

PRESS CUTTINGS

12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices College of Technology, Bolton Street, 1963 50th Anniversary





Taoiseach on need for craftsmen

THE trend of world events should impress on this generation the need for development in the technological fields," said the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, when he spoke to the Irish team which will take part in the twelfth International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, this morning.

The competitions are being held this year at the college from July 8 to July 13. There are 32 Irish apprentices taking part in all 250 overseas competitors from

12 countries will take part. Their arrival will be preceded by the coming of the Conference Secretariat and technical representatives. A total of 300 delegates and competitors will be in Ireland for three weeks during July.

When Mr. Lemass arrived at the college, he was greeted by the singing of a traditional Irish air, "The Craftsman," by the team. It was written by Mr. Leo Maguire and is based on a traditional Irish air.

Very important

Mr. Lemass said Ireland had quite a remarkable record in these international competitions and Irish entrants had had many successes. This was something we could be proud of. It was a tribute to the intelligence and competence of our young men and the technical training facilities available. Their performance helped to enhance the status of Irish craftsmen.

The development of technical training in this country was very important to the nation's future. "I have said before," he added, "that 25 years from now, because of the world's advancement, there will be little room for men without technical skill."

This trend should impress on this generation the need for development in technological fields so that Irish people would be able to give employment in Ireland as efficient as anywhere in the world.

Can't neglect

The extension of training facilities in Dublin had been quite rapid, and the object to be achieved was to spread this standard of training throughout the country. "We must," he said, "make sure that young people in Ireland will have educational facilities not less than those in Dublin. It is not a question of whether we can afford it. It is something we can't afford to neglect."

The Taoiseach also said he had been enthralled with the new Anthem for it expressed sentiments he held for a long time—the enhancement of the status of the craftsman. Progress was not just a matter of buildings and machinery, but derived more from human skill and competence.

Mr. Lemass was taken on a short tour of the college where he inspected some of the 30 equipped workshops. About £60,000 worth of new equipment has been installed for the competitions.

Evening Press
June 22nd

TAOISEACH TO MEET TEAM OF APPRENTICES

The Taoiseach will visit the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, tomorrow, and will meet 32 apprentices who will be representing Ireland at the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

Four hundred delegates and competitors will be in Ireland for the competition which will take place during July, when the prizes will be presented in Dublin Castle by the President.

Irish Independent
June 21st

Must extend scope for learners

Herald Staff Reporter

TWENTY-FIVE years from now, because of world advancement, there will be little room for men without technical skills," said the Taoiseach to-day.

He was visiting the College of Technology, Bolton St., to inspect the preparations being made for the holding of the twelfth international trade competitions for apprentices from July 8-13.

This trend should impress on this generation the need for development in the technical fields so that people will be able to give employment in Ireland as efficient as anywhere else in the world," he said. The 32 apprentices who will represent this country in the competitions.

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Nation-wide

"We must make sure that young people throughout the country will have educational facilities not less than those afforded in Dublin. This is not a question of whether we can afford it, but is something we cannot afford to neglect."

Ireland had quite a remarkable record in these competitions, the Taoiseach said, and their successes in the past were something to be proud of.

Mr. Lemass was greeted on arrival by the apprentices singing an anthem called "The Craftsman." He remarked that it expressed the sentiments he had been preaching for a long time—the enhancement of the status of the craftsman.

The anthem, based on a traditional Irish air, was composed by Mr. Leo Maguire.

Equipment to the value of £60,000 has been installed in

the college for the competitions, some of which will also be held in Limerick and the streets.

The Taoiseach, who was accompanied by the chairman of the Dublin City Vocational Education Committee, Councillor J. J. McConville, and by the Secretary of the Department of Education, Mr. T. O. Raftery, arrived on arrival by the President of the national organising committee, Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, and Mr. M. Gleeson, Chairman of the

Others present included Mr. John Agnew, chairman, Apprenticeship Board; Mr. Leo Crawford, Joint Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions; and Mr. Joseph Quigley, representing the Federated Union of Employers.

13 nations

A total of 250 overseas apprentices from 13 nations will take part in the competitions. In all, over 400 delegates from abroad will be present, including observers from the United States and Sweden.

Evening Herald
June 22nd

International Apprentices Competitions

Of the 32 apprentices chosen to represent Ireland in the 1963 International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 22 are from Dublin, 3 from Galway, 2 from Kildare, and one each from Waterford, Kerry, Roscommon, Cork and Mayo. This year's competitions, the twelfth of their kind, will be held in Dublin at the College of Technology, Bolton Street. The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, aware of the importance of such an event, visited the College last Saturday to address the Irish apprentices and to wish them individually the best of luck.

Thirteen countries will be represented at this year's competitions by 282 competitors.

Although the overseas competition will be very stiff, Irish hopes are high that they will go one better than last year, when in Madrid a team of 22 Irish apprentices brought home one silver and one gold medal. With a full team and the advantage of competing on home ground the could well do it.

Irish Catholic
June 22nd

For Apprentices' Competition—A team of 32 apprentices from Ireland will be competing in the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, which will take place during July, when the prizes will be presented in Dublin Castle by the President.

Cork Evening Echo
June 22nd

Little room for men without know-how

TWENTY-five years from now, because of world advancements, there will be little room for men without technical skill.

This prediction was made by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, when he visited the College of Technology, Bolton Street, yesterday to inspect the preparations being made for the holding of the twelfth International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, which will be held in the college from July 8-13.

"This trend should impress on this generation the need for development in the technical fields so that Irish people will be able to give and make employment in Ireland as efficient as anywhere else in the world," he told the 32 apprentices who will represent this country in the competition.

Anthem greeting

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Sunday Independent
June 23rd



The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, on Saturday, where he inspected the preparations being made for the holding of the twelfth International Trade Competitions for apprentices which will be held in the college from July 8th to 13th. Mr. Lemass was greeted on arrival by the apprentices singing "The Craftsman," which is based on a traditional Irish air. He told the 32 apprentices who will represent Ireland in the competition that in 25 years' time, because of world advancement, there would be little room for men without technical skill. Mr. Lemass was accompanied by the Chairman of Dublin City Vocational Education Committee, Councillor J. J. McCann, and by the Secretary of the Department of Education, Mr. T. O'Riordan.

Irish Times
June 24th

Apprentices team gets a pep talk

IRELAND had a remarkable record in the competitions, said the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, when he spoke to the Irish team which will take part in the twelfth international trade competitions for apprentices at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, yesterday.

The competitions are being held this year at the Bolton Street college from July 8 to 13. Thirty-two Irish apprentices will participate. On arrival at the college Mr. Lemass was greeted with the singing of "The Craftsman" by the Irish team, a song written by Mr. Leo Maguire and based on a traditional Irish air.

Mr. Lemass said that previous Irish successes helped to enhance the status of Irish craftsmen.

The object

"Twenty-five years from now, because of the world's advancement, there will be little room for men without technical skill," the Taoiseach added. The extension of training facilities in Dublin had been rapid, and the object to be achieved was to spread this standard of training throughout the country.

Mr. Lemass was taken on a tour of the college, in which about £60,000 worth of new equipment has been installed for the competitions.

All told, 250 overseas competitors from 12 countries will take part in the competitions. There will also be about 150 technical delegates in Dublin for the event, as well as teams of observers from the U.S. and Sweden.

Sunday Press
June 23rd

WILL REPRESENT IRELAND

THOMAS O'BRIEN, formerly of Tella Park, Longford, and a student at Longford Technical School will represent Ireland in the International Vocational Training Competition for Apprentices to be held this year in Dublin.

This was stated at a meeting of County Longford Vocational Education Committee on Monday when there was a request from the Department of Education for payment of a £10 fee in respect of O'Brien, who now resides in Dublin.

Mr. P. Tarpey, C.E.O., said the £10 was to cover incidental expenses. Maintenance and travel in Dublin will be borne by the Department of Education. This was an international event and many countries would be represented.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mr. J. J. Browne, seconded by Rev. M. Egan, to pay the £10.

Longford Leader
June 29th

ORGANISING TESTS FOR APPRENTICES



At the press conference in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, to announce details of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in Dublin next week were from left: Mr. J. D. Barry and Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, of the organising committee; and Mr. Frank Rooney, a Spanish delegate.

Stage is set for international apprentice tests

THE honour of playing host to the first International Trade Competitions for Apprentices to be held outside the Continent has been gained by Ireland.

From Monday next to July 13, at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, the 12th and largest event in the series will take place. A team of 32 Irish apprentices will compete against some 250 apprentices from 13 countries in 32 individual competitions embracing 23 branches of industry.

Details of the competitions were given at a press conference yesterday in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, attended by officials of the Department of Education, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, and of the international and national organising committees.

More than 600 people will attend the official opening by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, in the Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, on Sunday next, where the apprentices will be staying during their visit.

President de Valera will present the prizes in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, on July 18. That evening a banquet will be held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, with the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, as guest of honour.

£80,000 COST

The cost of the competitions, called the "Industrial Olympics," is estimated at £80,000. The Irish national organising committee, with the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee and the local committees in Cork, Galway and Limerick, have been working on the event since last autumn.

Irish industrial and trades councils have contributed more than £25,000 and contributions have been received from 200 Irish companies.

At the College of Technology machinery and equipment worth almost £60,000 has been installed and a service of simultaneous translation by over 30 interpreters will be used during the competitions.

The other countries represented are Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, Denmark, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland and Spain.

The competitions began in Spain in 1947 and became international three years later.

IRISH SUPPORT

At the press conference, the Chairman of the organising committee, Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.E.O. Dublin, said one of the most gratifying features was the support given by Irish industrial organisations.

The committee president, Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, Chief Inspector, Department of Education, Techni-

cal Instruction Branch, said the competitions would help young people to get to know each other and would create a high standard.

The Director of the Committee, Mr. J. D. Barry, Vice-Principal, College of Technology, Bolton St., said the £80,000 worth of machinery which had been installed would be a wonderful legacy to the college.

Mr. J. Agnew, a member of the committee, and Chairman of An Chéard Choinbhairle, said the key to industry was the training of young people and the competitions fostered this.

Mr. Francisco Albert, Secretary of the International Organising Committee, Spain, complimented all connected with the arrangements which, he said, were excellent.

Apprentice competitions get £25,000 grant

IRISH PRESS Reporter

AT a Press conference in Dublin yesterday, it was announced that Irish industrial interests have advanced £25,000 to help organise the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, to be held for the first time in Ireland from July 8 to 13.

A team of 32 Irish apprentices between the ages of 18 and 21 will compete against more than 250 apprentices from 13 countries. Observers from Sweden, the U.S. and Mexico will be present.

The competitions will be opened by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, next Sunday in the Franciscan College, Gormanston, where the apprentices will be staying during their visit. The E.S.B. will act as hosts, and on July 18, the President, Mr. de Valera, will present the prizes in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, will be the guest of honour at the closing banquet in the Intercontinental Hotel.

At the Press conference yesterday, Mr. Michael J. O'Flanagan, B.E., Chief Inspector, Technical Instruction Branch, Department of Education, and president of the National organising committee for the competition, said that their purpose was to promote international friendship and common international standards. This was the biggest of the competitions to date and he was sure it would be the most successful.

Mr. Martin Gleeson, chief executive officer, Dublin City Vocational Education Committee, said the money subscribed by Irish industrial interests indicated that Irish industry was aware what technical education was doing for Irish industry. There was also a very favourable grant from the Minister for Education.

More than 200 apprentices from Europe and Japan will be guests of the local branch of the Limerick Builders' Federation at a meeting in the Royal George Hotel tomorrow. They will be in Dublin to take part in the international competitions next week-end.

They will arrive at Shannon and be shown over the industrial estate by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Mr. O'Malley.

At the press reception in the Shelbourne Hotel yesterday by the National Organising Committee of the XII International Trade Competition for Apprentices. Left to right—Mr. Michael J. O'Flanagan, president of the committee, Miss Mary Roche and Mr. Frank Rooney, interpreter during the competitions.



Irish Press
July 3rd

Delegates on tour of Dublin

The advance party of officials from 13 countries has arrived in Dublin for the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 1963, which will commence next Monday at the College of Technology, Bolton Street. More than 60 delegates were received by officials of the Dublin Port and Docks Board and were brought on a tour of the Port of Dublin by launch. Yesterday the officials visited the competition centre for selection of examination tests and revision of working proposals by the examination committee. Later officials and delegates attended a dinner in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin.

In a speech of welcome, Mr. Frank Robbins, Director, Irish Shipping Ltd., said that while they were alone at the present moment in the effort of apprenticeships for the training of young Irishmen to man their ships, they were hopeful that the day was not too far distant when other Irish shipping interests will join with them or promote their own schemes.

More than 200 apprentices from various countries in Europe will be guests of the Limerick branch of the Builders' Federation at the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, tomorrow night. They will travel later to Dublin for the annual competition sponsored by the International Board of Apprentices.

Irish Independent
July 2nd

HARBOUR TOUR FOR VISITING OFFICIALS

THE advance party of officials from 13 countries has arrived in Dublin for the XII International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 1963, which begin on Monday at the College of Technology, Bolton street.

At the week-end over 50 delegates were received by officials of the Dublin Port and Docks Board and

were taken on a tour of the port by launch. Among those present were E. J. Betson, vice-chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board; Mr. D. A. Hegarty, general manager, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, sec-

retary. Also present was the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Sean Moore, Mr. Michael J. O'Riordan, B.E., president of the Irish National Organising Committee, and Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, M.A., B.Coin., chairman.

Later the delegates attended a welcoming dinner in the Glencormac Hotel as guests of Irish Shipping Ltd. Mr. Frank Robbins, director, Irish Shipping Ltd., said that his company was especially interested in this remarkable undertaking because of the ultimate good which would be achieved in the technical and cultural fields and in international relations. "It gives considerable satisfaction to our company because of the fact that scholarships have been sponsored over the years for youths in marine engineering, and in addition we have promoted deck apprenticeships."

Paying a tribute to the Liffey Dockyard and to Verolme (Cork) Dockyard, he said: "While we are alone at the present moment in this effort of apprenticeships for the training of young Irishmen to man our ships, we are hopeful that the day is not too distant when other Irish shipping interests will join with us or promote their own schemes, and thus, give our youth an opportunity to compete on the world market and obtain the important positions available."

"We recognise that the present international trade competitions' syllabus does not include a test for shipping apprentices. Perhaps in time a way will be found to do so. Nevertheless, we realise the paramount importance of such competitions and so are deeply interested in their success."

Irish Times
July 2nd

200 APPRENTICES FOR LIMERICK

Over 200 apprentices from various countries in Europe as well as Japan will be guests of the local branch of the Limerick Builders' Federation at a meeting in the Royal George Hotel to-morrow.

They will be in Dublin to take part in the annual international competitions sponsored by the International Board of Apprentices, which opens in Dublin next week-end.

Earlier in the day they will arrive at Shannon and be shown over the industrial estate. Mr. D. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Mr. J. Asnew, chairman of the Apprenticeship Board will accompany the apprentices.

Cork Examiner
July 2nd

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Cork Evening Echo
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Limerick Leader
July 3rd



Mr. Martin Gleeson, chairman, Irish National Organising Committee for the 12th International Trade Competitions for apprentices to be held in Dublin next week; Señor Francisco Albert (Madrid), secretary of the International Organising Committee, and Mr. John Agnew, Irish National Organising Committee, at a conference in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, yesterday.

CHALLENGE FOR IRISH TRADE APPRENTICES

Irish Times Reporter

SEVEN tons of metal have been cut up into strips and bits and pieces in a Dublin workshop—and not for scrap, but for an exercise that will involve 13 countries and be watched by several others.

The metal will be used by young apprentices of various nations in competitions to be held in the city next week. To be precise, it will be used in the metal-works section of the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, being held outside the Continent of Europe for the first time.

Thus there are many more tons and feet of material, from wood to wire, from bricks to stones, being prepared. A team of 32 Irish apprentices, all between the ages of 18 and 21 will compete against more than 250 apprentices from the other countries in 32 individual competitions, to see who can produce the best from it.

The competitions will embrace the following branches of industry — brick-laying, cabinet-making, carpentry, foundry moulding, fitting, domestic electric wiring, industrial electric wiring, industrial forging, joinery, jewellery, panel beating, pattern-making, plumbing, engineering drawing, milling (toolroom), silver-smith work, metal-plate work, stone-cutting, structural steelwork, turning, welding and wrought-iron work.

90 MEDALS

Even when the competitions are all over, Irish craftsmanship will be again to the fore. For in only 30 hours, between the time the results are announced and the prizes are presented, local engravers will have to produce some 90 medals inscribed with the names and addresses of the winners in the appropriate languages. This is just one of the problems—and indeed a comparatively minor one — which the Irish National Organising Committee has had to sort out in many months of planning.

Yesterday these plans were announced by the committee, which is headed by Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, chief inspector, Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education (president), Mr. Martin Gleeson, chief executive officer, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (chairman), Mr. D. J. Barry, vice-principal of the College of Technology, Bolton street (director) and which includes Mr. John Agnew, chairman of An Chéard Chomhairle (the National Apprenticeship Board).

Having introduced members of

cluding Señor Francisco Albert, secretary of the International Organising Committee, and announced details of the competitions, which will take place in the College of Technology, Bolton street, from July 8th to July 13th, they gave some idea of the immense size of the undertaking.

The countries to be represented, they said, would be, in addition to Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, Denmark, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland and Spain, with observers from Mexico, the U.S. and Sweden, and the teams would be accompanied by about 150 technical officials and representatives of their countries.

£80,000 BUDGET

The budget for the whole event, said Mr. Barry, exceeded £80,000. This included machinery to the value of £50,000, which had been installed by the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee in the college, and which would be a wonderful advantage subsequently.

Mr. Gleeson said that one of the most gratifying features of the whole venture was the support which Irish industry and the trade unions had given it. It would cost a lot and the amount already subscribed by Irish industry and the Dublin Trades Council was in the region of £25,000. The fact that such a large amount had been subscribed was indicative of the appreciation for technical education. A very valuable grant had been received from the Department of Education. He also thanked firms which are sponsoring various functions in connection with the competitions.

The competitions will be officially opened by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, next Sunday at 11.30 a.m. in the Franciscan College, Gormanstown, Co. Meath.

The competitions will begin next Monday and are expected to end on the Saturday. The examination and marking of the test pieces should be finished by the following Wednesday. Then on Thursday, the 18th, the President, Mr. de Valera, will present the prizes in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, and on the same evening a closing banquet will be held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, when the guest of honour will be the Taoiseach, Mr.

Irish Times
July 3rd

Sixteen nations represented CITY WILL ACT AS HOST

Banquet in their honour to-night

ELABORATE arrangements have been made to receive the representatives of 16 nations when they visit Limerick this evening, and a banquet will be held in their honour in the Royal George Hotel to-night.

The entertainment will include a complete Irish cabaret show and many prominent artistes will take part. It will be one of the first functions of its kind to be held in Limerick in recent years.

For the first time in its long and noble history, Limerick City will be host to fourteen nations to-night. They are the teachers in charge of the apprentices who are participating in the International Trade Competitions for apprentices in Dublin.

The countries represented will be Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Holland, Denmark.

This afternoon the party, numbering approximately 150, arrived at Shannon Airport in three buses from Dublin. They were met by Mr. Brendan O'Regan, Chairman of the Shannon Airport Company, and Mr. Paul Quigley, Manager of the Industrial Estate.

They were taken on a tour of the Estate and later were guests of the Airport Company at a mediaeval luncheon in Bunratty Castle and then went on the mediaeval tour.

They will arrive in Limerick at 7.30, and will be greeted by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Frank Leddin. They will be introduced at a sherry reception in the Royal George Hotel and at 8.15 the banquet will begin.

The special cabaret show will consist of Irish dancing, music and singing and many well-known artistes will take part. It will be a gala night and nothing is being left undone by the energetic Citizens' Committee, who have organised the function.

The majority of local firms have contributed to the fund set up to entertain the guests. The ballroom of the George Hotel has been specially decorated for the occasion.

Practically all sections of the industrial, commercial and professional and business life of the city will be represented.

The dinner will be presided over by Mr. Michael P. Finnan, President, Limerick Council of Trade Unions, and other speakers will include Ald. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance; Mr. J. P. Liddy, who will propose the toast of "The Guests," and Mr. Edward O'Neill, Secretary, Limerick Branch I.T.G.W.U.

Mr. P. Quigley, General Manager, Shannon Free Airport Development Co. Ltd., welcoming the Secretariat and technical representatives of the twelfth international trade competitions for apprentices at Bunratty Castle to-day, said:

"On behalf of your hosts, the factories established at Shannon Airport and the Shannon Free Airport Development Company Limited, it is my privilege to welcome you to Bunratty Castle."

I understand that you will drive through the Shannon Industrial Estate to-morrow morning on your way to Galway. You will see there a development that is up-to-the-minute in this second half of the 20th century, a development far removed in terms of technical progress from the crossbows and matchlock guns of this Castle. You will see a complex of modern buildings housing factories which are sending their products to the most competitive markets in the world.

These modern factories are the product of the increasing competition for the services of the Shannon Free Airport and the Shannon Industrial Estate. The craftsmanship of the smith who made that armour is no less needed to-day, though directed to different ends. The craftsman of to-day is called upon to work to standards of accuracy and precision that are new even for this century. He is no longer an individualist, but one of a closely-knit organisation of people whose total effort adds up to a finished product.

Japanese group for apprentices' competitions

THE competitors taking part in the 12th International Trade Competitions for apprentices, which will open at Gormanston College on Monday, are expected to arrive in Dublin today and tomorrow. A group of 20 Japanese left Tokyo yesterday. They will take part in 14 events, including machine assembling and lathing.

The opening of the competitions will take place in the College on Sunday, when the Minister for Education, Dr. Hickey, will perform the ceremony. The competitions will begin on Monday morning.

LIMERICK WELCOME

Limerick City played host last night to almost 200 members of the secretariat and officials of the competition. When the party arrived outside the Royal George Hotel, O'Connell St., they were greeted by the Bohorbouy Band playing a selection of Irish airs. They were welcomed by the Deputy Mayor of Limerick, Mr. Frank Dedam.

