PHOENIX PARK

Dubliners spending yesterday in the Phoenix Park provided a thousands strong audience for the annual Mor-Shiamsa organised by the Gaelic League and opened by the Lord Mayor, Dr. Cormac Breathnach.

Introducing the programme of pipe music, céilidhe bands, Irish step dancing and singing, the Lord Mayor said it was heartening to see a large gathering at a function which was helping to preserve Irish music and culture.

The City of Dublin Pipe Band played a number of selections and was followed by the Ard Craobh choir, songs by Lorcan O Treasaigh, Póilin Nic Lomhár and Eamonn O hEanaigh. Leo Row-some's junior Uileann Pipes Pupils and Micheal Ré played selections on the Uileann Pipes. The "Drummers Call" was played by the Fintan Lalor Drummers, and the programme included a massed band recital. Step dancing was performed by senior pupils of the Dublin school of Irish.

### U.S. Labour Chief Meets Relatives

On his visit to Cahir, Mr. Maurice Tobin, United States Minister of Labour, met a number of relatives and friends from nearby Ballylooby, his ancestral home.

Those present included Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., Bansha, founder of Muintir na Tíre, and Rev. J. Bergin, C.C., Thurles, to whom Mr. Tobin was host and co-operative friend while they were on their mission to the United States last October on behalf of the Organisation.

Mr. Tobin said he was very favourably impressed by the excellent housing schemes he had seen on his way to Cahir.

Mr. Tobin left Shannon last night on a U.S. Air Force Sky-master which arrived from Geneva. Congressman Augustine Kelly, who had been attending the

TWO million members of the Czech Communist Party face a rigorous push effort to remove those no honest relation to it was announced here

The Communists, for their second generation since they came to 1948, said that they also aimed to remove careerists, people who

Every member will prove his ability to others of the truth of policy, and to "fight the enemies spread in

This time the pur "much more severe" last, when 30,000 men expelled and 76,000 rejected as unsuitable.

### The Humour of Stratford at Gaiety

DONALD WOLFIT'S classic plays at will end this week.

a stimulating experience first rate performance both" and "King Le mention some of the humours of the Bard, done, another one of presented on Saturday was "The Taming of which showed Wolfit of his form when he might wish to see.

He was so complete the part that one might that some of his ear nances were affected which had overtaken went on several nights high temperature.

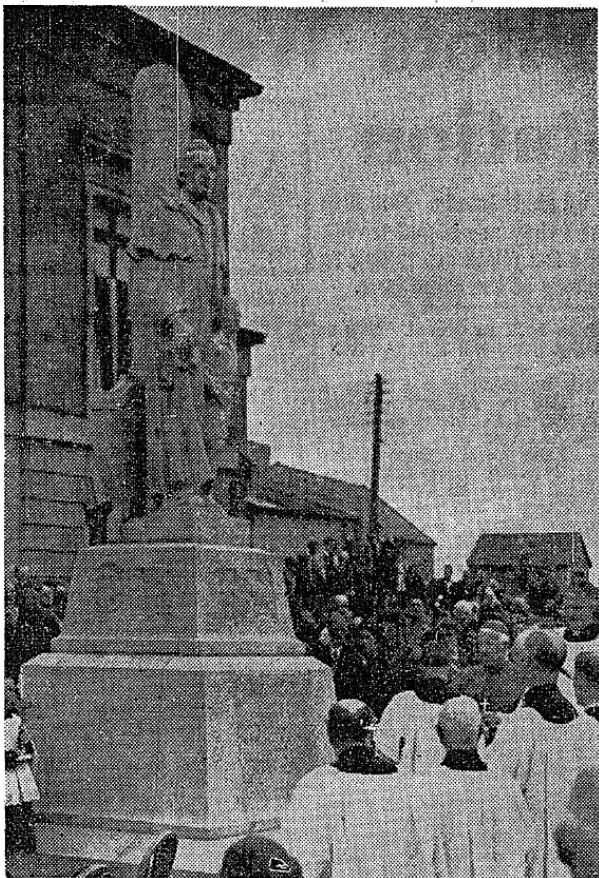
His production of "J took a few liberties. affair was presented as the dream of Christof

final awakening scene taken from an earlier the play. The expecte ded, for the liberty with a situation and author's meaning.

approaches production eye for perspective. intrudes himself upon has no tricks, and pul out of hats. In a wor thing up his sleeve, play.

I particularly liked his drolls all through and on Saturday night by Joseph Chelton's might easily have been type of all circus clown grounding for sayin course I am but let: the more profound as piece. Katherina w. psychological observ: most aggressive temper facade for a most ge Katherina didn't c merely became hersel played by Rosalind Id spirit that gradually sweet gentleness.

The whole prod carried at such a joll one began to believe was some basis for tl "Merrie England." A nothing "ye olde" s it caught a genui ending, and I'm sure been a traditional Ir the house he would diately composed a j it "The Humours of S Ramblin' Donald."



The unveiling of the Bro. Rice Memorial in Callan, Co. Kilkenny, by the Bishop of Ossory, Most Rev. Dr. Collier.

Irish people and the people of many countries throughout the world appreciated their noble work and the noble sacrifices they had made in order to follow in the path of their great Founder. In so far as appreciation of their work was a help, and in so far as an Irish Government could be a help to them, the Brothers could go ahead with their work with God's blessing and the help of every Christian neighbour that had met them.

The Minister paid a tribute to the Christian Brothers for the great work they had done for the restoration of the Irish language.

Mr. L. Cosgrave, Parliamentary Secretary, representing the Taoiseach, said that to-day with the growing menace of Communism—and they did not minimise the danger which Communism, backed by the military might of the Soviet, presented to the free world—the Irish people looked on the Christian Brothers as one of the main bulwarks against that terrible danger to their civilisation.

Mr. T. O Deirg, T.D., said that they of the present generation were fortunate that they were able to bring the national movement to its present pitch of success which so many previous generations, in spite of their tremendous efforts and sacrifices,

## NINE SONS AT I

Geneva with Mr. Tobin, disembarked from the plane to spend a three-week holiday in Ireland with his wife, who in 1944 was chosen "Mother of the Year" by the Catholic clubs of America. She had five sons in the Forces

Nine sons attended Mr. James Mc Kennedy Street, Str the Church of the Conception to the new