Mr. M. P. Finnan, President of the Limerick Council of Trade Unions, presided at the banquet at which more than 250 people attended. A cabaret show featuring Irish artists entertained the guests during the course of the evening.

The new Mayor of Galway, Councillor Martin Dwyer, will welcome to Galway today the delegates from 13 countries. The advisers are going to Galway for luncheon, a tour of the Corrib country and dinner tonight.

Irish Independent
July 5th

13 countries in apprentices competition

From a London Correspondent
THE strongest team of British apprentices yet assembled will travel from London Airport to Dublin to-morrow for the annual international apprentice competition which opens on Monday. The team consists of 31 boys from all over the country, whose ages range from 17 to 21. Twelve other countries will be competing.

The competition began in 1951 as a friendly contest between Spain and Portugal. Other European countries and America took part in 1953, and Japan entered last year.

There was not much British interest in the early years of the competition and few successes were achieved. Last year, however, the British team brought home three gold, eight silver, and seven bronze medals — more than any other country except Spain.

This year, the City and Guilds of London Institute, who sponsor the British team, have to choose from 1,000 entries—twice as many as last year.—(Times Service.)

Irish Times
July 5th

JAPANESE GROUP BOUND FOR DUBLIN

TWENTY-FIVE Japanese left Tokyo to-day to participate in the International Vocational Training Contest in the Franciscan College, Gormanston, beginning on Monday. They are due to arrive in Dublin on Friday. Another group of five left June 25 for Dublin.

The Japanese representatives are to compete in 14 events, including machine assembling and lathing. Japan captured five gold and silver medals in last year's "Technical Olympics" held in Spain, taking part for the first time.

Evening Herald
July 4th



MR. JOHN D. BARRY, M.Sc., B.E., vice-principal of the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, attended the Press conference of the National Organising Committee for the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, in Dublin, yesterday.

A native of Cobh and educated at U.C.C. and U.C.D., he is organising director of the competitions. He has travelled widely in Europe and the United States, where he carried out research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Irish Press
July 3rd

200 officials tour estate at Shannon

ABOUT 200 officials who are taking part in organising the International Trades Conference in Dublin this week-end, toured the Industrial Estate at Shannon today.

They were welcomed by Mr. Brendan O'Regan, chairman, Shannon Airport Development Company, and Mr. Paul Quigley, general manager. Later the senior officials had lunch at Bunratty Castle before visiting Limerick.

The party, which included Mr. J. Agnew, chairman of the National Apprenticeship Board, and Mr. M. O'Flanagan, chief inspector, Department of Education, were guests of the Airport Development Co., and a group of Limerick business firms. To-morrow they will attend a dinner in Limerick.

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200 go by coach to Shannon

A party of 200 officials and people connected with the organising of the International Trades competition in Dublin next weekend travelled to Shannon Airport today in four special coaches from Dublin.

They were guests of the Airport Development Company and toured the industrial estate before going to Bunratty, where they had a medieval lunch.

With the group was Mr. James Agnew, chairman of the National Apprenticeship Board, and Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, chief inspector of the Department of Education. Tonight the party will be the guests of a group of firms in Limerick at a reception and dinner.

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MRS. LUCY BREATHNACH, of 2, 10, Highhorn, Park, Dub. Laoghaire, is a German and Spanish interpreter for the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

She was born in the north of Spain of a German father and a Spanish mother. Mrs. Breathnach has been living in Dublin for the past 12 years and is now an Irish citizen. She has six children.

Irish Press
July 4th

Japanese For Dublin Contest

Vocational Training

Twenty-five Japanese left Tokyo to-day to participate in the international vocational training contest in Dublin beginning on Monday.

They are to arrive in Dublin on Saturday and are to compete in 14 events, including machine assembling and lathing. Japan secured five gold and silver medals in the last year's Technical Olympics held in Spain when she took part for the first time. (A.P.)

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Belfast Telegraph
July 4th

In the making

THIS month Ireland plays host to apprentices representative of 13 countries participating in The International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 1963.

Yes, I know that sounds obscure and just a little dull, but bear with me and you'll find that it's neither the one nor the other.

For these competitions 200 industrial organisations and companies have poured contributions and sponsorship, and with the Dublin Trades Council have contributed over £25,000 towards the cost. A fortune in machinery and equipment has been installed in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, and more than 900 interpreters will be employed to maintain a translation service.

Why, then, all this fuss, work and expenditure on an army of young men sawing, wiring, forging, welding, plumbing and goodness knows what else?

Because these are the technicians of tomorrow, and Ireland—who can't have enough of them—boasts 15 first places, ten seconds and six thirds since first taking part in the competitions in 1957.

Social climax

THIS year is the largest event organised since the competitions became an international Secretariat in the present, by a team of 32 apprentices. Against them will be ranged the brains and skill of over 250 apprentices from other countries.

At a press conference introducing members of the International Secretariat in the Shelbourne yesterday it was announced that the official opening would be performed by Dr. P. J. Hill, Minister for Education, on Sunday next at Gormanston College.

President de Valera will present the prizes in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle on July 18, and a closing banquet at which An Taoiseach will be guest of honour will be held the same evening in the Intercontinental Hotel.

Evening Press
July 3rd

To-morrow's Craftsmen

The general public is often a graceless master, and does not realise the amount of devoted work and careful thought that lies behind so many of the services that it takes for granted. High on this list come the technical skills of printing and furniture-making, of engineering and building. Most people are aware that these are, all of them, highly-skilled activities; but only those directly concerned seem inclined to pause and ask how it is that the supply of trained men is maintained to meet the country's requirements in these fields. International competitions for apprentices in these various trades—the twelfth of their kind to be held, the first in Ireland—will take place in Dublin next week; and all those organisations which have arranged or sponsored these competitions, employers, unions and educational bodies alike, are to be congratulated. International tests of this kind are not only valuable in raising the standard and keeping our own trainees in touch with standards abroad. They also capture the public interest in a way that similar local activity could never do, and as such are immensely valuable.

In past years, and especially last year in similar competitions in Spain, the Irish boys did well—exceptionally well, indeed, winning ten awards and finishing second only to their Spanish hosts. This clearly indicates that, at least from one aspect, we have not been deceiving ourselves as to the excellent quality of our trainees in industry, who have often been commended by other independent foreign sources for their skill and intelligence. There remains one carping doubt, however, not about these young men themselves, but about the basis of their training. A very high proportion of our successes abroad have been in the trades where hand-craftsmanship is paramount. This from a human point of view is wholly admirable; yet from the point of view of our technological survival, one would like to see also a similar record of triumph in more highly mechanised fields. Given the proper training, we have no doubt that our apprentices would win at least their fair share of laurels. As technical training (in the most mechanised sense) stands at present, we cannot hope for this; but must be content with our traditional ascendancy in the sphere of the hand-crafts. Our technical teachers are well aware of this; but until the general public shares that awareness, in the practical sphere, by voting more money for more elaborate technical training, the present situation must persist.

Irish Times
July 3rd

Challenge

THE head chefs of this city are amongst the finest in Europe. The great majority of them have had continental training and are acquainted with the dishes of every country in the civilised world.

On next Saturday night week the Gresham's head chef and his trusty staff will be faced with a challenge, which will bring out all their knowledge of how other people eat.

At one sitting they will be required to serve up the native dishes of thirteen different nations.

A big test, to be sure, but our money is on the Gresham kitchen staff.

Sitting down to this cosmopolitan nosebag will be about 600 people. They will include nearly 300 young men who will take part in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

Opening ceremonies take place at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, next Sunday at 11.30 a.m. And the countries represented are: Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, West Germany, Italy, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland and Spain.

Honour

"This is the first time the competitions are being held outside the Continent of Europe." Public Relations Consultant, Frankie Byrne, told us at a Press Conference in the Shelbourne last evening.

"They started in Spain in 1947 and have since grown to enormous proportions."

"This is a great honour for us. It will be the biggest international competition for apprentices ever held anywhere, and it is being supported by hundreds of Irish firms and trades councils."

Thirty interpreters will make everybody intelligible to everybody else. And machinery and equipment costing £60,000 has been installed in Bolton Street's College of Technology for the duration of the competitions.

It will all end on July 18 with a banquet in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, earlier

at 3.30 p.m., President de Valera will present the prizes.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADES COMPETITION

Organising Officials In Limerick, Shannon

About 200 officials and those organising the international trades competition which is to open at Dublin this week-end arrived at Shannon Airport in four buses to-day from Dublin.

After making a tour of the Shannon industrial estate they went to Bunratty Castle for a medieval luncheon as guests of the airport development company.

Later they went on to Limerick where the party, which included Mr. James Agnew, Chairman of the National Apprenticeship Board, and Michael O'Flanagan, Chief Inspector, Department of Education, where they were guests of Limerick business firms.

To-night they will attend a reception and dinner. They were received in Limerick this afternoon by the acting Mayor, Mr. Jock Donagher, N.T.

Cork Evening Echo
July 4th

Japanese and Germans fly in

Herald Staff Reporter

The Japanese and German teams who will take part in next week's international apprenticeship competitions in Dublin flew in to-day.

At the airport to meet the Japanese contingent was Mr. Itsuhiko Sejima, welding engineer, Hitachi Ltd., Tokyo.

He said the 14 competitors in the party had been eagerly looking forward to their Irish visit, and hoped to do well.

Herr Heinz Ney, leader of the 24 Germans, said this is his first visit to Ireland. All the competitors came from West Germany, with one from West Berlin.

Other teams arriving later to-day were the Portuguese and Spanish.

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Delegates to the International Apprenticeship Competitions, which will be held in Gormanston College, Co. Meath, next week, pictured at Bunnally Castle, where they were given a mediaeval dinner by the Shannon Development Co. to-day.



★ Also at the Intercontinental were: (l. to r.) Mr. K. Aoshima (Japan), J. B. Brown (Great Britain), I. Sejima (Japan), Dr. S. Ushioda (Japan).

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★ President of the International Trade Competitions, Senor E. Lopez Lopez (centre), with Spanish delegates Aparisi, Ramos, Palencia, Serrano, Jerez and Gibello at the Intercontinental Hotel.

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MAMA MIA! Imagine a bus load of young Italians mislaid somewhere in the wilderness between Dover and Dublin for a whole day.

Fourteen teenage Italian apprentices were due in Dublin at 7.20 a.m. yesterday to attend the International Trade Competition—but they never turned up. Consternation! Where had they disappeared to?

Senior Italian official delegate to the competitions, Armando Malagodi, seemed really worried in the Intercontinental Hotel last night.

He knew and the Irish organisers knew that the young Italians were expected yesterday morning.

Telephone wires buzzed all day to the hotel but there was no trace of the apprentices from Italy.

Most un-Latin like the Italian technical representatives, who to the competitions merely shrugged his shoulders and said, "Don't know" (to-morrow). And how right he was! Last night the boys were found safe and sound—in Liverpool.

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TO COMPETE IN TRAINEE TESTS



At the reception in the Ormond Hotel for the six apprentice members of the National Engineering Union, who represent Ireland (in their respective trades) in the forthcoming International Apprenticeship Competition, which starts in Bolton Street School of Technology on Monday next, were:

Seated, from left: Mr. Vincent Ryan, Mr. James Ryan, Mr. Larry O'Neill and Mr. John Gough, of the Executive Council of the Union. Back row: Mr. John Cassidy, General Secretary of the Union; the apprentices: George McGrane (Blacksmith), Liam Ward (Structural Steelwork), Charles Roe (Welding), Thomas Doherty (Heating Engineer), Thomas Gray (Pattern Maker), Thomas O'Brien (Moulding), and Mr. Christopher Duffy, General President of the Union.

Apprentices arrive for competitions

THE first of the 12 international teams which will compete in the trade competitions for apprentices beginning on Monday at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, arrived in Dublin yesterday.

The 31 members of the British team and the Portuguese team of 22, were early arrivals. The other nations taking part in addition to Ireland are Japan, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Luxembourg, Italy, Austria and Belgium.

The President, Mr. de Valera, will present the prizes in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, next Thursday. After the competitions the apprentices will stay on for a tour of the country.

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Dinner for competition officials

OVER 250 officials and others connected with the International Trades competition in Dublin next week-end attended a dinner organised by a special Limerick committee representative of the business and industrial life of the city.

The officials representing 13 countries and observers from the United States, were greeted by the Limerick Bohemian Band with Irish airs when they arrived at the Royal George Hotel. Later they were entertained to a cabaret show featuring Irish performers.

Guests included Mr. D. B. O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and chairman of the Irish Building Advisory Council; Mr. Michael Flannagan, chief inspector, Technical Education; Mr. P. Donagan, president of the Dublin Vocational Educational Committee; Mr. J. P. Liddy, chairman, Limerick Industrial Committee; and Mr. M. P. Finn, President of the Limerick Committee of Trade Unions, who presided.

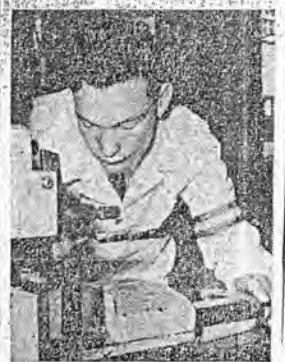
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TOUR OF GALWAY

ONE hundred technical advisers from twelve countries will make a tour of Galway on Friday. The advisers, from countries as far away as Japan, are coming to Ireland for the Twelfth Trade Competitions for Apprentices, which opens in Dublin on Saturday and ends on 19th July.

The local Galway Organising Committee has arranged the following entertainment programme for the visitors: 12 noon, arrival in Galway and Reception; 12.30 p.m., Civic Reception by His Worship, the Mayor of Galway; 1 p.m., Luncheon; 2.30 p.m., Tour of the "Corrib Country"; 8 p.m., Dinner in the Connemara Rooms, Great Southern Hotel.

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Eighteen-year-old Daniel Donaghy of Morell Lodge, Naas, will be representing Ireland in the Fitting Section of the XII International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in Dublin next week.

Employed by Messrs. B. Hedderman, Tipper Road, Naas, he attends the Vocational School, Naas, and has been selected by stiff competitive examination to represent his country against competitors from all over the world, as has twenty-one-year-old Thomas Callan (below), Rathasher Rd., Naas, who is employed by Bord an Mona, and attends the same Vocational School.

In all 400 delegates and competitors from 13 countries will be in Ireland for three weeks during July. The countries represented are: Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, West Germany, Ireland, Italy, Denmark, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Spain.

Teams of observers from the United States of America and Sweden will also attend.



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Apprentices arriving for tests

TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY apprentices, aged between 17 and 21, are travelling to Ireland from 13 countries this weekend to take part in the 12th International Trades Competitions at Bolton St. College, Dublin. The competitions will begin on Monday and will go on all week.

Last night the English team arrived at Dublin Airport. There were 31 apprentices representing 16 trades in the team and they were led by Mr. John Middleton. Yesterday, some of the international delegates, who have been in Ireland for some days past, visited Limerick and Galway.

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JOHN DOODY in the street of adventure.

PANORAMA

By FERGUS WRIGHT

Now I'm Rooney, said the young Spaniard

EXCITING CHANGES ON DUBLIN'S STREET OF ADVENTURE

IN the newspaper world Fleet Street in London is known as the street of adventure.

In business circles in Dublin Henry Street would qualify for the title for surely the business chiefs in that busy street are full of the spirit of adventure.

John McGuire went that way to launch Todco. Roches Stores is one of the most up-to-date of its kind in Europe.

There too is a branch of the brilliant Cassidy family. A group that can be said to have revolutionised the market for ready-to-wear clothes for the ladies, young and not-so-young.

Sloweys and Harpers are two more companies that play their part in winning for Irish garments the citation of being amongst the best in value in Europe's capital cities.

Men have their interests catered for, starting right at the corner from O'Connell

A SPANIARD and his name Mr. Rooney! That required an explanation. I met him at the lunch given in the Shelbourne Hotel to meet foreign officials here for the International Trade Competitions for apprentices.

When he arrived a few years ago, an official at Dublin Airport told him: "In Ireland you will be Mr. Rooney."

In Spain the mother's name is taken after the father's name. Thus Francisco Pascau Rooney on his passport indicates his father's name is Pascau, his mother's Rooney.

"I agreed with the friendly official," he told me, "and decided it would be easier to be Mr. Rooney in Ireland."

At college

He is taking an engineering course in University College. His mother's Christian name is Ethel. She had left her native Blanchardstown, near Dublin, and was teaching English in Madrid when she met her husband.

Another very pleasant Spaniard at the lunch was Francisco Albert, Secretary of the international organising committee.

He told the luncheon party the aims of the organisation. He flattered Ireland by saying it was one of the best organised gatherings so far held (this is the twelfth).

Training

He said the coming together of the apprentices from many countries enabled them to see how work was done by other people.

Having been in Spain recently I was able to comment that he should get some of our Irish waiters over there and train them. He had reason to know what I was talking about.

Our vocational education chief in Dublin, Martin

Gleeson, must have been pleased to hear the tributes paid to the work he and his colleagues are doing, notably at the Bolton Street College of Technology, for the young men and women of Dublin.

The training these young people are getting, in many trades and professions, must bring great benefit to the nation.

Acting as an interpreter, in Spanish and German, to the Congress is Mary Roche, an Irish girl with a charming personality.

260 'PRENTICES WILL COMPETE

IT was a day of contrast at Dublin Airport yesterday when most of the 260 competitors for the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, which starts at the College of Technology, Dublin, tomorrow, arrived with varying uniforms and languages.

First to arrive was the Japanese party of 29, in smart dark-blue blazers bearing the Rising Sun crest, and next came 23 West Germans, their slim blondeness striking beside the small, stocky Orientals.

Spanish Castanets

As the 27 Spanish apprentices arrived, to the accompaniment of guitars and clucking heels, they sang Spanish folk music and a Spanish translation of "The Craftsman," the competitors' theme song which has been written by Leo Maguire.

Other teams to arrive were from Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark and Switzerland. A

number of other competing nations arrived earlier in the week.

This is the first time the competitions have been held here and there are 260 competitors, of whom 32 are Irish. There are also about 140 officials from various countries attending and they and the competitors are staying at Gormanston College, Co. Meath.

Planning praised

With the Spaniards was Senor Eugenio Lopez, President of the International Organising Committee of the Competitions. He said the competitions were established in Spain 13 years ago to encourage apprenticeship and to get apprentices from other countries to meet and share techniques.

He was very pleased with the arrangements at the College and said the work of the Irish authorities in planning the contests, which end on July 14, was excellent.

To meet Senor Lopez were Senor W. T. Brett and Senor Francisco Monforte of the Spanish Embassy; Senor Francisco Albert, Secretary, International Organising Committee of the competitions; Messrs. John Agnew, Chairman, National Apprenticeship Committee; Michael O'Flahagan, President, and Mr. M. Gleeson, Chairman of the Irish Competitions Committee.

The competitions do not commence until tomorrow, in Bolton St., but the assembly will be opened at 11.30 this morning by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, in Gormanston College, Co. Meath.

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A special anthem greeted visiting apprentices

WORDS
BY LEO
MAGUIRE,
MUSIC BY
CAROLAN

VISITING foreigners must have been stirred at the opening in Gormanston College, Co. Meath, yesterday of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, for a fanfare of trumpets and roll of drums greeted each speaker. Even more impressive, however, was the anthem which was specially got ready for the event under the title "The Craftsman."

The words were written by Leo Maguire and set to the music of "The Princess Royal," a fine, solemn piece by the blind harpist, Carolan, which is rarely heard now. It was sung by Martin Dempsey before the assembled apprentices with the Army No. 1 Band accompanying, and it made a big impression.



Leo Maguire.

MILES OF STRAND

THE competitions are being held at the College of Technology, Bolton St., and the hundreds of young competitors commute daily between it and the lovely Franciscan college which has miles of strand nearby and innumerable facilities for the boys to enjoy themselves when they are not in Dublin. Whoever thought up the idea of accommodating the visitors at Gormanston showed splendid imagination.

"The Craftsman" has been recorded by the choir of the Irish School of Music with its director, Mr. Michael McNamara, accompanying on the organ. A copy has been distributed to each of the 13 competing countries, and before the tests finish it is probable that all the contestants will be able to sing it in unison.

How the Japanese and

Spaniards and Danes will get over the language problem, however, I do not know. If they know English there will be no difficulty for the words are simple and the meaning is clear.

The second verse runs:
The Craftsman's will, the
Craftsman's skill
Are prized the whole world
over still;
His works our lives with beauty
fill.
Let's honour him, the Crafts-
man.
With steady hand and ready
mind
And soul by tutored toil
refined;
Where art and science meet
and blend
And brain and brawn their
helping lend.
There peace and plenty will
attend
The staunch, devoted Crafts-
man.

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★ Spanish visitor Francisco Albert, from Madrid, here for the congress in connection with the international trade competitions for apprentices,

talks to interpreter Miss Mary Roche and Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin Vocational Education Committee, at a luncheon in the Shelbourne Hotel.

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Holding a conversation in Spanish and English at the official opening of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, yesterday were (from left): Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin Vocational Education Committee; Dr. Hillery, Miss Mary Roche, interpreter, and Senor Eugenio Lopez, President, International Organising Committee.

International tests for apprentices opened by Dr. Hillery

THE flags of many nations fluttered in front of the Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, where the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, yesterday officially opened the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

The flags were also grouped outside the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, the venue for the competitions, which start today.

Until Saturday next 260 apprentices from 13 nations will vie for the prizes, which will be presented by President de Valera at the closing ceremony in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, on Thursday week.

Speaking to an audience of 600 people at Gormanston, Dr. Hillery welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Government, and said that international friendship was the ultimate ideal of the competitions.

BENEFITS

This would be the eighth successive year Ireland had taken part in the competitions.

"We joined in this international enterprise," said the Minister, "because the spirit in which it was conceived and the ideal by which it is inspired must not only bring benefits to the individuals and countries who are participants, but also contribute to the cause of international understanding and human progress."

Dr. Hillery said that through the competitions there had developed among Irish apprentices generally an attitude of greater understanding and, therefore, of great friendliness towards the craftsmen of other countries.

The tests afforded an opportunity for the pooling of knowledge on the various crafts and trades in which the different countries were specially skilled.

BIGGEST EVENT

This was the biggest event yet, he said, since the competitions started in Spain, Portugal had soon joined in.

Now Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Germany and Ireland were taking part. Observers from Sweden and the U.S. were present.

Having thanked the Central Organising Committee, the Minister said he was deeply grateful to the Rector of the college and to

the Franciscan community for accommodating the competitors; Dublin City Vocational Education Committee for providing the centre for the competitions, and the many industrial and commercial concerns which responded to his appeal for assistance in making the occasion memorable for the visitors.

The employers of the apprentices, the trade unions, the Vocational Education Committees throughout the country, the teachers and the apprentices merited the fullest praise.

OTHERS SPEAKERS

Mr. M. Gleeson, C.E.O. City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee and Chairman of the National Organising Committee (Ireland), said the establishment of a National Apprenticeship Board with statutory powers under the Apprenticeship Act enabled them to set standards of entry to apprenticeship and standards of training which could be universally enforced. With this instrument they were ready to consolidate previous gains and to embark on certain new experiments.

Senor Eugenio Lopez, President of the International Organising Committee (Madrid), speaking in Spanish, said international understanding should be the aim of the competitors. Nowhere had the competitions been received as well as in Ireland.

GOLD MEDAL

It was announced by Senor Lopez that the Spanish Government had asked him to present a gold medal to Dr. Hillery as a tribute to the Irish Government for the manner in which they organised the competitions.

Silver medals will be presented to the 21 members of the National Organising Committee.

Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, President, National Organising Committee (Ireland), recalled that he went to Madrid as an observer in 1959 and was so impressed that he looked forward to the day when Ireland would be host to this movement.

LUNCHEON

The members of the 13 teams in their colourful blazers were seated in the centre of the dining hall,

where 600 people were luncheon guests of the E.S.B.

The chairman of the board, Mr. T. Murray, said the E.S.B. appreciated the privilege, since they were among the pioneers of specialised apprenticeship training in this country.

From a modest beginning the number of recruits had increased each year and the E.S.B. now recruited up to 120 apprentices annually.

Mr. Leo Crawford, joint secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and Senor Antonio Luis Gomez, Portugal, also spoke.

Miss Mary Roche, Dublin, acted as interpreter.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance included the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore; Dr. C. S. Andrews, Chairman, C.I.E.; Lt.-Gen. M. J. Costello, General Manager, Irish Sugar Company; Mr. M. McCourt, President, Federation of Irish Industries; Mr. J. Lovett, President, Vocational Teachers' Organisation, and Cllr. John McCann, Chairman, Dublin Vocational Education Committee. The Band of the Eastern Command, conducted by Comdt. J. Cogherty, played at the opening ceremonies.



MR. W. J. N. O'BRIEN is group leader of the 32-member team of Irish apprentices who are competing against 250 apprentices from 13 countries, in the 12th International Trade Competitions which begin in the Bolton Street College of Technology, Dublin, this morning. Born in Limerick he qualified as an engineer in Hamburg and Dresden. A lecturer at the College of Technology, he was group leader for the Irish team at the group competitions at Duisberg in 1961 and at Gijon, Spain, last year.



MISS PATRICIA KEATING is secretary to Mr. Sean O Ceallaigh, officer in charge of press, entertainers and interpreters, and member of the National Organising Committee for the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at present being held in Dublin.

Born in Dublin, she studied at the Rathmines High School of Commerce, where she took her Leaving Certificate. She has been secretary to Mr. O Ceallaigh as principal of the school since last August.

Young craftsmen of 16 countries here for big competitions

APPRENTICES from 16 nations were present at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, yesterday, when the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, opened the twelfth of the series of International Trade Competitions for apprentices. The contests will begin today in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, and will continue for six days.

The Irish team is the largest, with the team from Britain next in size. Other teams participating represent Spain, Austria, Belgium, West Germany, Italy, Denmark (competing for the first time), Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland.

Teams of observers from the U.S., Sweden and Mexico are also in Dublin this week, as well as about 150 technical officials and representatives of the participating countries.

Yesterday Dr. Hillery said this was the eighth successive year for Ireland to have taken part in these competitions.

"We joined," he said, "in this international enterprise because the spirit in which it was conceived and the ideal by which it is inspired must not only bring benefits to the individuals and countries who are participants, but also contribute to the cause of international understanding and human progress. While, accordingly, we in Ireland are pleased that the young competitors whom we have sent abroad have year after year acquitted themselves creditably, it is still a greater pleasure to know that through the competitions there has developed among our apprentices generally an attitude of greater understanding and, therefore, of great friendliness towards the craftsmen of other countries."

In addition to that, these competitions have afforded an opportunity for the pooling of knowledge on the various crafts and trades in which the different countries are specially skilled."

Great extension

The fact that Japan was taking part for the second year

in succession, and that the United States had sent observers to Dublin gave to the occasion not merely an international character but an intercontinental one.

"We must, indeed, congratulate the central organising committee on this great extension of the scope of these competitions in a comparatively short space of years," he said. "They can now, it would seem, look forward with reasonable confidence to the inclusion of still more nations and even more continents in this great annual event."

Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, chief executive officer of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee and chairman of the Irish national committee for the competitions, said that at this period, when most European countries are ploughing new furrows in the field of apprenticeship education, the competitions are serving a very useful purpose "by enabling comparisons to be made, ideas to be exchanged and skills to be matched."

"They are useful, also, in focussing attention in many quarters — governmental, industrial and educational — on the fruitful experimental work that is taking place. Naturally, that focussing is sharper in Ireland this year than in other years, and I would like it to be placed on record that Irish industry has responded with interest."

Señor Eugenio López Loper, president of the International Organising Committee, Madrid, said that Ireland was an historic country situated between the old and new worlds and all the competing nations were pleased that the current competitions were being held here.

Mr. Michael J. O'Flanagan, Irish Official Representative on the International Organising Committee and president of the Irish National Organising Committee, said that in 1956 he had attended the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices as an observer and had been much impressed by what he had seen. The following year he had led the first team to represent Ireland in these competitions. They did not win any medals but had greatly benefited in participating. From then on it had been their desire to bring the competitions to Ireland.

Irish industry has contributed more than £25,000 towards the cost of the competitions. Yesterday after the official opening the E.S.B. were hosts to the Minister, the visiting officials and teams and in all some 600 people to lunch at Gormanston.

Mr. T. Murray, chairman, E.S.B.; Mr. Leo Crawford, joint secretary, I.C.T.U., and Mr. Antonio Luis Gomes, Technical Representative, Portugal, also spoke.



Yasuji Fukuda (left), and Tadashi Uchiyama, from Japan, with Jose McTorres Jimenez, from Spain, at the opening of the apprentices' competitions.



Two of the young craftsmen at the opening of the apprentices' competitions yesterday were Frank Doyle, Ireland (left) and Armin Ette, Switzerland.



The Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, who opened the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices 1963, at Gormanston College, arriving at the college with Señor Eugenio López, president of the International Organising Committee (Madrid), and Miss Mary Roche, their interpreter.

DUBLIN VENUE FOR APPRENTICE TESTS

Minister's welcome

THE international trade apprentices competitions, which begin in the College of Technology, Bolton street, Dublin, to-day, were introduced by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, at a ceremony at Gormanston Castle, Co. Meath, yesterday.

Dr. Hillery said that this year's programme was the biggest since the movement started in Spain 12 years ago. Portugal joined in making it international, followed by Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and Ireland. There were observers from Sweden and the U.S. and Japan was taking part for the second year.

The Minister thanked the Franciscan College for accommodating the competitors, and paid tribute to the Dublin Vocational Education Committee for providing the Bolton street centre for the competitions.

TO PRESENT PRIZES

On next Thursday week, President de Valera will present the prizes at the closing ceremony in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Mr. Martin Gleeson, M.A., B.Comm., chief executive officer of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, said that the post-war period had seen many experiments in the education of technical staff for industry. In the apprenticeship field, achievement had shown more quickly than in certain others, but there still remained much to do. Ireland had been moving with the European current, but had not become submerged in it, deliberately holding back from some experiments and going ahead with others.

The international apprenticeship competitions were serving a useful purpose now by enabling comparisons to be made, ideas to be exchanged, and skills to be matched, he said. Focusing of attention on fruitful experimental work was sharper in Ireland than in former years, and Irish industry had responded with interest.

BUILDING COLLEGE

Mr. Gleeson said he regretted that the proposed Kevin street college had not been built before the competitors came to Dublin, but he would not have the competitors think acceptance of the assignment had been a grudging one. "We are delighted that you have come to Dublin we are flattered that one of our colleges has been selected for the venue, and we sincerely hope that the competitions will be as successful as those which preceded them, and that your leisure hours in Ireland will be happy ones," he said.

Mr. T. Murray, chairman, Electricity Supply Board, after lunch at the college, said that the Apprenticeship Board, since its establishment, had shown that it was a progressive body. Members of voluntary committees gave time and energy freely to promote apprenticeship schemes in different trades.

Irish industry has contributed more than £25,000 towards the expenses of the competitions. Machinery and equipment has been specially installed in the Bolton street college and there will be simultaneous translations by over 30 interpreters.

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Apprentices of 13 countries start tests

MORE than 250 young men, aged between 18 and 21, and coming from 13 countries, yesterday began their participation in the week-long international trade competitions for apprentices, which are being held here for the first time at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.

The apprentices come from Ireland, Britain, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

The competitions, in 32 categories, embrace many branches of industry, including: Brick-laying, cabinet-making, carpentry, foundry moulding, electric wiring, joinery, jewellery, panel-beating, pattern-making, plumbing, engineer drawing, silver-smith work, stone-cutting, structural steelwork, turning, welding and wrought iron work.

The results will be announced tomorrow week and the medals and parchments presented to the winners on the following day at the closing ceremony in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, by the President, Mr. de Valera.

The largest team is the 32-member group from Ireland, which has entered in all categories. Japan, competing for the second time, is entered in 14 categories, and Denmark, entered for the first time, is competing in 10 classes.

In Dublin with the teams are about 150 technical officials and representatives of the participating countries, as well as teams of observers from the U.S., Sweden and Mexico.

Dr. Klaus Dittmann, Germany's senior representative, said: "I have been attending these competitions since Germany first participated in 1955. I consider that the Dublin competitions are the best organised, both on a cultural and technical level of any I have seen."

"I think that nations which will be host to the competitions in the future will take advantage of many of the lessons they are learning this week from the work of the Irish national organising committee."

Receptions

At the end of the first day, Senor Enrique Escudero, a Spanish official, said: "After seeing today's work, it is going to be very difficult to select the winners."

Yesterday it was announced that the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, would give a reception for visiting technical officials and representatives in Iveagh House next Saturday evening, immediately before the dinner in the Gresham Hotel, at which the "Irish Congress" of Trade Unions will be held. The German, Spanish and other embassies will also give receptions during the week for their delegations.

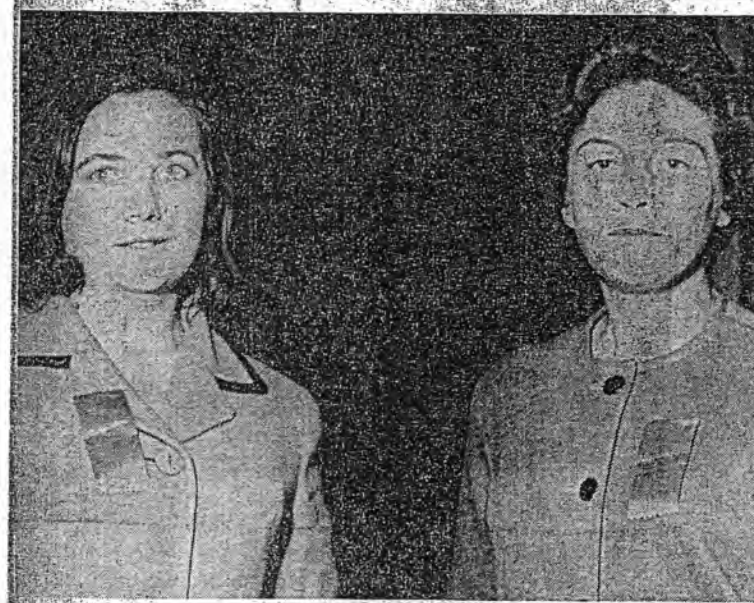
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Members of the ladies organising committee at the opening of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in the Franciscan College, Gormanston.

From left: Miss W. Bouchier-Hayes, Rathmines; Miss G. C. Armstrong, Rathmines; Mrs. Leo Crawford, Phibsboro; Mrs. J. D. Barry, Mount Merrion.

Left: two ladies who acted as stewards were Miss Dolores Mullen, Rathgar, and Mrs. M. Ganter.



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Quenato Ontona, Italy.

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Mr. J. Bolton (left), plumbing examiner, answering a query from Japanese interpreter, Tanaka, at the International Apprentices' Competitions in the College of Technology, Bolton St., to-day. Also included are Nahara Watanabe, Japanese competitor, R. Roman (right), Belgian competitor, and J. Steenbergen (back), of Holland.

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Gettinger Reinhold, Austria.

D. F. Moore



Pictured at luncheon given by E.S.B. at International Trade Competition for apprentices at Gormanston College — Kazuyoshi Kawai, Japan.

When East meets West

THERE was an animated group of be-blazered young men making ye rafters ring when we turned up at Gormanston College yesterday for the opening of the twelfth International Trade Competition for apprentices.

This was the Spanish contingent, but given a momentary lull, and the Portuguese rushed into the fray with a folk-song of their own.

All very appropriate, for competition is the life of trade, and the welkin was resounding to "A Nation Once Again" as the signal was given to troop into luncheon.

It was very much a case of East meet West. We sat and talked shop with Mr. J. Fukanaka, the London correspondent of a Japanese news-

paper, and his colleague, Shiro Mikumo.

Mr. Fukanaka, whose name means "middle of happiness," works for The Yomiuri Shimbun (shimbun is Japanese for newspaper), and to our eternal credit we didn't bat an eyelid when he told us its circulation was four and a half million. With a figure like that our own Editor would be Fukanaka too.

And if I laugh . . .

SHIRO MIKUMO works on the Sankei Shimbun, and his name stands for "three clouds" . . . a quaint and charming custom, isn't it?

We might have elicited more information from our new-found friends but for the rattle and clash of 800 people dining, wining and talking all around us. For this was the number entertained by the E.S.B. at a

luncheon which must surely have been the largest in living memory.

It was this thought that put a damper on the proceedings for us, and we know now what our nightmares will consist of for a week ahead.

Just think of slaughtering 200 chickens, cutting 1,200 slices of ham, removing the leaves from 5,000 strawberries . . .

Only as we took our leave were we able to employ the solitary Japanese term in our vocabulary—the soft and lovely Japanese goodbye . . . Sayonara . . . "If it must be."

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APPRENTICES MEET

SOMETIMES praise of craftsmanship is no more than lip-service or an exercise in sentiment. But the work of a modern technician is a fit subject for real praise, not to mention respect. It is quite right to give honour and rewards to the scientist, the planner or the enterprising organiser. In so doing, however, it is possible to overlook the extent to which modern industry relies on the skill of those in the front line of the workshop or the factory bench. The men who actually use the machines and mould material are essential to a modern economy; the standards of their work—and their welfare—is of very high importance.

The apprentices from thirteen countries who are now meeting in Gormanston and Dublin are the craftsmen of tomorrow. They have gathered to compete in skill with each other, and while we can hope that our own apprentices will hold their own, it is obvious that all will learn from the occasion. The importance of training has been stressed by the formation of the National Apprenticeship Board here. Technical training today needs not only the old craft standards, but a wider basis of knowledge to cope with the rapid changes in technology. The apprentices at Gormanston will no doubt be aware of this, but one hopes that both hosts and visitors will enjoy themselves and that the barriers of frontiers and of language may be lowered in mutual respect and understanding.

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METAL TURNER FROM VALLADOLID



Carlos Monar, a metal turner from Valladolid, Spain, in the International Apprentices' Competitions at the College of Technology, Dublin, yesterday.

High standard of apprentices' work praised

THE International Trade apprentices in Germany. He has been attending the competitions since 1955 and said the Irish arrangements are the best he has seen.

CONDUCTED TOURS

Conducted tours of the competitions' centre have been arranged each day for sponsors of the event. Receptions for participants are planned by the various embassies during the competitions, which end on July 19.

Ambassadors of the nations taking part have been invited to visit the college next Thursday. The Minister for Education, Dr. Hickey, will give a reception for the organising committee at Iveagh House, Dublin, on Saturday next.

EXHIBITION GAME

The Kilkenny and Wexford minor hurling teams will play an exhibition game at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, where the apprentices are staying on Thursday night.

On Sunday next, at the invitation of the G.A.A., the visitors will attend the Leinster senior and minor football finals at Croke Park.

Officials yesterday praised the high standard of the work.

The International Organising Committee meets this week and will decide where the 1964 competitions are to be held.

Thirteen countries, represented by 260 competitors, are participating and Ireland has the biggest team with 32 competitors.

Trades in the competitions range from housepainting and welding to silversmithing.

ARRANGEMENTS PRAISED
Don Enrique Escudero, of Madrid, said the arrangements for the competitions had met with great satisfaction from the Spanish contestants. Judging from yesterday's work, he said, the standard of the competitions would be very high.

Dr. Klaus Dittman, of Munich, Educational Director, Association of Chambers of Commerce in German Industry, said there were 1,200,000



The College of Technology in Bolton street, Dublin, resembled a military operations H.Q. yesterday morning when the 260 apprentices from 14 countries got down to work on the first day of the 12th international trade competitions for apprentices. The teams, all wearing their own special uniforms, moved quickly into position in the various rooms allotted to their particular trade and began to size up the job in hand. There are 32 Irish competitors, which is the biggest national team. Frank Douglas of Waterford is seen above at work in the senior turning event.

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MR. SEAN O'SHEA, technical teacher at Cabra Vocational School, Dublin, is acting as assistant press relations officer to Mr. S. O. Ceallaigh, College of Commerce, Rathmines, at the current international trade competitions for apprentices in Dublin.

Born in Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, Mr. O'Shea was a vocational teacher in Killarney before going to Dublin 14 years ago.

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Members of the Portuguese team who are competing in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in Dublin.

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TECH. DELEGATES FROM 14 COUNTRIES IN CITY

ONE hundred technical delegates, representing fourteen countries, and now attending the Twelfth International Competition for Apprentices in Dublin, visited Galway on Friday.

The delegates received a welcome from a special Galway committee representing the business and industrial life of the city.

Local firms contributed for the entertainment of the guests and the programme included a tour of Connemara and a dinner in the Great Southern Hotel on Friday night.

The competition, which is the largest that has yet been organised, will have three entrants from Galway.

At the reception on Friday night, the Mayor of Galway, Mr. M. Divilly, said that in this century ever-increasing attention had been given by educational authorities to training young people in manual skills, skills which required not only dexterity of hand, but also keenness of intellect and application to study.

"I am glad," said the Mayor, "to record that representatives of the Galway schools have appeared in earlier competitions with success, winning bronze, silver and gold medals."

"Here in Galway we have a very special interest in craft education. Many traditional crafts are still being practised along the Irish Western seaboard. Galway is an expanding city. We have here recently established industries with enlightened management and willing and capable employees. Perhaps what I might describe as the most important factor in making Galway attractive to industrialists is the excellence of our Vocational Schools (that is, our craft-training schools) both in the city and the county."

"I take this opportunity, on my first formal appearance as recently-elected Mayor of Galway, to compliment our County Vocational Education Committee and our City Vocational Education Committee on the excellent work which they have done over the years in training our youth and wish them, their teachers and pupils continued success in the future."

Senator Liam O'Buachalla, the Chairman of the Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee, said that in these days of political and economic blocs and communities it was well not to lose sight of social and cultural fundamentals. He had frequently expressed conviction that world co-operation in the economic and political fields was most desirable and most urgent.

Mr. Kerry O'Sullivan, President of Galway Chamber of Commerce, said the International Apprentices Organisation had for its foundation the spirit of competition based on goodwill between nations. It had no political affiliation and knew no boundaries in its development. It has also another gift, so often glibly spoken of, so often praised by word of mouth, but so seldom practised namely, the spirit of co-operation.

Added Mr. O'Sullivan: "As President of the Galway Chamber of Commerce I welcome this opportunity of expressing our approval of the fruitful work you, our guests, are doing for the young people in your different countries."

MAYOR'S WELCOME

Earlier in the day the Mayor in welcoming the visitors said that the ultimate aim of competitors such as these was to raise the standard of craftsmanship. In an age of mass production through automation there was always the danger that quantity would be considered more important than quality hence there was a great need to improve skills as well as techniques. There would always be a need for the good craftsman in industry. Through education and proper training skills can be improved and developed and every incentive should be given to young apprentices aspiring to the ideal in the finished article for craftsmanship and workmanship of which they would always be proud. He was glad that Galway had contributed to the success of the movement and three local boys, John J. McDonagh, O'Connell Road, Shantalla, Richard O'Halloran and his brother, James, Lakeview Cottage, Newcastle, were in the finals for turning, joinery and carpentry respectively. All are pupils of the local vocational school.

Mr. M. Flanagan, Chief Inspector, Training Industrial Branch, Department of Education, replied on behalf of the delegates who represented fourteen countries including Japan and the U.S. Local industries contributed for the entertainment of the guests while in Galway and the programme included a tour of the Corrib country and a dinner. The speeches were translated into several European languages. Mr. F. Foley, Tourist Promotions Officer, distributed tourist brochures and maps among the delegates.

The local organising committee was led by Mr. S. Mac Domhnaill, Chief Executive Officer, Galway City Vocational Education Committee. The attendance included the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. K. O'Sullivan, the President of the Junior Chamber, Mr. D. McLoughlin, the Co. Manager, Mr. C. J. O'Flynn.

AT THE BENCH

THE first group of 260 competitors in the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices began their tests in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, this morning. The tests ranged from fitting and stone cutting to wood pattern making. The various competition rooms presented an animated appearance as the apprentices, many in their own distinctive work suits, got down to the job for which they came, to show that they are the best of their class in a world which keeps asserting that real craftsmanship is dead. There are 260 boys here at present and they have been quartered in the Franciscan College, Gormanston, which with its swimming baths and other modern facilities, is an excellent base for them. More than half as many officials as boys, 140 all told, are also attending and some of them seem to be more anxious than their charges that a good account will be rendered during the competitions, which continue for the next fortnight. The Japanese apprentices stole the show for colour this morning when they turned up in neat grey overalls topped off by a baseball-type cap.

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Galway's new Mayor, Mr. Martin Divilly, made his first public appearance at the reception and luncheon held in the Great Southern Hotel, Galway, for technical advisers from fourteen different countries. They are here for the International Competition for Technical Apprentices which is being held in Dublin this week. Left to right: Miss Mary Roche (Interpreter), the Mayor; Mr. Martin Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer of the Dublin Vocational Committee; Miss E. Cremin (Interpreter), and Mr. Michael Flanagan, Chief Inspector of the Department of Education.

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JAPANESE DOLL FOR LORD MAYOR



The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore, and Mr. Kanishi Kodama, leader of the Japanese team in the International Trade Competitions, who presented him with a Japanese princess doll in traditional costume.

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A COMPETITION IN SKILL

THE sports association that succeeds in bringing an important international competition to Ireland can always be sure of creating widespread interest. The form of the visiting teams will be eagerly discussed and opinions exchanged on the Irish selection. Teams from over a dozen countries are in Dublin this week, but it could hardly be hoped that the contests in which they are engaged would create the same degree of excitement. For what is involved is work, not play. Young apprentices to various trades are matching their skill in friendly rivalry.

We should be proud that the progress of Irish vocational education has received this token of recognition and grateful to the organising committee that arranged to have the competitions held here. It is not many years since an Irish team first entered in these competitions and that Ireland should have become the host country so soon makes a big advance. It will naturally be a stimulus to the most essential part of the country's development at this stage—the training of our youth for industry.

The competitions will be a means of measuring our methods with those of countries with great traditions of craftsmanship. However the Irish competitors fare, they and their teachers are bound to gain knowledge and experience. Better still, parents will be reminded of the importance of having their children prepared for a career in life.

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Irish apprentice is youngest in jewellery test

"Irish Independent" Reporter
IRELAND has the youngest competitor in the jewellery class at the International Trade Competition for Apprentices now taking place in the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin.

He is 18-year-old David Ryan, of Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, an apprentice with the firm of Thomas O'Connor, Anne Street, Dublin. David attended the College of Art for design. His competition piece is a Swiss brooch in silver and he is allowed 35 hours to complete it.

A tour of the competition halls provides an amount of interesting thought particularly in the manner of the initial training of the apprentices. But I was intrigued with the conduct and mannerisms of one of the Japanese competitors in the house-wiring competitions.

He was Kazuyoshi Kawai (21), from Ibara City, Okayama Province, an apprentice with the Chugoku Electric Engineering Works in the same city.

He intrigued me by the fact that he carried all his tools in a belt around his waist, which was in direct contrast to the other 10 competitors whose tools

lay haphazardly on their work benches.

I also spoke to 21-year-old Aidan Halpin, of Rush, who, in these competitions, has won two gold medals. He told me that in 1950 he won the junior carpentry competition in Barcelona and last year the senior carpentry competition at Gijon in north Spain.

A minor and a junior footballer for Dublin, he received his early education at Rush, attended Balbriggan Technical School, and then went to the College of Technology Bolton Street.

When I asked him why he picked carpentry he smilingly replied: "My father is a carpenter and also a building contractor. I intend to follow in his footsteps."

RUSSIAN INTEREST

Mr. Sean O'Donnell, Principal, College of Commerce, Rathmines, Dublin, said a Moscow official who was here during President Kennedy's visit told him he would report back to Moscow on these competitions. Russia might take part in the near future, although the Russians had their own national competitions on similar lines.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The competitions continue this morning and the International Organising Committee will meet.

This afternoon the competitors will visit workshops in the city and schools and will have the rest of the evening free.

GREETING FROM JAPANESE

Ten messages of goodwill from leading citizens of Tokyo and other major Japanese cities were received by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Sean Moore, at a ceremony in the Mansion House yesterday.

The messages were conveyed by Mr. K. Kodama, a consultant with the Tokyo firm, Hitachi Ltd., who is leader of the Japanese delegation to the international trade competitions for apprentices now being held in Dublin.

A message was also sent from the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ibara City, Okayama Prefecture, to the Dublin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Crafts tests praised

OFFICIALS from 13 countries who are accompanying their teams at the international trade competitions for apprentices in Bolton Street College of Technology, Dublin, have praised the facilities and conditions under which their teams work.

Yesterday a Japanese observer, Mr. T. Baba, said the organisers had done a very good job and they were highly satisfied with the conditions under which their team was competing. The Japanese have a team of 14, accompanied by 16 representatives.

The Japanese Broadcasting Company is expected to send a television camera team to Dublin for the closing of the competitions.

A Portuguese official, Senhor Antonio Rodriguez, said that the conditions under which the teams worked in the college were excellent.

At airport

The competitions were in full swing yesterday as over 250 apprentices worked at their tests.

Watching them are teams of observers from Sweden and America, Spain and Portugal, who were first to start the competitions on a national basis are strongly represented.

No competitions will be held today. Instead, the officials will be guests at a luncheon given by Guinness, while the teams will lunch at Dublin Airport. In the afternoon there is an excursion to Glendalough.

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Apprentices are beating clock

WITH three days to go a number of competitors in the 12th International Trade competitions for Apprentices have concluded their work. The competitions are being held at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, and during the morning inspectors from the Department of Education toured the competition halls.

Among the early finishers was a Spaniard, Jose Ramon Barrera Havia, who is a competitor in the Industrial Forging Competi-

tion, concluded his work about 10.30 a.m. But before him had finished a Belgian, Roger Van Eynde.

Another Spaniard is the brick-laying also finished his work early to-day. He was Desiderio Gomez Guijas. However, Peter Over of Great Britain was 10 minutes before him.

Third generation

The work of the Irish competitors is very favourably commented upon, but one competitor attracted my attention and he was George Francis McGrane of Inchicore. George, who works in the loco smithy of C.I.E. at Inchicore, is a third generation McGrane to work for C.I.E. in the same department but what is rather remarkable about him is that his striker, Martin Brown, struck for his grandfather, James McGrane and his father, Bernard McGrane and now he is striking for George.

This afternoon, the apprentices were having lunch at the Airport, where they will be welcomed by Captain Kelly-Rogers on behalf of Aer Lingus, and afterwards toured Wicklow visiting Glendalough before going to Bray where they will be entertained at the International Hotel.

The delegates and members of

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Apprentices at airport and brewery

OFFICIALS of the international trade competitions for apprentices now being held at Bolton street College of Technology, Dublin, were entertained to luncheon yesterday at Guinness's Brewery. The host was Dr. C. K. Mill, managing director, and guests included the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Sean Moore; the chief executive officer, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee and chairman of the Irish National Committee for the 1963 competitions, Mr. Martin Gleeson; and the president of the International Organising Committee, Señor Lopez Lopez, of Madrid.

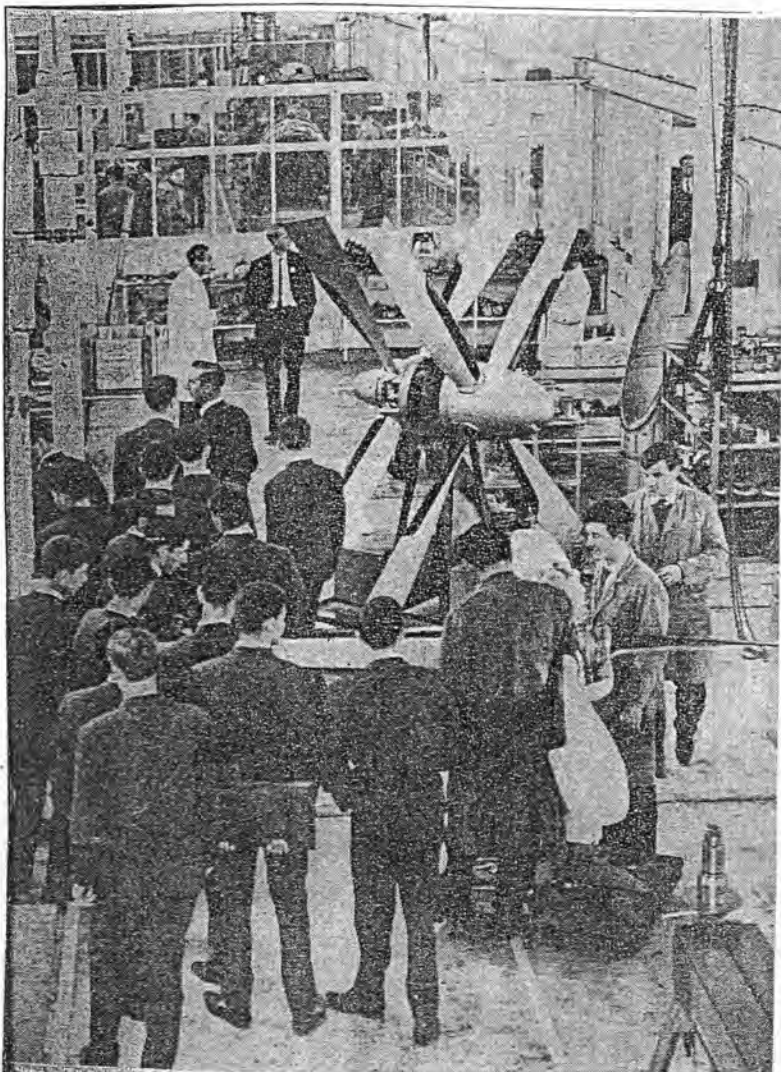
During the past two years Guinness's apprentices have successfully represented Ireland at the international trade competitions. A Guinness apprenticeship scheme has been in operation for 45 years, and is considered to have been in many ways the forerunner of schemes introduced by the National Apprenticeship Board.

The 260 apprentices taking part in the international competitions had a free half-day yesterday. They were taken on a tour of Dublin Airport, where they had luncheon, as the guests of Aer Lingus. In the evening they were guests of Bord Fáilte on a tour to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

Speaking at the luncheon at Dublin Airport, Captain J. C. Kelly-Rogers, deputy general manager of Aer Lingus-Irish International Airlines, said that the national airline was an example of an industry essential to the life of a progressive community which demanded the skills and experience of many experts in the technological and mechanical fields. Unless these skills were constantly enhanced, progress would be impossible. Realising that progress depended on the availability of trained and skilled men, the Irish airline had recently introduced its own apprenticeship scheme.

The apprentices were accompanied at the airport by Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, chief inspector, Department of Education; Councillor Joseph Barron, T.D., representing the vocational education committee, and Mr. Sean O'Ceallaigh, principal, College of Commerce, Rathmines.

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Some of the apprentices taking part in the international trade competitions in Dublin toured Dublin Airport yesterday. In this photograph they are in one of the machine shops. (See report in page 12.)

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Japanese call them the 'Technical Olympics'

THE Technical Olympics is the name which has been given by the "Yomiuri Shimbun," the largest Tokyo newspaper, to the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices now being held in Dublin. Japan is, of course, very much Olympic conscious now with the 1964 Games just 15 months away, and the term applied to the contests. Here is the one most likely to arouse reader interest.

Not that there is any lack of it. The "Yomiuri Shimbun" has seen fit to send a staff man from London, Juzo Fukunaka, to Dublin for the duration; a Japanese television team was due to arrive yesterday and I hear that, when the results are announced next week several more papers in Japan will have representatives in Dublin.

WON FIVE

GOLD MEDALS

THERE seems to be a combination of reasons for this extraordinary interest. Juzo Fukunaka (his name means in English the third hefty son, the centre of happiness) told me that last year when the competitions were held in Spain, Japan sent a team of eight and won five gold medals and one silver medal. This time it has sent 14 competitors, and expects to do proportionately better.

But more important, perhaps, is the regard in which first-class technicians and tradesmen are held. The Prime Minister has shown a great deal of interest in the contests because they provide an excellent stimulant for the masses of young people who will, tomorrow, be the backbone of Japan's thriving industry.

In a way a Japanese winner at the Technical Olympics earns as much kudos as the winner at the Olympic Games, and in today's world of fiercely competitive international business there appears to be little wrong with this.

SPECTACLE OF ACTIVITY

IN any event the College of Technology at Bolton St. presents an incredible spectacle of activity these days, and tension mounts by the hour. Dr. C. A. Macken, medi-



Juzo Fukunaka

cal officer to the competitions, says that to date by far the greatest number of calls to his miniature hospital on the first floor has been for tranquilizers.

The equipping of this section—the room is geared for everything except major surgery—symbolises the over-all organisation which is highly efficient and smooth without being impersonal. Spidai-born Dr. Macken is assisted by final year dental student Cora O'Dwyer, who is also a linguist, and relays of Civil Defence personnel, while an ambulance is ever at the ready outside to rush a serious accident case to the Mater Hospital.

But as yet the ambulance has not been needed. There have been numerous cases of minor injury. Antibiotics and aspirin have been in demand and everyone keeps on hoping that the oxygen cylinders, the kiss-of-life apparatus and similar, sombre units will be left untouched.

SOCIAL

FUNCTIONS

IT is, indeed, a harassing time for the young competitors, for a great deal of prestige now goes with the gold medals, and national honour is

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at stake to a greater degree than some years back. Perhaps the Irish organisers had this in mind when they arranged so many social functions of an informal and barrier-breaking character.

A buffet dinner organised jointly by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions at the Gresham Hotel on Saturday evening next will bring this trend to its limit, for "head" chef Michael McManus has been instructed to prepare national foods for every country represented.

He tells me there will be at least 100 different dishes, such as langouste Parisienne (crayfish, French style) for the French; anfra all'olivo (duck with olives) for the Italians; arroz con pollo (chicken and rice) for the Spaniards; ochsenzunge mit kren (fox tongue with horseradish) for the Austrians; creme "beau visage" (a sweet named after a lake) for the Swiss; kalt kartoffelsalat (cold potato salad) for the Germans; mamuko-sashimi (smoked fish) for the Japanese; dilikott na lamm (lamb cooked in dill sauce) for the Danes, and roast ribs of beef for the English.

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Dr. C. A. Macken and Cora O'Dwyer in the Bolton St. College of Technology miniature hospital.

End of tests for some apprentices

"Irish Independent" Reporter

SOME competitors finished their tests yesterday in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at Bolton Street College of Technology, Dublin.

They are from Spain, Belgium and Britain and were competing in the industrial forging and bricklaying sections. All the tests will end on Saturday next.

One competitor attracted my attention and he was George Francis McGrane of Inchicore, George, who works in the loco smithy of C.I.E. at Inchicore, is a third generation McGrane to work for C.I.E.

His striker, Martin Brown, struck for his grandfather, James McGrane, and his father Bernard McGrane.

AIRPORT LUNCH

Yesterday afternoon the apprentices lunched at Dublin Airport, where they were welcomed by Captain Kelly-Rogers on behalf of Aer Lingus; and afterwards toured Wicklow, visiting Glendalough before going to Bray, where they were entertained at the International Hotel.

The delegates and members of the organising committee were the guests for lunch at the Guinness Brewery, James's St. Dublin.

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Hospital set up

A small fully-equipped hospital was set up in Bolton Street Technical School, Dublin, for the International Apprenticeship Course which concluded there yesterday.

Fourteen Civil Defence volunteers were on continuous duty under Dr. C. A. Macken and Miss C. O'Dwyer, who also acted as interpreter.

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A group of the international trade apprentices visited the Guinness brewery yesterday and were entertained to luncheon before being conducted on a tour of the brewery. Officials acting as hosts to the party are (from left): Mr. J. Agnew, chairman, An Cheard Chomhairle; Señor Eugenio Lopez, president of the International Organising Committee, Madrid; Mr. M. Gleeson, chief executive officer, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee and chairman, Irish National Committee for the 1963 competitions; Dr. C. K. Mill, managing director, Messrs. Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Ltd., chief host to the party; Mr. L. Moses, chief engineer, Messrs. Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Ltd.; the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Sean Moore, and Mr. J. D. Barry, director of the Irish National Organising Committee.



Enjoying a break are apprentices who are taking part in the International Competitions at the College of Technology, Bolton Street.

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HARBOUR TRIP AND RECEPTIONS

Cork Programme For 450 Visiting Apprentices

ARRIVING in Cork on Monday next will be a party of 450 foreign apprentices and technical officials who are in Ireland for the 1963 International Apprentices Competitions.

The competitions end this week and the party are looking forward to a few days' entertainment and sightseeing in the South.

A Cork reception committee has been working out details of the visit for quite some time back, and a lively, entertaining programme of tours and social events has now been arranged for the visitors.

When the party arrive by special train from Dublin on Monday at 11.20 a.m. they will be met by members of the Cork reception committee under Mr. P. P. Farrelly, C.E.O., chairman.

HARBOUR TRIP

They will leave by tender for a tour of Cork Harbour at 12 noon and visit Verolme Cork Dockyard, where they will be entertained to tea.

At 7 p.m. they will be greeted by the Lord Mayor, Ald. Sean McCarthy, T.D., at a reception in the City Hall sponsored by Fords, and at 8 p.m. they will be guests at a special dinner in the Imperial Hotel sponsored by the Cork organising committee.

On Tuesday morning they leave by bus for West Cork and Kerry and they will have lunch at Killarney. They are expected back in Cork at about 6.30 p.m. and at 7.30 they go to the U.C.C. Grounds

for open-air festivities which will include a donkey derby and a tug-o-war, Irish dancing and brass and pipe band music. The donkey derby will have five heats with a top prize of £50 for the winner of the final. It is also expected that some of the apprentices will entertain by singing or playing instruments in their own national style.

BEGAN IN SPAIN

The international apprentice competitions began as a national competition in Spain in 1947. After some years their increasing success prompted the organisers to invite Portugal to send apprentices to compete against the selected apprentices of Spain.

Then in 1953 other European countries were invited to join in the contests, and since then the number of countries participating and the variety of skills and trades involved has continued to grow.

This is the first year the competitions have been held in Ireland, though Irish apprentices have travelled for some years past to various Continental countries to participate.

Work on the organising of the 1963 competitions in Dublin has been going on for quite some months back and the apprentices had some £220,000 worth of equipment at their disposal.

OLD HANDS

FREE hospitality which Guinness Tavern on visitors was provided to-day for 450 organising officials of the 12th International Trade Competitions, now proceeding at the College of Technology, Bolton Street. The officials were entertained to luncheon at the St. James's Gate brewery, where they were received by Dr. C. K. Mill, managing director, Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. (Dublin) Ltd. Guinness can afford to be a little patronising in all this because, apart from the fact that during the past two years Guinness apprentices successfully represented Ireland at these international trade competitions (they are contributing a competitor to the Irish team this year), they have had a brewery apprenticeship scheme in operation for at least 45 years. In 1955, it was revised and it is considered to have been in many ways the forerunner of schemes subsequently introduced by the National Apprenticeship Board. It is open to boys between 15-17 years who have passed their intermediate certificate or day junior group certificate examination. In 1962, there were 70 applications for 13 vacancies. The successful boys may choose to become fitters, electricians, sheet metal workers, plumbers, carpenters, boiler-makers or copper smiths. Apprentices attend technical college and all fees and time off from work is paid for by the brewery. Boys who show exceptional promise are given the opportunity of taking higher examinations.

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Apprenticeship officials attend reception

The 140 organising officials of the International Trade Competition for apprentices, at present being held in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, were entertained to a luncheon at the Guinness Tavern, St. James's Gate, Dublin, yesterday at the Guinness chief host was Dr. C. K. Guinness managing director, and among the special guests were the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. S. Moore, T.D., and M. Gleeson, C.E.O., City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee.

The lunch was followed by a tour of the brewery.

During the past two years Guinness apprentices have successfully represented Ireland at the International Trade Competitions and have a competitor in the Irish team of 32 this year. A group of 200 apprentices taking part in the International Trade Competitions were also entertained at a luncheon at Dublin Airport. Speaking at the luncheon, Capt. J. C. Kelly-Rogers exhorted the apprentices, whatever their eventual employment, to bring to their work the same enthusiasm and confidence in their craftsmanship that had inspired them to participate in the trade competitions.

The apprentices were accompanied to the airport by Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, chief Insp., Dept. of Education; Cllr. Joseph Barron, T.D., representing the Vocational Education Committee, and Mr. Sean O'Ceallaigh, principal, College of Commerce, Rathmines, Dublin.

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An Sr. Francisco Albert,
Rúnai Coiste Idirnáisiúnta
an Ghairm-Chomórtais
Phrintiseachta.

IARRTHOIR I nGACH COMORTAS AG EIRINN

Ní hé amháin gurb i Éire an tír is lionnhaire iarrthóirí—32 printisigh—sa Ghairm-Chomórtais Idirnáisiúnta Phrintiseachta atá ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath faoi láthair ach lena chois sin tá coimhlinteoirí againn i ngach uile cheann de na 23 comórtais. Tá na tiortha eile go léir gan coimhlinteoirí i gceann nó dhó nó níos mó de na comórtais. Sasana féin, arb í is deise d'Eirinn i líon (31 phrintiseach) níl sí páirteach sa chomórtais do ghaibhlinteoirí tionsclaíocha.

Chuir muid ceist ar Rúnai an Choiste Idirnáisiúnta, Sr. Francisco Albert, caidé a spreag na Spáinnigh leis an chomórtais seo a chur ar siúl an chéad uair. Tar éis an chogaidh chathartha, dúirt sé, nuair a tossaíodh ar na tionscail a bhunú sa Spáinn—ní raibh siad ann roimhe sin—measadh gur riachtanach an griosú do na ceardaithe óga é.

An raibh mórán difríochtaí idir an córas ceard-oideachais in Éirinn agus sa Spáinn? Dúirt sé go raibh, bhí an Spáinn giotá maith chun tosaigh. Bhí ceithre ghrád ann agus bhí scoileanna an chéad ghrád, "formación profesional," d'oibríthe speisialta (as a dtáinig na printisigh Spáinneacha atá in Éirinn anois) cosúil le ceard-scoileanna na hÉireann. Ach bhí trí ghrád eile os a chionn sin: scoileanna *maestría*, fá choinne saistí a thraenáil, *industrias*, fá choinne teicneoirí, agus scoil na n-innealtóirí, fá choinne na n-ard-theicneoirí.

Na 27 printisigh Spáinneacha a bhí in Éirinn, toghadh iad, de bharr fo-chomórtais áitiúla, cuíogíochá agus náisiúnta, as 50,000 iarrthóirí.

An raibh tiortha eile seachas Éirinn a dearn a gcuid rialtas patrúnacht ar an chomórtais? Bhí—an Spáinn, an Phortaingéil, an Iodáil agus an Bheilg. Sa Ghearmáin, san Ostair agus i Luxembourg, b'iad na *camaras de industria* a chuidigh leis.

Caidé shíl sé—bhí sé ag cur fearthana nuair bhí muid á agallamh—den aimsir in Éirinn? Thaitin sé leis—b'fhaoiseamh ón teas sa Spáinn é.

Bhí altanna mórta ar nuachtáin Spáinneacha a chonaic muid faoi na chomórtais i mBaile Átha Cliath. "La Olimpiada Juvenil de Trabajo" an t-ainm a thugann siad air.

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Impressed by apprentices' high standard

THE chairman and members of the National Apprenticeship Board, visited the International Apprenticeship competitions in the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, to-day.

After a tour of the competition halls, Mr. John Agnew, chairman of the board, told a "Herald" reporter that no one could fail to be impressed, not only by the high standard of work being done by the competitors, but also by the magnificent way in which the college had been equipped and prepared for the competitions.

He said the organisation of the

competitions had been successful because of the wonderful co-operation between all concerned—the Government, the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, the employers and trade unions—and because of the hard work by all concerned, particularly by the staff of the Dublin Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. M. M. Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin Vocational Education Committee, and the direction of Mr. J. Barry.

He said that if co-operation, team spirit, and hard work were present in all national endeavours, as they were in the organisation of these competitions, the future would be bright.

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Apprentices prepare for their concert

Evening Press Reporter

A concert with an international flavour will be held in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, on Sunday night, when the competitors taking part in the international apprenticeship competitions entertain themselves and their Irish hosts.

Guitars are being strummed and the various acts rehearsed for what promises to be first-rate entertainment.

Each country will contribute items to the concert and the apprentices, who have now almost finished their tests, will see Irish harpists and pipers perform for the first time. Compering the concert will be Leo Maguire.

Co-operation

The chairman, Mr. James Agnew, and members of An Gheard Chomhairle (Apprenticeship Board) visited the College of Technology, Bolton Street, this morning to watch the competitions.

Mr. Agnew said that the organisation of the competitions had been successful because of the wonderful co-operation between all concerned—Government, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, the employers and trade unions—and because of the hard work put in particularly by the staff of the Dublin organising committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Martin Gleeson, and the dynamic direction of Mr. Jack Barry.

The international organising committee is presenting a commemorative plaque to Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, principal of the College of Technology tomorrow.

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Holding Our Own

Such inside information as it was possible to glean yesterday at the international trade competitions for apprentices was that the Japanese were doing very well in all fields. People who had been around the competitions all week were also impressed at the keen interest that the Japanese observers, and their attendant photographers, took in everything that went on.

The Irish boys seem to be holding their own in carpentry and joinery. I met one young lad from Galway who told me that he was "after meakin' a gee-ate"—and he appeared to be satisfied that it was a good gee-ate. In jewellery and fine metals, the Italians and the Swiss are said to be leading the field, and when I was there, around four o'clock, the field was absolutely even in its demands on soft drinks. Also—and happily—these young fellows from thirteen countries were working together and comparing craft skills with an unconsciousness of international boundaries that might teach a lesson to their elders.

One other talking point was the programme, printed and presented by Guinness's, and admirably designed by Janus Advertising.

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Lathe gift to Vocational Committee

A HIGH-PRECISION centre lathe was presented yesterday to the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee by Messrs Cromac Ltd., Machine Merchants, Palmersdown, Co. Dublin.

The presentation was made by Mr. A. J. Schuster, Technical and Commercial Manager, Machine Tools Section.

Mr. M. M. Gleeson, C.E.O., City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, thanked Messrs Cromac Mr. D. H. O'Dwyer, Principal, College of Technology, Dublin, was also present.

Señor Lopez, President of the International Organising Committee, will present a commemorative plaque to Mr. O'Dwyer today.

SAW TESTS

Visitors to the college and the Lincolnhall yesterday, where the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices are in progress until tomorrow, included members of the Diplomatic Corps of competing countries and of the National Apprenticeship Board, led by the Chairman, Mr. John Agnew.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore, who also visited the college, received a large party of officials at the Mansion House. The German and Italian Embassies entertained the teams representing their countries in the Shelbourne Hotel and Lucan House respectively.

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Apprentices show high standard of work

MR. J. AGNEW, chairman, and members of An Cheard Comhairle (the Apprenticeship Board) yesterday visited the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, to watch the fourth day of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in which 13 nations, including Ireland, are competing.

Later, he said that one could not fail to be impressed not only by the high standard of work done by the apprentices but also by the magnificent way in which the colleges had been equipped and prepared for the competitions. The organisation of the competitions had been successful because of the co-operation between all concerned—the Government, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, employers and trade unions, and also by the hard work put into the project, particularly the Dublin organising committee, under Mr. Martin Gleeson, and Mr. Jack Barry, the dynamic director.

Today, Senor Eugenio Lopez Lopez, president of the organising committee, will present a commemorative plaque to Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, principal of the College of Technology.

Last night in the Shelbourne Hotel, the Cultural Attaché of the German Embassy, and Frau Günther Beckers, gave a reception to meet Dr. Klaus Dittman and the members of the German delegation to the trade competitions.

A concert by the apprentices was given at the Intercontinental Hotel.

AN OFFICIAL INSPECTION

Mr. J. Agnew, chairman (second from right) chatting to members of the National Apprentice Board when they inspected the work of an entrant in the brickwork section of the international apprentices' competitions in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.



German apprentices singing at the German Embassy reception last night.

Apprentices relaxing to-day

There was an air of relaxation at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, to-day, as the entrants for the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices surveyed their work.

Most of the apprentices have completed their entries and others were putting the final touches to their handiwork.

To-day the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lynch, and the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, visited the College.

A meeting of the International Organising Committee was held in the College.

This afternoon Senor Eugenio Lopez, President of the International Organising Committee, presented a commemorative plaque to Mr. Donal J. O'Dwyer, Principal of the College. The presentation was attended by members of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee.

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POST BAG

Standards of apprentices

It is great to see the International Apprenticeships Competitions taking place in Dublin, and all concerned deserve every congratulation on the efficient way in which the whole thing is being carried out. It should be a fine encouragement to craftsmen in Ireland.

But let there be no doubt that in recent years the standards have fallen considerably, and we need something to encourage the younger men. I hope that from now on we will hold national competitions for apprentices, the winners being sent at public expense to compete in the apprenticeship competitions wherever they are held.

The training given to tradesmen nowadays is nothing like what it used to be, and carpenters, for instance, are very limited in the work they can

do. Half of them are only capable of pinning concrete shutters, and couldn't do a good roof truss to save their lives. Plasterers are largely muck throwers as well, and few of them could do a nice cornice no matter what they are paid.

The vocational schools do a good deal, but I am afraid that the courses are far too academic to compensate for lack of training opportunities on the job. Personally, I would be inclined to reduce theoretical teaching to a minimum, as it is something that could be picked up later, and concentrate on practical work from beginning to end.

Architects could do their part as well by specifying a little bit of decent craftsmanship in their buildings. A few spiral staircases with wooden handrails would bring out the best in a few joiners, and give apprentices a glimpse of something that they rarely see. All concerned with the various trades should endeavour to see that the vital skills of those engaged in them are used to the fullest extent. Only in that way can we retain good workmanship.

T. and G.

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Drumcondra.

Irish link

"TODAY I have two little histories to talk about, which are as follows: . . . the man speaking the terribly correct English in the Shelbourne" was saying.

"The first is the historic East to West flight of the two Germans and Col. Fitzmaurice and the second is the history of the Ruhr mine Hibernia."

This is where I dropped my glass and grabbed my neighbour's pencil.

The speaker was Dr. Klaus Dittmann, head of the German Delegation to the Apprenticeship competitions, at a reception given to the delegation by the German Embassy.

The big German mining company Hibernia-incorporating nine Ruhr mines, including the Shamrock and the Elberfeld, was founded in 1854 by an Irishman, Sandymount-born William Thomas Mulvaney and today produces annually 8,000,000 tons of coal.

Mulvaney who died in Düsseldorf in 1885 was the big man in mines in the Ruhr territory in his time. He was co-founder and later honorary member of two big associations to develop mines in Germany; he made a name as a great economist, a communications expert, an author and a freeman of the town of Gelsenkirchen.

With a great German flourish, Dr. Dittmann presented a copy of the second of his histories to Dr. O'Dwyer, Secretary of the Department of Education.

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Minister sees work of apprentices

Evening Press reporter

The Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, today visited the College of Technology, Bolton Street, where the apprenticeship competitions are under way. He was received by Senor Lopez and Mr. M. A. Gleeson. He was later taken on a tour of the workshops to inspect the newly completed work of the competitors.

The apprentices at Gormanston, yesterday, enjoyed a thrilling challenge—hurling game between the minor teams of Dublin and Wexford. At a meal after the match, Senator Seah Brown, chairman of the Wexford Co. Board, and Mr. Sean O'Neill Jun., chairman of the Dublin Minor Board, expressed the great pleasure taken by the G.A. and the minor teams concerned, in demonstrating Ireland's national game to the foreign visitors.

Souvenirs

Senor Marino Gordon, leader of the Spanish team, expressed amazement at the bravery and obvious toughness and physical development of the players. He stated that this Irish game of hurling seemed to embody all the attributes required for both physical and mental development.

Senor Gordon was presented with two autographed burlery and demanded also the ball used in the match. He will present this as a special souvenir to the Spanish apprentices.

Mr. Jack Lynch, Minister for Industry and Commerce, visited the college later and was received by the principal, Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, Mr. John Agnew, chairman of the Apprenticeship Board, and Mr. J. D. Darcy, director of the competitions.

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Plaque for college principal

SENOR EUGENIO LOPEZ Y LOPEZ, who is president of the international organising committee of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, yesterday presented a silver commemorative plaque to Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, principal of Bolton Street Technical College, Dublin, where the International Trade Competitions have been in progress for the past fortnight.

The brief ceremony was watched by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore; Dail deputies, Mrs. Celia Lynch, Joseph Barron, and Michael Mullen, who are members of the Dublin Vocational Education Committee, as well as Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Councillor J. J. Walsh and Mr. Patrick Donegan, president of the Dublin council of Trade Unions, who are members of the committee also.

The plaque, of silver, was presented to Mr. O'Dwyer as a mark of recognition and appreciation for the facilities afforded the students who are attending the competitions.

The plaque reads: "La Delegación Nacional de España Concede al College of Technology, la Medalla de Plata de la Juventud y Recuerdo, Madrid, July, 1963."

Accepting it on behalf of the college, Mr. O'Dwyer said that it provided yet another link between Spain and Ireland, and would be placed in a prominent place in the college. They had been very impressed by the high standard of the International Trade Competitions abroad and were therefore flattered when the College of Technology had been selected as the venue for this year's competitions.

PLEASURE

Senor Lopez expressed his pleasure on learning that the plaque would be placed in a prominent position in the college, so that visiting students who came to Dublin would ask what it was all about and learn more about the International Trade Competitions.

Mr. John McCann, chairman of the Dublin Vocational Education Committee, said they were most grateful to the National Vocational Education Committee of Spain for the memento. They accepted it as an honour for the college, the city and the country.

Mr. Martin Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer of the Dublin Vocational Education Committee, also was present.

Earlier yesterday, the Minister for Education, Mr. Hillery, was received by Senor Lopez at Bolton Street and taken on a tour of the workshops.

Later, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lynch, was welcomed at the college by Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Jack Agnew, director of organisation for the trade competitions.

At the final function last evening, the Lord Mayor received the Spanish team and officials at the Mansion House. They brought with them greetings and gifts from mayors of Spanish towns, which the Lord Mayor gratefully accepted.

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The British Ambassador, Sir Ian MacLennan, watches Richard Kirk, Birmingham, during the International Apprenticeship Competitions at the College of Technology, Bolton Street.

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AMBASSADORS WATCH TRADE COMPETITIONS

AMBASSADORS and diplomatic representatives of the countries competing in the international trade competitions for apprentices yesterday visited Bolton Street College of Technology.

The party, which included the Ambassadors of Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland, was received by Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, president of the Irish National Organising Committee, Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, the chairman, and members of the committee. They were taken on a tour of the college and saw the competitions in progress.

The chairman of the National Apprenticeships Board, Mr. John Agnew, who paid an official visit to the competitions yesterday afternoon, said that one could not fail to be impressed, not only by the high standard of work of the competitors but also by the magnificent way in which the college had been equipped.

A £400 high-precision centre lathe has been presented to the college by Cromac Ltd., Palmerston, Co. Dublin. The Cromac Co. have installed much of the £60,000 worth of machinery re-

quired for the competitions. The machine was handed over yesterday afternoon by Mr. John Schuster, Technical and Sales Manager, Cromac Ltd., to Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, principal of the college.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Sean Moore, received a party of one hundred of the international officials at the Mansion House yesterday evening. The German and Italian teams of apprentices were guests at receptions held by their respective embassies.

Last night the apprentices, who are staying at Gormanston College, Co. Meath, watched a challenge match between the Dublin and Wexford minor hurling teams.

Removal orders

In Dublin District Court yesterday, District Justice Reddin gave removal orders against 27 occupiers of 15 Dublin houses. He also made orders declaring three houses unfit for occupation and advised the people affected to apply for alternative accommodation to the Dublin Corporation office at 79 Thomas street.

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Spanish gift in gratitude for trainee tests

THE President of the International Organising Committee for the Trade Competitions for Apprentices, Señor Eugenio Lopez y Lopez, yesterday presented Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, Principal, College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, with a commemorative plaque on behalf of the Spanish National Vocational Committee in gratitude for the work done and hospitality given by the college during the competitions.

He said that it was one more link in the chain joining Ireland and Spain, bringing the two nations closer together. He praised the work of Bolton Street authorities in their preparation for the competitions.

Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, in accepting the plaque, said that there was great value attached to these international competitions and

the highest standards were achieved in them.

"We have travelled to these competitions in other countries and have seen the hospitality given to the competitors. We were flattered when our college was selected for this year's competitions. It was wonderful to see the friendly rivalry between the competitors. I feel that we have been rewarded for all our work when one looks at the work done by these young apprentices."

He said that the plaque would be displayed in a prominent position in the college so that visitors could see it.

Councillor John McCann also spoke. Also present were the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore, P.C.; Mr. Martin F. Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin; Mr. M. Mullen, T.D.; Mr. J. Barron, T.D.; Mrs. C. Lynch, T.D., and Mrs. C. Byrne and Mr. Walsh, members of the V.E.C.

Britain's official representative on the International Organising Committee, Mr. Fred D. Hill of Canterbury, said yesterday that the International Trade Competitions for apprentices at present being held in Dublin are the best organised since its Spanish organisers made the contest international in 1953.

"Easily the best of the 12 held so far," said Mr. Hill.

It will be one of the tasks this week of the Steering Committee which meets every morning in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, to select the international venue for the 1954 competitions. It is understood that Senor Carlos Ferriera, of the Portuguese Ministry of National Education, has already extended an invitation on behalf of his Government.

Mining pioneer

Dr. Klaus Dittmann, education director of the West German Association of Chambers of Commerce and his country's senior representative on the organising committee of the competitions, speaking at a reception in Dublin given by the German Embassy in honour of the German team, said an Irishman, William Thomas Mulvaney, was one of the pioneers of the coal mining industry in the Ruhr.

Mulvaney, who was born at Sandymount, Dublin, in 1806, founded in 1854 the mining company Hibernia which later took over the Ludwigschuck and Christianenblock mines. Today, Hibernia's nine mines produce 10m. of the Ruhr's annual output of 115m. tons.

The apprentices presented gifts, scrolls and addresses from their respective leading citizens to the Irish people in a ceremony at the Mansion House, Dublin, last night. The Lord Mayor, Ald. Sean Moore, accepted the gifts.

Each of the apprentices was presented with a miniature of crossed hurleys and a ball. Ald. Moore also autographed copies of the 1953 official guide, "This is Dublin," for the youths.

Almost 500 foreign apprentices and officials, together with Irish Government representatives, will visit Cork for two days commencing on Monday. They will inspect factories and take a trip down the Lee to see Cork Harbour installations.

They will also visit Killarney.

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LIMERICK FIRMS SUBSCRIBED TO EXAM

AT present the International Apprenticeship Examination is in progress in Dublin. It is the first time the examination is being held in Ireland and numerous firms throughout the country have subscribed to help finance it.

A brochure has been printed showing the list of subscribers and the following are shown from Limerick as having made subscriptions:

Messrs. Stokes & McKiernan, Ltd.; Messrs. Shannon River Vener Mills, Messrs. A. P. V. Desco (Ireland), Ltd.; Messrs. James O'Donnell (General Engineering Works), Messrs. Ranka (Ireland), Ltd.; Messrs. Southern Chemicals, Askeaton; Messrs. Limerick Shoes, Ltd.; Messrs. O'Mara (Limerick), Ltd.; Messrs. Anthony O'Donovan & Co. Ltd.; Messrs. D. O'Sullivan, Messrs. Condensed Milk Company, Ltd.; Messrs. Wm. Pitt & Co. Ltd.; Messrs. Denis Moran & Co. Ltd.; Mechanics Institute, Messrs. L.A.W.S. Ltd., Messrs. F. Cullen & Co. Ltd., The Limerick Employers' Federation, Messrs. Shannon Foundry, Messrs. James McMahon & Co. Ltd., The Irish National Union of Woodworkers, Messrs. Wm. Todd & Co. Ltd., The Irish Stationary Engine & Firemen's Union, The Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation, Messrs. Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd., Messrs. J. & J. O'Byrne, Ltd.; The Brick & Stonelayers Trade Union, Operatives House-painters' Union, Operatives Plasterers' Union, and Plumbers Trade Union.

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Dublin Letter

13, Pearse Street,
Friday Night.

COMPETITIONS CONTINUE

THE Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, visited the College of Technology, Bolton Street, to-day to see the apprenticeship competitions. Yesterday members of the Diplomatic Corps saw the boys at work. To-day the Minister was received by Senor Lopez of the international committee which organises the competitions annually and by Mr. Martin Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer, Dublin Vocational Education Committee. At Gormanston Franciscan College where the apprentices are staying, an exhibition of hurling was given by the Dublin and Wexford minor teams. The Spanish team were particularly impressed and Senor Marino Gordon, its leader, said that he was amazed at the bravery and obvious toughness and fine physical condition of the players. Senor Gordon was given two autographed hurleys as souvenirs of the occasion and he also requested and was given the ball used in the match. Later to-day there was another Ministerial visitor to Bolton Street school. The Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Jack Lynch, whose Department is responsible for the Apprenticeship Board which has been established with Mr. John Agnew, formerly an official of the Department, as its chairman, paid a call and met some of the apprentices.

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Cork Plans For Visiting Apprentices

Arriving in Cork on Monday next will be a party of 450 foreign apprentices and technical officials who are in Ireland for the 1953 International Apprentices' Competitions.

The competitions end this week and the party are looking forward to a few days' entertainment and sightseeing in the South.

A Cork reception committee has been working out details of the visit for quite some time back and a lively, entertaining programme of tours and social events has now been arranged for the visitors.

When the party arrive by special train from Dublin on Monday at 11.20 a.m. they will be met by members of the Cork reception committee under Mr. P. Farley, C.E.O., chairman.

HARBOUR TRIP

They will leave by tender for a tour of Cork Harbour at 12 noon and visit Verano Cork Dockyard, where they will be entertained to tea.

At 7 p.m. they will be greeted by the Lord Mayor, Ald. Sean McCarthy, T.D., at a reception in the City Hall sponsored by Fords, and at 8 p.m. they will be guests at a special dinner in the Imperial Hotel sponsored by the Cork organising committee.

On Tuesday morning they leave by bus for West Cork and Kerry and they will have lunch at Killarney. This will be sponsored by Irish Shell, B.P. and the Irish Dunlop Co. Ltd. They are expected back in Cork at about 6.30 p.m. and at 7.30 they will visit the U.C.C. Grounds for open-air festivities which will include a donkey derby organised by the Cork Junior Chamber of Commerce and a tug-o-war, Irish dancing and brass and pipe band music. The donkey derby will have five heats, with a top prize of £50 for the winner of the final. It is also expected that some of the apprentices will entertain by singing or playing instruments in their own national style.

BEGAN IN SPAIN

The international apprentice competitions began as a national competition in Spain in 1947. After some years their increasing success prompted the organisers to invite Portugal to send apprentices to compete against the selected apprentices of Spain.

Then in 1953 other European countries were invited to join in the contests, and since then the number of countries participating and the variety of skills and trades involved has continued to grow.

This is the first year the competitions have been held in Ireland, though Irish apprentices have travelled for some years past to various Continental countries to participate.

Work on the organising of the 1953 competitions in Dublin has been going on for quite some months back and the value of the equipment installed in Bolton Street is £40,000 and apprentices' tool kits valued at £20,000.

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A dinner to remember... with 13 national courses

THE dinner they gave on the occasion of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at the Gresham Hotel was a fabulous affair. They had thirteen separate national dishes for the 300 guests, who sampled every conceivable type of food, done according to the different nationalities represented at the function.

I won't make your mouth water telling you about them, but I know that it took a team of expert chefs three whole days preparing the menu. Head-Chief Michael McManus, who comes from Kells, Co. Meath, told me something of the problems which the kitchen staff had to tackle, but I noticed that he regarded it all as part of the day's work. He was high in praise of the help he got from his assistant-cooks, notably from Mahorhamilton - born Ben Neillan and Dublin man Des Cunningham — he lives at Killester Avenue.

I spoke with Mr. Martin Gleeson, who, as Dublin Vocational Education Committee's Chief Executive Officer, acted as Chairman of the National Organising Committee for the competitions. He sat on Mr. McCarthy's left. On the other side was Senor E. Lopez y Lopez, of Spain, who is President of the International Organisation for the competitions.

It certainly was a night to remember.



★ Men behind the scenes at the dinner last night in the Gresham Hotel for the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices... from left, Ben Neillan, head chef, Michael McManus, and Des Cunningham.

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YUM, YUM!

UP at the Gresham we met all sorts of interesting people. On our way in we bumped into the former Irish international soccer player, PETER FARRELL, and his charming wife Mabel. "Can we have your nice picture?" we asked, but unfortunately they were nearly on the doorstep and we backed off with the promise to be more insistent the next time.

Then on into the most elaborate and attractively presented feast we have seen for years—the reception by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions for the 12th international trade competitions for apprentices. There was everything—chickens that looked superb; salmon that had fresh water still running off them; lobsters at their brightest red, and other delicacies that left my heart standing so very still.

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GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS

The gastronomic delights of the world were laid out temptingly at my feet in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel last night—but I dared not touch.

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions joined forces to give a dinner to the delegates and apprentices at the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

It was the most remarkable and exciting display of food I have seen in one place. Gresham Head Chef Michael MacManus had the brilliant idea of providing traditional menus from each of the 13 countries.

For the French there was Langouste Parisienne, for the Italians (and anyone else who liked to taste it) Zabaglione in Marsala which I understood meant duck in wine. From Spain Arroz con Pollo, Portugal had Lamborde Viteja; the British enjoyed their roast beef and the Irish were honoured with Limerick ham and chicken.

When at 8 p.m. the gong was sounded, 250 hungry apprentices charged towards the laden buffet tables and certainly did justice to their different national dishes.

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★ Si, Si! the food she is so beautiful, says Orlando Barreiros, apprentice from Portugal at the Gresham Hotel buffet dinner last night.

There is approval from Head Chef Michael MacManus, Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.E.O. Dublin Vocational Education Committee, and Chef Bernard Neillon.

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Isao Iwase from Japan and Ole Heastup from Denmark at the apprentices' dinner in the Gresham.

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dubliner's diary

It wasn't just ballyhoo

ONE thing you may be absolutely sure of . . . Japan doesn't splash £30,000 without good reason. And Ireland, too, must cut her cloth to her measure, so why the lavish spending of the week gone by?

That question is frankly designed to capture your attention, for in the very next breath I'm having a go at something you must be weary of.

That's the much photographed, much reported International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 1963. An awful mouthful for anyone to master, and one which I prefer to think of by its telegraphic address . . . ITCA.

So you've had a surfeit of it, have you? Well, so have I. And that's why, in the Gresham on Saturday, I looked for the story behind the story.

For something told me we weren't quite "with it," and there was more to this than met the eye. Ergo . . . look for the men behind the men, and maybe the picture will come into focus.

High, wide . . .

My hunch paid off. For in the person of John D. Barry, Director of Organisation for ITCA, I found an alert, incisive man. And in the quiet-spoken Patrick Donegan, President of the Dublin Council of Trade Unions, a thinker and a planner.

From them I learned something of the planning and effort which went into this mammoth event, and of the machine which clicked smoothly into motion as early as October last.

For behind ITCA are the faceless ones . . . a team of almost 300 helpers which worked day and night towards today's precision-like efficiency.

How else would 500 people of diverse nationalities be lodged, fed, entertained, moved from place to place, and made feel at home in a strange country? And by what other means might be achieved, for example, the engraving of 92



At the Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann dinner for I.T.C.A. in the Intercontinental last night was: Aidan Halpin, winner of Senior Class Carpentry in 1962 I.T.C.A.

medals for 92 winners . . . under a time limit of 30 hours?

. . . and handsome

BUT none of this explains the glare of publicity, the large-scale hospitality and the fanfares, which at first sight seems so much "ballyhoo."

That brings us back to Japan and its outsize team of competitors—each of whose fare alone cost in the neighbourhood of £740. Why does she consider it worth while? And why does little Ireland lend time, money and official encouragement to something which sounds vaguely like the Higher Leaving?

Both are on the same track. For the real heroes of this piece are not the picturesque foreign competitors we have been so busy photographing and interviewing, but our own boys here at home.

Their successes abroad have sent Ireland's reputation soaring in a field in which this country is now vitally interested. It is this, and this alone, which has earned ITCA the international support of trade unionism, industry and governments alike.

Not without pride we present some of our own competitors to you on this page. For they have carved a niche for us in a field of international competition which is of greater consequence today than any other.



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Chef prepares 100 different dishes for international dinner

CATERS FOR ALL TASTES

CHEF Michael McManus and his kitchen staff at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, last night prepared 100 different dishes for 230 apprentices from 13 nations who participated in the Twelfth International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

The apprentices were guests of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions.

Mr. Charles McCarthy, vice-president of I.C.T.U., said the trade union movement of Ireland, by sponsoring the dinner, was showing its support of apprentice education.

Major debate

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions expected a major debate on industrial training at its conference in Killarney at the end of the month, he said.

The attendance included Mr. Leo Crawford, joint secretary, I.C.T.U.; Mr. P. Donegan, President, Dublin Council of Trade Unions; Mr. Mullen, P.D., and representatives of different trade unions.

The apprentices' competitions ended yesterday at the College of Technology, Dublin, but the results will not be known until Thursday, when President de Valera will present the prizes at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

The host country for the competitions next year is expected to be Portugal.

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John D. Barry and Patrick Donegan at the I.T.C.A. dinner in the Gresham given by the Dublin Trades Union Council on Saturday.



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Argeo Reggiani, Francesco Canniello, Mario Bernardini, Valerio Michelizza and Enrico de Luca, apprentices from Italy, on their way to the Gresham Hotel buffet dinner.

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At the Irish Sugar Company dinner for the delegates to the international trade competitions for apprentices in the Intercontinental Hotel, Ballsbridge, were (left to right): Dr. P. J. Hillery, Minister for Education; Lt. Gen. M. J. Costello, general manager, Irish Sugar Company, and Ald. Sean Moore, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

SUGAR COMPANY CITED AS EXAMPLE OF IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING

MORE than 700 people last night attended a banquet and an international concert in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, in conjunction with the international trade competitions for apprentices. The dinner was sponsored by the Irish Sugar Company and was followed by performances from representatives of the 13 nations in the competitions. Mr. J. E. MacEllin, chairman of the company, was unable to attend and his speech was read by Lieut.-General M. J. Costello, general manager.

In his speech, Mr. MacEllin stated: "The Sugar Company's food processing industry, with its remarkable development in the last few years, presents an excellent example of the importance of the training and education provided by the technical schools. The food industry found itself in need of young men and women trained for technical work." It had proceeded to solve the problem with the aid of department inspectors, headmasters and vocational teachers.

The achievement so far has demonstrated that Ireland's food processing industry need not lack competent personnel, and that a very high standard of technological

competence and performance can be attained. In planning for industry, we have endeavoured to plan for manpower in the conviction that the strength of any industrial undertaking is the ability of the human beings who run it, either as managers or operatives. The skill with which they run the enterprise will depend on their own character and the technical training they receive.

EXPERIENCE

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"We have established, in conjunction with the technical schools in each factory area, unique training and educational opportunities for young people. We have helped to make available courses in science, commercial, languages, farm management and horticulture.

"We fully appreciate the value of these competitions. They emphasise the importance of apprentice training, and by bringing together such a diversity of trades, show the wide range which technical training embraces."

GENEROSITY

Mr. J. D. Barry, director of the organising committee, referred to the generosity of the Irish Sugar Company and said this was the largest gathering of the three weeks. He said that the highest standard had been attained during these competitions, and he paid tribute to everyone who had been associated in the efforts to present the competitions.

Signor Faustino Ramos, former president of the International Trade Competitions organisation, said that the boys had shown their high skill in the tests and the selection committee might well find that it would have to increase the number of prizes.

Attendance included the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore.

Experience is aim of apprentices

-Sugar Co. Chief

APPRENTICESHIP, the training for skilled crafts and trades, must provide in a short time the experience which would otherwise take years to accumulate, said Mr. J. E. MacEllin, chairman, Irish Sugar Company, in Dublin last night.

His speech was read by Lieut.-Gen. M. J. Costello, General Manager, at a dinner and international concert which the company gave for delegates and apprentices to the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Ballsbridge.

Mr. MacEllin was unable to attend because of a bereavement.

The aim of the company, he said, had been to complete the technical school courses which provided practical on-the-job training. They had established, with the technical schools, in each factory area unique training and educational opportunities for young people.

The need for a fresh approach to education and its importance for a country's economy was underlined recently, he said, by the decision of the Minister for Education to set up a group under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to carry out a survey of long-term needs.

Mr. J. D. Barry, Director of the Competitions, said the Irish Sugar Co. had previously sponsored two of its employees' participation in the international trade competitions in Europe.

The standard of competitions in Dublin had, he said, in the opinion of the experts, been higher than any in the past 11 competitions.

Senor Faustino Ramos, Spain, former President of the Committee, who spoke on behalf of the delegates, said that the boys had shown such a high standard that they might well have to increase the number of prizes.

He said that Gen. Costello deserved a gold medal for the dinner, which, he understood, was based on the products of the company.

Among the guests were the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. S. Moore.

AT FINALS

Earlier officials and teams who took part in the competitions attended the Leinster senior and minor football finals as guests of the G.A.A.

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Mr. Charles McCarthy, Vice-President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, at a dinner for the apprentices given by the congress and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions in the Gresham Hotel, said the congress expected a major debate on industrial training at its conference in Killybegs at the end of the month.

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TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AID TO COUNTRY

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CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL

Apprenticeship, the training for skilled crafts and trades, must provide in a short time the experience which otherwise would take years to accumulate. For apprenticeship to succeed, full co-operation with industry was essential. The aim of the Irish Sugar Company was to complete the technical school courses and provide practical on-the-job training. They had established, in conjunction with the technical schools in each factory area, unique training and education opportunities for young people. Every employee of the Sugar Company was welcome to avail himself or herself of every possible training course for self improvement. They had helped to make available courses in science, commercial courses, languages, farm management and horticulture.

ture, courses in management, courses in food processing, and in general education.

COMPETITIONS VALUE

"We fully appreciate the value of these competitions. They emphasise the importance of apprentice training, and by bringing together such a diversity of trades, show the wide range which technical training embraces nowadays," the speaker went on. "Through competitions, such as international trade competitions, we have an invaluable means of studying the methods and standards of training in other countries. This present event is also especially welcome as an expression of goodwill between nations, and by enabling young people from different places to come together and to get to know each other, they contribute greatly towards international understanding. I am glad therefore that Ireland should have been honoured this year, and that the standards of skill and craftsmanship have been so high."

Industry must plan for its man-power

IRISH PRESS Reporter

HIS company fully appreciated the value of the apprenticeship competitions, and by bringing together such a diversity of trades, showed the wide range which technical training embraced nowadays, said Mr. J. E. MacEllin, chairman, Irish Sugar Company, in a speech read on his behalf by Lt.-Gen. M. J. Costello, in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, last night. Lt.-Gen. Costello presided at a dinner and international concert sponsored by the company for the apprentices attending the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in Dublin.

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Unions' guests

On Saturday, the apprentices were the guests for the day of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Dublin Council of Trade Unions. In the afternoon they were taken on a coach tour of the Boyne Valley, returning to the Gresham Hotel for an informal buffet supper and international concert. They were met by Mr. C. McCarthy, Vice-President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Mr. P. Donegan, President of the Dublin Council of Trade Unions, and Mr. L. Crawford, joint secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

Mr. C. McCarthy, who presided at the function, said that as industry and technology become more developed and more complex, workers more and more may expect to have to change their jobs during their working life. It is of the highest importance that the unions concerned and the trade union movement in general should be in a position to make some reasonable assessment in advance of the impact of these changes, for the protection and advancement of the interest of their members.

Yesterday afternoon the visiting teams and officials attended Croke Park as guests of the G.A.A. to see the Leinster Senior and Minor Football finals.

Today the teams and officials will go by special train to Cork. They will tour Cork Harbour in the afternoon as guests of the Harbour Authority and be entertained to dinner at night by the Cork Organising Committee. Tomorrow they will tour Cork and Kerry as guests of Irish Shell, B.P., and Irish Dunlop, and be given a Municipal Reception and dinner in Cork in the evening. On Wednesday they will return by special train and be taken on a tour of the bogs by Bord na Mona.

Mr. J. D. Barry, director of the competitions, thanked all who contributed to their success, especially the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, the Government and the national organising committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Martin Gleeson and the presidency of Mr. Michael O'Flanagan.

Senor Faustino Ramos, former President of the International Organising Committee, also spoke.

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Relaxing tour for the 300 apprentices

Herald Staff Reporter

THE international trade competitions for apprentices have now ended at the College of Technology, Dublin, and a party of about 300 competitors and officials were in relaxed mood to-day as they left for a tour of Cork and Kerry.

They will be back in Dublin on Wednesday, when the results of the competitions will be known and on Thursday the prizes will be presented by President de Valera, in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

The closing banquet will be held the same evening in the

Intercontinental Hotel, at which the Taoiseach will be present.

On arrival in Cork to-day by rail the party was brought on a tour of Cork Harbour in a special tender. Later they visited the Verolme Cork Dockyard at Rushbrook. To-night they will be received by the Lord Mayor, Ald. S. Casey, T.D., at the City Hall and will be guests at a civic dinner in the Imperial Hotel.

To-morrow they will see the Lakes of Killarney in a day-long tour of Kerry, and an evening entertainment has been arranged for them by the Cork Junior Chamber of Commerce in the grounds of U.C.C.

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GOING PLACES



Mr. Dennis Wain, apprentice bricklayer, and Eithne Ni Dhuinn, harpist, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Ballsbridge.

John Healy meets the young visiting craftsmen from thirteen countries

OUR man in Bolton Street has let me in on a secret—"the Irish carpentry, joinery and cabinet-making apprentices have done remarkably well."

It's a secret and I should not really be saying this, but don't be too surprised if they figure prominently, with, perhaps, the British, in this section when the winners are announced next Thursday.

The Japanese with their unorthodox way of working seemed to have the wood moulding all wrapped up, and were quite impressive in electronics and metals, too. As expected, the Austrians and the Germans, too, showed great ingenuity in the metal work. That unfortunately was as far as "our man" was prepared to stick his neck out.

The worries of the competitions—which incidentally cost £80,000 to stage)—behind them, the apprentices to the 12th International Trade Competitions relaxed in the Intercontinental Hotel last night where the Irish Sugar Company were the hosts.

No hunter

With their scant command of the language generally spoken here many of the apprentices waited with great expectancy for the main dish, sliced fillet of beef "served Hunter style with Erin A.F.D. mushrooms." How could a Hunter serve beef?—This was something worth seeing. Disappointed, they discovered that just like in France, Switzerland or Spain the links between the tables and the kitchens were maintained by scurrying waiters and waitresses, and not a horse in sight, Hunter or otherwise.

This is a big occasion for Ireland and the organising Committee is not allowing its significance nor its impact to be lost. They have commissioned the National Film Institute to make a 30 minute colour film of the event and the Institute in turn has commissioned top freelance cameraman Bob Monks to take on the task. Bob told me last night that he has already exposed about an hour of film and thinks that the finished product should be quite impressive.

Bob has entered his short film "The One-Niters" for this year's Cork Film Festival and has his name on some noteworthy documentaries already. The film will be edited by Frank Ryan who will also speak the commentary. Copies have already been ordered by the Minister for Education for the Government archives, the International Secretariat

Behind the scenes in Bolton St.

In Madrid and by several individual delegations taking part.

POST BAG

Standard of apprentices

As an Irish apprentice, I feel it is my duty to reply to "T. and G.", whose letter appeared last Friday. I think, first of all, that this person should in future acquire some information about subjects on which he intends to write to the Press.

Our apprentices have been competing in international competitions for many years now and have won many gold medals, not to mention the silver and bronze. These lads that represented their country in the Olympic Games as craftsmen have qualified and taken their places as fully-fledged tradesmen in our working community.

I think that "T. and G." wants us to have a system such as was in operation in our grandfathers' time, when the apprentices received no theoretical base upon which to build a skill. I hate to think where we would be without the vocational schools and the magnificent training they give to young Irishmen who would otherwise be ignorant of the theory of their own craft.

I agree with "T. and G." that the training nowadays is nothing like what it used to be. It is 100 per cent better. I can't see how he is in a position to tell the architects who have designed our fine modern buildings the way to do their job. I suggest that he pays a visit to our college in Bolton Street, the new wing of which is a beautiful example of modern architecture, and while he is there, go inside and take a look at our apprentices, who have been competing against entrants from all over the world. He will see then for himself that the standard is far higher than that of "pinning concrete shutters."

"I would like him, on my behalf and on behalf of all Irish apprentices, to wish them the best of luck and hope they get a few more gold medals and show "T. and G." and the rest of the world that Irish craftsmanship is as good as, if not better than, any in the world."

Aer Lingus Apprentice
Listowel.

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I catch up with these visiting apprentices

By Patrick Lagan

IT was in the wide and windy acres of the Intercontinental Hotel's chief function room, the organ room as I have come to regard it from the odd collection of silver pipes hanging from its ceiling, that I had my first opportunity of meeting the apprentices from all over the world who have gathered for the International Trade Competitions.

All last week they have been sawing and hammering and bricklaying and welding away like mad with little time to raise their heads and talk to anybody.

The Intercontinental room for all its vastness looked quite crowded, in fact cluttered, by the time the apprentices, their teachers and team leaders, the interpreters, the officials and all the people concerned with the competitions—700 in all—had crowded in there to be entertained by the Irish Sugar Company.

As so much of the meal was composed of Irish Sugar Company products the Intercontinental people were hardly more than middlemen for the occasion. The apprentices and their associates were treated to Erin A.F.D., Prawn Cocktail, Beef Noodle Soup, the sliced fillet of beef was accompanied with Erin A.F.D. mushrooms "hunter style," Erin A.F.D. mashed potatoes and Erin A.F.D. garden peas. Only at the sweet and coffee stage was there a departure from Sugar Company products.

Given a marquee and a field kitchen from his former career, one felt, and General Costello

could have catered the whole lot himself.

During the meal I had the chance to chat to a few of the apprentices. A typical one was Kjeld Torben Jensen, an open-faced, blonde young boy from Denmark. From Copenhagen, he is an apprentice cabinet-maker. He told me something of the vocational training arrangements in his trade in Denmark. He started his career by going to a vocational school and after that he joined a cabinetmaking firm, Thysen Nielsen, a small firm with two senior men and two apprentices and a high tradition of craftsmanship.

He is still very much a learner. During his apprenticeship course of four years he works in the firm and goes back to school for a six-weeks course in each year. He has already done two of these training years.

His competition task in Dublin was to make an object which his English was not comprehensive enough to describe to me but from the rough sketch he made I conclude it was a chest of drawers.

After the dinner an international concert was held with Martin Dempsey, in fine voice, singing an appropriate song called "The Craftsman," a display of Irish dancing followed, and then a team of Irish girls harped and sang. A Spanish team which followed them sang gay student songs, swaying while they sang. Their conductor had a most original style of walking around them in circles while they performed, conducting them from behind as well as in front. Their last offering was a wonderful syncopated combination of clapping and singing. The Irish apprentices team not to be out-done gave an equally syncopated version of "Poc ar Buille" and "The Jug of Punch" and rounded it off with another rendition of "The Craftsman" because, the compere explained, they had learned it specially.

Dunne recognised Dinny Delaney and gave me a lively vignette of the time he saw him.

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The Lord Mayor, Mr. S. McCarthy, T.D., speaking at the official reception for the apprentices attending the 12th International Trade Competitions in Dublin at the Cork City Hall. Also in the picture are Mr. P. F. Parfrey, C.E.O.; Mr. T. J. Brannan, Managing Director, Messrs Henry Ford & Son Ltd., Cork, and Mr. M. O'Flanagan, President of the National Organisation Committee.

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'Prentices on tour of Cork

THE trade apprentices from all parts of the world, who had taken part in the International Trade Apprentices' Competitions in Dublin last week, started the social part of their visit to Ireland yesterday, with a two-day visit to Cork.

Accompanied by officials and by Government representatives they travelled by special train. They were met on arrival by Mr. P. F. Parfrey, chairman, and other members of the Cork Reception Committee; Mr. M. J. O'Keeffe, Department of Education; Mrs. J. Dowdall, T.C., and Mr. D. Cusack, sales manager, C.I.E.

The party was led by Mr. M. O'Flanagan, president of the Irish National Organising Committee, and other members of the board. After a river trip by the Harbour Commissioners' tugboat to the harbour installations and industries, they inspected the Cork Varolme dockyard, where they were entertained to tea.

Subsequently the party were given a civic reception at the City Hall by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sean McCarthy, T.D., and were entertained to a wine reception before going to dinner at the Imperial Hotel.

Today they will go on a coach tour of the Ring of Kerry, and will visit the Lakes of Killarney. They will return to Dublin tomorrow.

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SUCCESSFUL CORK-KERRY TOUR FOR APPRENTICES

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Apprentices tour Cork and Kerry

The two hundred and sixty apprentices who have taken part in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, were taken on a 250-mile tour of Cork and Kerry. The tour was sponsored by Messrs. Dunlops and Irish Shell and B.P. Ltd. Last night they attended a reception and dinner, given by the Cork Organising Committee.

The apprentices will return to Dublin by train this afternoon. The train will stop at Port Laoighise, where they will tour the boglands and visit Bord na Mopa's milled peat plant.

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Apprentice tour—back to Dublin

THE teams of apprentices from the 13 countries who had been taking part in the international Trade Apprentices Competitions in the College of Technology, Dublin, will return to-night to Dublin after their three-day tour of the south and West of Ireland.

They left Cork to-day, and on the way to Dublin visited the Bord na Mona installations en route.

To-morrow is Spanish National Day, and the Spanish team of apprentices will attend Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Merriem Road, and afterwards will be guests at a reception given by the Spanish Ambassador in Ailesbury House, Ailesbury Road.

Other guests at the reception will include members of the Spanish Colony in Dublin, and Spanish students who are spending their holidays in Ireland for the purpose of learning English.

To-morrow afternoon the results of the competitions will be made known and later the winning apprentices will receive their awards from the President, Mr. De Valera, in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

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'Growing shortage' of skilled manpower

THE Apprenticeship Board is concerned over the growing shortage of skilled manpower in many trades, according to the annual report of the Board, released last night.

The problem required urgent attention and the Board's intention is to seek a solution in conjunction with the Apprenticeship Committees for the individual trades.

The Board continued its efforts to focus the attention of trade unions and employers on the importance of this training to industry and to the national economy.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARD

These parties were responding wholeheartedly to the lead being given.

Three Apprenticeship Committees—those dealing with the motor, electrical and furniture trades, which were established in 1962 made considerable progress during the year. All boys entering into apprenticeship as motor mechanics were now required to be at least 15 years of age, and to have reached a certain educational standard. From September 1 next similar requirements will apply to young people wishing to make their career in the electrical and furniture trades.

The three committees were now engaged in drawing up schedules for the training of apprentices on-the-job. They were also con-

sidering, in conjunction with the Vocational Education Authorities, the most practicable means of ensuring that apprentices acquired a sound knowledge of the theoretical aspects of their work. The work carried on by the Apprenticeship Committees responsible for the trades in the building and the engineering industries had been particularly fruitful and it was likely that apprenticeship in those trades would be brought within the scope of the Apprenticeship Act soon.

Apprentices' results today

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Standard of apprentices

"Aer Lingus Apprentice" is very abusive but I will overlook that if only to correct his mistaken outlook. I know very well that our boys won medals in the past, and if your correspondent will read my letter again he will find I made no reflection upon them.

Indeed, before "Aer Lingus Apprentice" ever heard of them I was lamenting how little appreciation was given to our young workers who went abroad, at their own expense and without any encouragement, to compete in the contests for International Apprenticeships.

I did not devalue the merits of theory, but I stressed that practical work comes first and is neglected to some degree in our vocational schools.

The writer in question must have very little experience of the tradesmen of today, who, generally speaking, are poor. I repeat that not one joiner in twenty would be capable of doing a "twist" in a handrail, and I don't mean the dance.

Bricklayers are only concrete block technicians and plasterers do little more than skim walls. How many, I repeat, are capable of the fine work which the old craftsmen whom "Aer Lingus Apprentice" derides were able to execute?

T and G,

Drumcondra.

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APPRENTICESHIP ADVANCES

THE third annual report of An Chomhairle Chonhairle (the National Apprenticeship Board) has come out conveniently as the international apprenticeship competitions are being staged here. It is a progress report, so much different to the gloomy accounts which have been coming from government sources in recent months. It is clear from the report that the trade unions and employers are responding wholeheartedly to the lead being given by the Board. (This is manifest in the number of apprenticeship committees now in active operation at national and local level). Among the changes which the new arrangements are bringing in their train are new standards of entry. All boys entering into apprenticeship as motoring mechanics, for instance, are now required to be at least 15 years of age and to have reached a certain educational standard. From September 1 next similar requirements will apply to young people wishing to make their career in the electrical and furniture trades. Schedules for the training of apprentices on-the-job are now being drawn up for these three trades. Other apprenticeship committees acting on a non-statutory basis are making progress, including that for the printing industry outside Dublin. The report records the concern of the Board at the growing evidence of shortages of skilled manpower in many trades. This, states the report, is a problem which requires urgent attention and the Board intends in conjunction with the apprenticeship committees, to seek an early solution to it.

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Won prizes at trades competition

Richard O'Halloran, Lake View Cottages, an apprentice employed by Messrs. Thomas Barrett, St. Helen's, Galway, won a silver medal at the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices which were held in Dublin and the results of which were announced to-day.

Eighteen awards in all went to Irish boys—seven gold medals, seven silver and seven bronze.

The medals were presented by the President, Mr. de Valera, at a ceremony in Dublin Castle this afternoon.

The Minister for Education, Dr. P. J. Hillery, speaking earlier at a luncheon at the Intercontinental Hotel, said: "We, as Irishmen, would not be human if we did not take pride in the fact that our small country has fared so well in the prize lists."

O'Halloran won the award in the Carpentry Section, Category A. There were 240 competitors in all and 100 medals were awarded altogether.

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Apprentices tour Bord na Mona works

The 300 trade apprentices from 13 countries who had taken part in the 12th international trade apprentice competition in Dublin last week were guests of Bord na Mona on a tour of their peat works and briquette factories at Croghan and Derryreenagh, Offaly, yesterday. They had travelled by special train from Cork.

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RECOGNITION AND HONOUR FOR CRAFTSMAN

Not the least healthy aspect of these competitions is that they give recognition and pay honour to the craftsman and skilled workmanship, said the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, at a luncheon for the apprentices who took part in the International Trade competitions in Dublin this week.

"Among the greatest tributes that man can pay to his Creator is the development in as high a degree as possible of his intellectual and physical faculties and their utilisation for the benefit of his fellowmen," the Minister added.

In undertaking to conduct the competitions, Ireland had accepted a responsibility that was in keeping with her outlook on international affairs.

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President to meet apprentices

THE competitors from 13 countries who took part in the international trade competitions for apprentices in the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, will be feted today.

Highlight of the day will be the presentation of awards by the President, Mr. de Valera, in the State Apartments, Dublin Castle, at 3.30 p.m. The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, and the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, will attend.

Apprentices and delegates to the competitions will attend a luncheon in the Intercontinental Hotel, Ballsbridge, before the presentation, and at 7 p.m. they will attend a reception and banquet in their honour at the hotel. Dr. Hillery and the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lynch, will be present at the reception and banquet.

Tomorrow is Spanish National Day and the Spanish team of apprentices will attend Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Merrion Road, and afterwards will be guests at a reception to be given by the Spanish Ambassador in Alsbury House, Alsbury Road.

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VISITORS TO CORK



Students who are taking part in the 12th International Trade Competitions for apprentices in Dublin arrived in Cork on Monday and are seen ABOVE boarding the C.H.C. tender m.v. Blarna for a trip down the harbour. BELOW: Group at the City Hall, Cork, last night when the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sean McCarthy, T.D., received the students and officials at an official reception. Seated from left: Mr. T. J. Brennan, Managing Director, Messrs. Henry Ford and Son Ltd., Cork; Mr. P. F. Parfrey, C.E.O., Chairman, Cork Reception Committee; Rt. Rev. Mgr. D. Murphy, P.P., V.G., the Lord Mayor, Rt. Rev. Dr. R. G. Perdue, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, and Senor F. R. Diez, Vice-President, International Organisation Committee. AT BACK (from left): Mr. T. Dunphy, Chairman, Cork Industrial Education Committee; Senor A. Gibello, Spain; Mr. J. D. Barry, Director of Organisation; Mrs. E. O'Doherty, Miss Mary Roche, Interpreters; M. P. Mueller, Germany and Mr. J. A. Agnew, Chairman of the National Apprentices' Board. ("Examiner")



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Dinner For Visiting Apprentices

Right Rev. Mgr. D. Murphy, P.P., V.G., The Lough, representing Most Rev. Dr. C. Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross, and Right Rev. Dr. R. G. Perdue, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, welcomed entrants from the international apprentices competition, which has just concluded in Dublin, when they were entertained to dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

Thirteen nations are represented. The attendance included the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sean McCarthy, T.D., and the heads of the employer and trade union life of the city.

The function, which concluded with a very enjoyable concert representative of the music and song of Ireland, composed by Mr. Sean O'Se, was presided over by Mr. P. Parfrey, C.E.O., Cork City Vocational Education Committee.

Mr. M. O'Flanagan, of the Department of Education, proposed the vote of thanks.

CITY HALL RECEPTION

Earlier, the visitors were entertained by Messrs. Henry Ford and Son, Ltd., at the Cork City Hall.

They were welcomed by the Lord Mayor, who was introduced by Mr. P. F. Parfrey, C.E.O.

The Lord Mayor, in the course of his remarks, said it was a great occasion for the city and for education. He thanked Messrs Ford, who had sponsored the reception.

"On behalf of all interested in education and progress I bid you welcome," he said.

Mr. T. Brennan, manager, Henry Ford and Son, Ltd., said that for many Fords was synonymous with mass production and little time for the skilled craftsmen. That was completely erroneous. Without the skilled person to develop and operate the equipment before the mass production operators came along they would just not be in business. He said he was delighted to find that Ireland was now making efforts to keep up with the traditions and development of craftsmanship.

Mr. Frederick Hill, official representative for the United Kingdom, said Europe had set the tradition for craftsmanship. They in Europe could set an example to the whole world.

Mr. Parfrey particularly welcomed a German apprentice, Hans Muller, whose father had been the principal tenor with one of the German choirs.

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The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, and Mrs. Lemass with Mr. John D. Barry (left), director of the organisation, and Mr. Martin Gleeson, chief executive officer, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, at the final banquet of the 12th International Trades Competitions for Apprentices held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, yesterday.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS MEDALS TO PRIZE-WINNING APPRENTICES

THE prize-winners in the international trade competitions for apprentices, held in Dublin last week, were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals by the President, Mr. de Valera, at a ceremony in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, yesterday afternoon.

Two hundred and forty competitors from 13 countries, including a team of 32 from Ireland, took part in the competitions, which were held in the College of Technology, Bolton street.

The countries represented, in addition to Ireland, were Austria, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, and Spain.

The apprentices were tested in competitions which were spread over thirteen trades, ranging from plumbing to jewellery work.

JAPANESE FIRST

The Japanese scored the greatest successes, winning ten gold medals—in fitting, turning, milling, machine drawing, gas welding, electric welding, panel beating, industrial forging, housewiring and industrial wiring. They also won two bronze medals.

Ireland carried off seven gold medals—in electric welding, plumbing, constructional steel work, joinery, carpentry, bricklaying and house wiring, and also won seven silver and four bronze medals.

Germany got five gold medals (fitting, turning, cabinet making, bricklaying and stone-cutting), together with three silver and seven bronze.

Four gold medals went to Great Britain (for wood pattern-making, joinery, carpentry and house-painting), and British apprentices also won six silver and six bronze medals.

Three gold medals went to Spain (sheet metalwork, mould-making, and bricklaying), three to Switzerland (machine drawing, cabinet making and jewellery), two to the Netherlands (house painting and joinery), one to Italy (house-wiring), one to Denmark (silver-smithing), one to Portugal (constructional steelwork) and one to Belgium (stone-cutting). Each of these countries also got a share of the silver and bronze medals.

The attendance at the presentation of prizes included Dr. Hillery, Minister for Education; the Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin; the Most Rev. Dr. Sensi, Apostolic Nuncio, The Most Rev. Dr. Simms, Archbishop of Dublin; Alderman Sean Moore, Lord Mayor; members of the national and international organising committees of the competition, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

CRAFTSMAN STAYS

Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, chief inspector of the Department of Education and president of the Irish National Organising Committee, welcomed the Taoiseach and the other guests. He said that in addition to the primary purpose of creating international friendship among the nations and their young apprentices, a main objective of the competitions was to acknowledge and award the skilled young craftsmen. Modern times had brought to the service of man new technologies and new materials, but the basic skills and the pride of craftsmanship and their higher ultimate purpose remained unchanged.

In the many fields of interest which the President had had throughout a long and fruitful lifetime, his interest in the field of education and of native Irish culture had been constant and deep. It was not surprising that he had accepted the invitation to come there, and in a very special way, to acknowledge the educational and cultural value of training in craftsmanship.

Mr. de Valera said it was a very pleasant task to present the prizes to the winners of the apprentices' competitions for a job well done. He congratulated the organisers both at national and international level. It was always of value to different countries to see the best that other countries could do, and while they need not copy other countries, they could always benefit by an interchange of knowledge.

PRIDE IN WORK

He was sorry that he could not avail himself of the opportunity to see the work of the competitors from the various countries. There was nothing more wonderful than to study something of beauty, and put it into lasting shape. With mass production and organisation, there was always the danger that the ideal craftsman might disappear. When he was young his ambition had been to be able to use a chisel and a mallet properly, and to be able to turn out a fitting piece of work.

He told the apprentices that if they kept a pride in workmanship, and were never satisfied with anything less than the best, they would find great satisfaction and happiness in their work. Congratulating the winners, he said he knew that their prizes had not been gained without a great deal of hard work.

Senor Eugenio Lopez, Madrid, president of the International Organising Committee, thanked all who had made the competitions a success, and paid a tribute to the work of the Irish organising committee. He also expressed gratitude for the wonderful hospitality which Ireland had shown to the apprentices.

He presented Mr. de Valera with a silver plaque as a souvenir of the occasion.

On his arrival in St. Patrick's Hall, the President was accorded the Presidential Salute, played by an Army band.

The following were the Irish prize-winners:

Electric welding (category B)—Gold medal: Patrick A. Sands, Annadale drive, Dublin.

Plumbing (category A)—Silver

medal: William T. Jackson, Mountpleasant terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin. Category B—Gold medal: Patrick Higgins, Stanhope terrace, Dublin.

Sheet metal work—Silver medal: Patrick Carpenter, Walsh road, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Industrial forging—Bronze medal: George McGrane, Carrow road, Dublin.

Constructional steel work—Gold medal: William Ward, Kylemore road, Dublin.

Cabinet making (category A)—Silver medal: Francis Caulfield, Clarieston road, Ranelagh, Dublin.

Joinery (category A)—Gold medal: Aidan Halpin, Rush, Co. Dublin. Category B—Richard O'Halloran, Newcastle, Galway.

Carpentry (category A)—Silver medal: James O'Halloran, Newcastle, Galway. Category B—Gold medal: Thomas A. O'Brien, Edenmore road, Dublin.

Bricklaying (category A)—Bronze medal: James J. Farrell, Walkinstown, Dublin. Category B—Gold medal: John A. Higgins, Rialto, Dublin.

House painting—Silver medal: Desmond Mulvaney, St. Patrick's terrace, Dun Laoghaire.

House wiring (category B)—Gold medal: John Curry, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.

Industrial wiring—Bronze medal: John Frank Lunn, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.

Silver-smithing—Bronze medal: Patrick Campbell, Belton Park Villas, Dublin.

Jewellery—Silver medal: David Ryan, Sandymount, Dublin.

LEMASS PRAISES THE JAPANESE

The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, at the closing banquet of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in the Dublin Intercontinental Hotel last night said that in the competitions of the past three years, this country had won 20 medals, along with an additional 19 medals this year. He was proud of their success, which was a tribute to their employers and teachers in the technical schools. Japan had carried off most gold medals and he offered them his congratulations.

All had been impressed with the fine bearing of the apprentices in the competitions which helped to break down international barriers. The boys had been splendid ambassadors. He said he hoped that the competitions would prove to be a big filip to better training in this country.

The Apprenticeship Board had made considerable progress in the few years since its establishment. It had shown that much could be achieved by co-operation and by careful planning and organisation. Improved standards of training were vital for industrial progress.

INTERNATIONAL IDEAL

Dr. Hillery, Minister for Education, at a luncheon earlier, said that that we in Ireland, partly, no doubt, because of our long period of enforced isolation, were perhaps especially inclined to espouse the ideal of international friendship, based on justice, and the acknowledgment of the rights of other nations and peoples. It was a heartening thing to see there together the flower of the young manhood of so many countries.

"Among the greatest tributes that man can give to his Creator is the development in as high a degree as possible of his intellectual and physical faculties and their utilisation for the benefit of his fellow-men."

HONOURED

Councillor John McCann, chairman of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, who presided, said that Ireland had been honoured by being selected by the International Committee as the venue for this year's competitions.

Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, president of the Irish National Organising Committee, thanked all who had made the competitions a success and especially the rector of Gormanstown College, who had provided accommodation for the competitors.

Mr. Martin Gleeson, chairman of the Irish National Organising Committee, said he was proud that the vocational education committee had been responsible to some extent for the success of the competitions. They had got ready assistance from the Government, employers, trade unions and the staffs of the vocational colleges.

Mr. Lemass presented Senor Lopez with a piece of Waterford glass as a memento of the competitions in Ireland.

The attendance included Mr. Lynch, Minister for Industry and Commerce; Alderman Sean Moore, Lord Mayor, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

The banquet was sponsored by the Irish National Organising Committee of the competitions.

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President gives awards

18 MEDALS FOR IRISH APPRENTICES



The President, Mr. de Valera, with the Irish medal winners at the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT, Mr. de Valera, yesterday presented medal awards to winners in the recent International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at a function in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Ireland won a total of 18 medals—seven gold, seven silver and four bronze. The Japanese team, which won 10 gold medals, was the only country to score higher in this classification.

The President said it was a very pleasant task to present the prizes to the winners for a job well done. He congratulated the organisers, and said it was always of value to different countries to see the best that other countries could do. They could always benefit by an interchange of knowledge.

He was sorry, he said, that he did not see the work of the competitors from the various countries. There was nothing more wonderful than to study something of beauty, and put it into lasting shape.

With mass production and organisation, there was always the danger that the ideal craftsman might disappear. When he was young, his ambition had been to be able to use a chisel and a mallet properly, and to be able to turn out a fitting piece of work.

He told the apprentices that if they kept a pride in workmanship and were never satisfied with anything less than the best, they would find great satisfaction and happiness in their work. Congratulating the winners, he said he knew that their prizes had not been gained without a great deal of hard work.

Ambition

Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, president of the national organising committee, said that in addition to the primary purpose of creating international friendship among the nations and their young apprentices, a main objective of the competitions was to acknowledge and suitably to award the skilled young craftsmen.

"The great cathedrals of Europe, York and Chartres, Cologne and St. Peter's, the priceless works of art in Toledo and Florence, and the Ardagh Chalice, the Cross of Cong and the Book of Kells bear eloquent and lasting tribute to the skill and dedication of the craftsman in wood and stone and glass, in precious metals and in manuscript," he said.

Senator Eugenio Lopez Lopez, president of the International Organising Committee, Madrid, thanked the Government for its co-operation and help, as well as the Irish committee for its magnificent organising work and the special care with which everything was prepared.

Senator Lopez presented the President with a silver plaque, a souvenir of the competitions. A large audience attended the prize-giving ceremony, including the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. S. Moore, members of the Government, the Hierarchy, the Judiciary, and the Diplomatic Corps.

Irish winners

The Irish winners of gold medals were: Patrick Sands, 31 Annadale Drive, Marino, Dublin (employed by Smith and Pearson Ossory Road, Cabra)—welding; category B.; Patrick Higgins, 29 Stanhope Terrace, Grangegorman (E. A. O'Neill Ltd., Gr. Rathmines Road)—plumbing; category B.; William Ward, 29 Railway Ave., Inchicore (J. and C. McGloaghlin, Pearse Street)—constructional steel work.

Aidan Halpin, Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin (employed by his father at the same address)—joinery; Thomas O'Brien, 34 Walsford Crescent, Terenure, (C.I.E.)—carpentry, category B.; John Higgins, 2 Colbert's Place, Rialto (Shanley and Harrington, Quarry Road, Crumlin)—brick-laying category B.; John Curry, Carranore, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo (E.S.B.)—house wiring, category B.

The following Irish apprentices won silver medals: William Jackson, 15 Mountpleasant Tce., Ranelagh, Dublin—plumbing; Patrick Carpenter, 62 Walsh Rd., Drumcondra—sheet metal work;

Francis D. Caulfield, 30 Charles-ton Road, Ranelagh—cabinet making.

Richard O'Halloran, Lake View Cottage, Newcastle, Galway—carpentry; Desmond Mulvaney, 11 St. Patrick's Terrace, Dur Laoghaire—house painting; David Ryan, 72 Sandford Road, Ranelagh—jewellery.

Bronze medals were awarded to: George McGrane, 29 Carrow Road, Drimnagh—industrial forging; James Joseph Farrell, 51 Dowland Road, Walkinstown, brick laying—John Frain, Lung, Bal-laghaderreen, Co. Roscommon—industrial wiring; Patrick Campbell, 5 Belton Park Villas, Donnybrook—silversmithing.

Among the other competing countries Germany won five gold medals; Britain, four; Switzerland, three; Spain, two; the Netherlands two; Portugal, Denmark and Belgium, one each.

Taoiseach at final dinner

Improved standards of training are vital for industrial progress, said the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass last night, when he addressed the closing banquet of the International Trade competition for Apprentices, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin.

One of the objects of the competitions, he said, was to raise national and international training standard. But none of the countries that participated in the competitions could afford to be complacent, even those that did well.

Friendship

Great credit was due to the various employers who, in co-operation with the vocational education authorities, had done so much to improve training methods in the past. Excellent schemes were in operation before the establishment of An Chomhairle na Náisiúnaí Chomhairle—the National Apprenticeship Board—in 1960.

The Government's idea in setting up that Board, which was representative of employer, trade unions and technical education, was to extend on the national scale, the good work which had been started already.

The Minister for Education, D. Hillery, who was guest of honour at the final lunch for competitors also at the Intercontinental Hotel yesterday said: "We in Ireland, partly, no doubt, because of our long period of enforced isolation, are perhaps especially inclined to espouse the ideal of international friendship, based on justice and the acknowledgement of the rights of other nations and peoples. In undertaking to conduct the competition in Ireland this year, we accepted a responsibility that was in keeping with our outlook on international affairs."



President de Valera talks to 20-year-old Aidan Halpin, Rush, Co. Dublin, who has won his third gold medal competing for Ireland in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices. The presentation took place in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

He was one of the seven Irish winners of gold medals in this year's competitions

and his skill at joinery brought him top honours from keen competition. His two previous awards were for carpentry at the competitions in Spain in 1960 and 1962.

Aidan is a member of the Dublin junior football team and he assists his father who is a building contractor.

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PRIZE WINNING APPRENTICES

A TRIO OF JAPANESE GOLD MEDALLISTS

THE following are the full classified results giving the placings in each category of the International Competitions for Apprentices held in Dublin last week.

FITTING - Category A - Gold medal, Uchiyama, Tadashi (Japan); silver, Reiter, Helmut (Germany); bronze, Pulver, Viktor (Switzerland).

Category B - Gold medal, Knoch, Eugen (Germany); silver, Cammuri, Roberto (Italy); bronze, Conceição da Cunha, Hernani (Portugal); bronze, Hiesro Calleja, Santiago (Spain).

TURNING - Category A - Gold medal, Fujiwara, Yasuo (Japan); silver, Monar Barrientos Carlos, (Spain); bronze, Michelazzi, Valerio (Italy).

Category B - Gold, Schreiber Burkard (Germany); silver, Lopez Bola Manuel (Portugal); bronze, Zambuni, Nicholas P. (Britain).

MILLING - Single Category - Gold medal, Fukuda, Yasuji (Japan); silver, Reggiani, Argeo (Italy); bronze, Fernandez Alonso, Jose (Spain).

MACHINE DRAWING - Single Category - Gold medal, Ester, Armin (Switzerland); gold, Washimine, Asamu (Japan); silver, Bernardini, Mario (Italy); bronze, Comiere, Werner (Germany); bronze, Ambrosio Lopez, Jose (Spain).

GAS WELDING - Single Category - Gold medal, Yasuhiro, Byuji (Japan); silver, Agostinho da (Portugal); bronze, Bruckhoff, Klaus (Germany); bronze, Izquierdo Saldana, Segundo de (Spain).

ELECTRIC WELDING - Category A - Gold medal, Randa, Shigeo (Japan); silver, Garcia Salaverra, Emilio (Spain); bronze, Langlois, John Michael (Britain).

Category B - Gold medal, Sande, Patrick Anthony (Ireland); silver, Farrell, Bernard (Britain); silver, Steger, Robert (Germany); bronze, Rodriguez Mateos Serafin (Spain).

PLUMBING - Category A - Gold medal, Garrido Lopez, Juan (Spain); silver, Jackson, William Thomas (Ireland); bronze, Van Steenberghe (Holland).

Category B - Gold medal, Higgins, Patrick (Ireland); silver, Batten, Keith Edwin (Britain).

PANEL BEATING - Single Category - Gold medal, Inomata, Yoshihisa (Japan); silver, Puente Wilber, Brian Lester (Britain); bronze, Watabe, Shoji (Japan).

SHEET METAL WORK - Single Category - Gold medal, Sanchez Lopez, Arsenio (Spain); silver, Carpenter, Patrick (Ireland); bronze, Santana Canhoto, Manuel (Portugal).

WOOD PATTERN MAKING - Single Category - Gold medal, Kiwi, Robert Graham (Britain); silver, Meilentin, Jurgen (Germany); bronze, Watabe, Shoji (Japan).

INDUSTRIAL FORGING - Single Category - Gold medal, Nibori, Masami (Japan); silver, Barrera Heva, Jose Ramon (Spain); bronze, McGrane, George (Ireland).

CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL WORK - Single Category - Gold medal, Barreira, Orlando (Portugal); gold, Ward, William (Ireland); silver, Hart, Andrew (Britain); bronze, Sano, Katsushi (Japan).

MOULD MAKING FOR CASTING - Single Category - Gold medal, Moos, Alphonse, Ramon (Spain); silver, Hofztem, Norbert (Luxembourg); bronze, Luechinger, Hans (Switzerland).

CABINET-MAKING - Category A - Gold medal - Schmid, Jakob (Switzerland); silver - Caulfield, Francis (Ireland); bronze - Barrett, Derek (Britain).

Category B - Gold medal - Drache, Wolfgang (Germany); silver - Niet, I. V. D. (Holland); bronze - Suarez Alonso Rafael (Spain).

JOINERY - Category A - Gold medal, Halpin, Aidan (Ireland); silver, Van Der Kils, J. (Holland); bronze, Stubbings, Alan A. (Britain).

Category B - Gold medal, Pepper, Robert (Britain); gold, De Witte, Z. A. (Holland); silver, O'Halloran, Richard (Ireland); bronze, Busker, Theo (Germany).

CARPENTRY - Category A - Gold medal Besty, Peter (Britain); silver, O'Halloran, James (Ireland); bronze, Hebling, Gunther (Germany); bronze, Grard, Gaston (Belgium).

Category B - Gold medal, O'Brien, Thomas Andrew (Ireland); silver, Morrill, Victor (Britain); bronze, Paulsen, Niels (Denmark).

BRICKLAYING - Category A - Gold medal - Krogemann, Alfred (Germany); silver - Gomez Gujias, Desiderio (Spain); bronze - Wesber, Paul (Switzerland); bronze - Farrell, James Joseph (Ireland).

Category B - Gold medal - Higgins, John Augustus (Ireland); silver - Wain, Dennis (Britain); bronze - Tros, A. A. M. (Holland).

STONE DUTTING - Single Category - Gold medal - Lippert, Friedel (Germany); gold - Dujardin, Eddy (Belgium); silver - Alegria Barrancho, Joao (Portugal); bronze - Box, Christopher (Britain).

HOUSE PAINTING - Single Category - Gold medal - Hut, H. W. (Holland); gold - Crump, Gary Dean (Britain); silver - Mulvaney, Desmond (Ireland); bronze - Gosei, Michael (Germany); bronze - Lacombe, Jose (Belgium).

HOUSE WIRING - Category A - Gold medal, Kawan, Kazuyoshi (Japan); silver, Faulghe, Norbert (Luxembourg); bronze, Canniello, Francesco (Italy).

Category B - Gold medal, Curry, John (Ireland); gold, Pinto, Giannicola (Italy); silver, Marques da Cruz, Fernando (Portugal); bronze, Grau Pillat, Augustin (Spain).

INDUSTRIAL WIRING - Single Category - Gold medal, Kazuhide Nakajima (Japan); silver, Pedro Trivelpo Pardo (Spain); bronze, John Fram (Ireland); bronze, Gerhard Ullmer (Germany); bronze, Joseph Molitor (Luxembourg).

SILVERSMITHING - Single Category - Gold medal, Peter Tanning (Denmark); silver, Christopher Morris (Britain); bronze, Patrick Campbell (Ireland); bronze, Eberhard Wahl (Germany).

JEWELLERY - Single Category - Gold medal, Martin Haeringer (Switzerland); silver, David Ryan (Ireland); bronze, Emilio Martinez Paredes (Spain).

ALL AGREED
The International Committee, which met under the presidency of Senor Eugenio Lopez of Spain, recorded unanimous agreement with the results as decided by the Jury.

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Japanese winners at the international apprentices' competitions included (from left): Yasuji Fukuda (milling), Tadashi Uchuyanna (senior fitting), and Yasu Fujiwara (turning).

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Improved training is vital

—Mr. Lemass

IMPROVED standards of training were vital for industrial progress and even countries which did well in the competitions could not afford to be complacent, said the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, at a final banquet last night in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, for the competitors and officials.

The banquet was sponsored by the Irish Organising Committee of the competitions.

The attendance included the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery; the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lynch, and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Ireland, said Mr. Lemass, was glad of the opportunity to act as host. "Our record in the competitions is one of which we are proud. We are a small country, not yet as highly industrialised as most of the other participants, but in the last three years we have won a total of 20 medals with a further 19 this year."

It was hoped that the competitions would provide an incentive to better training in this country. Their success in past competitions had certainly been a factor in stimulating interest in improved training methods here.

Great credit was due to the various employers who, in co-operation with the vocational education authorities had done so much to improve training methods.

Mr. Lemass said that excellent schemes were in operation before the establishment of An Ceard Chomhairle (National Apprenticeship Board) in 1960.

The Government's idea in setting up that board, which was representative of employers, trade unions and technical educationalists was to extend on the national scale the good work which had been started already.

The board had made considerable progress in the few years since its establishment. It had shown already that much could be achieved by co-operation and by careful planning and organisation.

The apprentices who competed were the best from the various countries. It did not necessarily follow, however, that all the apprentices had reached so high a standard of training, and one of the objects of the competitions was to raise training standards on both the national and international fronts.

The Taoiseach said that one of the chief aims of the event was to break down international barriers and the boys had been splendid ambassadors in this respect.

LISBON VENUE
He complimented all concerned with the organisation of the competitions, and announced that Lisbon was the venue for next year's competitions.

"PLEASANT MEMORIES"
—Mr. J. McGann, Chairman, Dublin City Vocational Education Committee, who presided, said at the banquet, he hoped the competitors and officials would return home with "as pleasant memories of this country as you have left behind with us."

Mr. M. Gleeson, C.E.O. of the Dublin Voc. Education Committee and Chairman of the Irish Organising Committee, said they had got ready assistance from the Government, employers, trade unions, and the staffs of colleges.

Mr. Lemass presented Senor Lopez with a piece of Waterford cut glass.

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TO REWARD CRAFTSMEN

Mr. Michael J. O'Flanagan, President, Irish National Committee, said a main objective of the competitions was to acknowledge and suitably reward the skilled young craftsmen.

The great cathedrals of Europe, the priceless works of art in Toledo and Florence; the Ardagh Chalice, the Cross of Cong and the Book of Kells were eloquent and lasting tribute to the skill and dedication of the craftsmen in wood, stone and glass in precious metals and in manuscripts. They represented the exercise of the God-given talents of man in the praise of his Creator.

Senor Lopez thanked the Government and the committees for "the magnificent organisation."

IRELAND'S PRIDE

"We in Ireland would not be human if we did not take pride in the fact that our small country has fared well in the prize lists," said the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, speaking at a luncheon in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, yesterday, given for competitors.

"We recognise," he went on, "that in those competitions the margin which separated the winners from the others was slender. We would like to pay tribute to the very fine work of those boys and all the countries who were so fortunate to win prizes."

EMPLOYERS THANKED

Mr. Michael Grimes, Inspector, Technical Branch, Department of Education, who presided at the luncheon, congratulated the organisers, including Mr. M. O'Flanagan, Ireland's representative on the International Organising Committee. Thanking the sponsors of the lunch, the Federated Union of Employers' and the Master Builders' Association, he said he received 100 p.p. support from the employers of Ireland.

Mr. Bjorn West, Denmark's representative on the International Organising Committee, said they had learned to know what Irish hospitality and friendliness implied.

On behalf of the apprentices, Joseph McCarthy (Ireland) and Carlos Ambrosio (Spain) expressed the thanks of the competing teams.

Gold watches were also presented to Mr. M. J. Doogan and Mrs. S. McCusker, who were in charge of the teams at the Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath.

Spanish award to Dr. Hillery

THE Spanish Ambassador, Senor G. Barriar, yesterday presented a gold medal never before awarded outside Spain to the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, at a reception in the Spanish Embassy, Ailesbury Rd., Dublin.

The medal, said Senor Barriar, was just a small token of the appreciation of the Spanish Government for the welcome afforded by Ireland to the delegates to the 1963 International Apprentices' Trades Competitions.

Thanking the Ambassador on behalf of the Government, Dr. Hillery praised the high international standing of the competitions which had been inaugurated in Spain. Various leaders of international delegations, as well as Irish officials, also received decorations.

The ceremony coincided with the Spanish national commemoration of the start of the Civil War. It followed a Mass and sermon in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Merrion, at which Father O'Connell, the Salesian chaplain accompanying the Spanish delegates to the competitions, officiated. Later some 500 Spaniards, many of them students, were entertained in the Embassy gardens by the Ambassador and Señora Barriar.

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'For a job well done'

Won for
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THE PRESIDENT PRESENTS TRADE TESTS AWARDS

PRESIDENT DE VALERA presented 111 medals—gold, silver and bronze—to winners in the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, last evening.

Having congratulated them on "a job well done," Mr. de Valera advised the apprentices from 13 nations: "Never be satisfied with anything less than the best."

The 240 competitors, including a team of 32 from Ireland, took part in the competitions in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.

Seven gold, seven silver and four bronze medals were won by Irish boys, who won more gold medals than any other nation except Japan (11).

To mark the occasion, Senor Eugenio Lopez, Madrid, President of the International Organising Committee, presented President de Valera with a silver plaque "which in its modesty is proof of our gratitude," he said.

"The Band of the Eastern Command played the Presidential Salute as Mr. de Valera entered the hall where the youths in their blazers added a blaze of colour to the glittering settings.

Seated in the front row in their crimson robes were the Papal Nuncio, Most Rev. Dr. Sassi, and the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid.

PLEASANT TASK

President de Valera said it was a very pleasant task to present the prizes to the winners of the apprentices competitions for a job well done. He congratulated the organisers of the competitions—both at national and international level.

"It was always of value to different countries to see the best that other countries could do, and while they need not copy other countries, they could always benefit by an interchange of knowledge.

"He was sorry that he did not avail himself of the opportunity to see the work of the competitors from the various countries. There was nothing more wonderful than to study something of beauty and put it into lasting shape. With mass production and organisation there was always the danger that the ideal craftsman might disappear.

The President said that when he

was young it was his ambition to be able to use a chisel and a mallet properly, and to be able to turn out a fitting piece of work.

He told the apprentices that if they kept a pride in workmanship and were never satisfied with anything less than the best, they would find great satisfaction and happiness in their work. He knew that their prizes had not been gained without a great deal of hard work.

The attendance at St. Patrick's Hall included the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore.



President de Valera with Irish apprentices who received gold, silver and bronze medals, in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

IRELAND WON SEVEN GOLD MEDALS

EIGHTEEN Irish apprentices—the greatest number from any of the 13 national teams—won medals in the 12th International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, the results of which were announced yesterday.

Altogether, Ireland won seven gold, seven silver and four bronze medals. After Japan, which won ten gold medals, Ireland came a good second, followed by the German team with five gold medals, and the British with four.

Switzerland and Spain won three gold medals each; the Dutch won two and Italy, Portugal, Denmark and Belgium one each.

Britain and Spain both won six silver medals, Portugal took four, Italy and Germany three each, Holland and Luxembourg each won two silver medals.

Principal bronze medal totals were: Spain, seven; Germany, seven; Britain, six; Ireland, four; Portugal, three; Switzerland, three; Belgium, two; Italy, two; Japan, two.

In the grand totals Spain and Britain followed Ireland with 16 medals each and Germany came next with 15 medals. In the overall total Japan had 12 medals.

Ireland won gold medals in carpentry, joinery, plumbing, construction, steelwork, electric welding, bricklaying and housewiring. Only one of those medals was in category A—in the joinery competition.

Silver medals were won in plumbing, sheet metalwork, cabinet making, joinery, carpentry, house painting and jewellery. Bronze medals were won for industrial forging, bricklaying, industrial wiring and silversmithing.

Altogether about 100 medals were presented by the President, Mr. de Valera, at a ceremony in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, attended by An Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, the Lord Mayor, Ald. Sean Moore, members of the Government, Hierarchy, Judiciary and Diplomatic Corps.

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GOLD MEDALLISTS

Ireland's gold medals were awarded to:

Patrick A. Sands, 31 Abnades Drive, Marino, Dublin (electric welding, category B) who is employed by Smith and Pearsons Ltd., Cabra.

Patrick Higgins, 39 Stanhope Terrace, Grangegorman, Dublin (plumbing, category B), H. A. O'Neill Ltd., Le Rathmines Rd., Dublin.

William Ward, 28 Railway Ave., Inchmore, Dublin (constructional

steel work), J. and C. McGoughlin, Pearse St., Dublin.

Aidan Halpin, Chanel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin (joinery, category A), who is employed by his father at the same address.

Thomas A. O'Brien, 128 Edmore Rd., Raheny, Dublin (carpentry, category B), Colleen Bros., East Wall, Dublin.

John A. Higgins, 2 Colbert's Fort, Rialto, Dublin (bricklaying, Shantley and Harrington, Cruimlin Cross).

John Curry, Carramore, Knock, Clarendon, Co. Mayo (housewiring, category B), E.S.B.

SILVER MEDALLISTS

Irish silver medallists were:—

William T. Jackson, 15 Mount Pleasant Tce., Ranelagh, Dublin

(plumbing, category A), Guinness Brewery.

Patrick Carpenter, 62 Walsh Rd., Drumcondra, Dublin (sheet metal work), C.I.E.

Francis D. Gaultfield, 30 Charles-ton Rd., Ranelagh, Dublin (cabinet making, category A), Hilton Bros. Ltd., Townsend St., Dublin.

Richard O'Halloran, Lakeview Cottage, Newcastle, Galway (joinery, category A), P. J. Noonan, Munster Ave., Galway.

James O'Halloran, Lakeview Cottage (carpentry, category A), James Barrett, St. Helen's St., Galway.

Desmond Mulvaney, 15 St. Patrick's Tce., Dun Laoghaire (house painting), G. J. Sutton, 28K Dairy, Monkstown.

David Ryan, 72 Sandford Rd., Ranelagh (jewellery), T. O'Connor and Sons, Anne's Lane, Dublin.

BRONZE MEDALLISTS

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George McGrane, 29 Carrow Rd., Drimnagh, Dublin (industrial forging), C.I.E.

James J. Farrell, 52 Dowland Rd., Walkinstown (bricklaying, category A), D. McIlvenna and Sons, Ltd., Dublin.

John Frain, Lung, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon (industrial wiring), E.S.B.

Patrick Campbell, 5 Belton Park Villas, Donnybrook, Dublin (silversmithing), John Smyth and Co., Pearse St., Dublin.

W. J. N. O'Brien was group leader of the Irish team.

SPANISH APPRENTICES ATTEND MASS



The Spanish Ambassador, Senor German Baraibar (standing centre), with some of the Spanish students and apprentices (kneeling) who attended Mass in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Dublin, yesterday, to mark Spain's National Day. A reception was held later in the Spanish Embassy which the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, attended.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel were: Mrs. Diiz and Mrs. Carreira, both from Portugal.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel yesterday were: Mr. Hugh McCann, Sec. to the Department of External Affairs and Mrs. D. Costigan, wife of the Garda Commissioner.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel yesterday were: Mrs. McGreevy of Glasnevin and Mrs. M. Gleeson of Clontarf.

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At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel was Patricia Keating, 17 Longs Place, Dublin.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel yesterday was Rebecca Kennedy.

The grand finale

THE Intercontinental Hotel in Ballsbridge last evening elegantly absorbed some 640 guests to the ultimate dinner which marked the end of the twelfth International Trade Competitions for Apprentices.

The Taoiseach, as you will have read in this morning's papers, and certain other VIP's, said quotable things. But the real talking point of the man in the street, and of several youngsters whom we met later, was the thought-provoking and sweeping success of the Irish and Japanese boys.

Ten out of twenty three gold medals went to the Japs, who had travelled across the world, and, taut and eager and lithe as a bunch of athletes, they celebrated last night. The Irish boys got seven gold medals.

That these youngsters, just born out of the dust of the first atom bomb, should have been so fantastically successful, is amazing indeed, and one remembers that this built-in expertise is now built-in in one of the Shannon Airport factories.

The estimated cost of promoting this competition here is eighty thousand pounds. But the major portion of that sum was subscribed by industrial and trade union groups here with the Vocational Education

Authority handling the administration.

Let's talk it over

I KNOW that in Bolton Street they were working till two and three in the morning, and I know that Jack Agnew, whose special concern within the Department of Industry and Commerce is the Vocational Apprentices scheme, has been working a nineteen-hour day for the past two weeks.

J. B. Hickey, for instance, who used be Headmaster of the North Strand Technical School, and now in charge of the Linenhill, became Transport Officer for "the duration" and shifted five hundred personnel each day, with the help of C.I.E. and a team of motor cyclists, from point to point.

Now that this year's international competition is over, those industrialists who were so generous with their financial support will be anxious to find out just what was "the thing" that the Japanese had that no other national group had.

Some highly interesting inquiries, some of a highly technical nature, will be held very shortly, with such people as Martin McCourt, Colm Barnes and Lieut. General Costello very much on the ball.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel yesterday were: Mr. Agnew, Mr. T. Baba, and Mr. T. Vehayama.



At the International Vocational Training Competition at the Intercontinental Hotel were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reynolds of Terenure.

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Apprentices Were "Splendid Ambassadors"

THE Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, speaking last night at the closing banquet of the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices at the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, said that all the young men who participated in the competitions were a credit to themselves, to their teachers, their group leaders and indeed their countries.

They were the central figures in the competitions and everyone had been impressed by their fine bearing. One of the chief objects of the competitions was to break down international barriers and the boys had been splendid ambassadors in this respect.

Great credit was due to the various employers who, in co-operation with the vocational education authorities, had done so much to improve training methods in the past. Excellent schemes were in operation before the establishment of An Chomhairle — the Irish National Apprenticeship Board — in 1960. The Government's idea in setting up that Board, which was representative of employers, trade unions and technical education, was to extend on the national scale the good work which had been started already.

PROGRESS

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the competitions could not afford to be complacent. The apprentices who competed were the best from the various countries. It did not necessarily follow that all the apprentices had reached so high a standard of training, and one of the objects of the competitions was to raise training standards on both the national and international fronts.

IRISH MEDALLISTS

Irish competitors were among the gold and silver medal winners in the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, the results of which were announced yesterday. The competitions, in which 260 apprentices from 18 nations took part, concluded two days ago at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin.

The Irish winners were—Patrick Sand, 31, Annadale Drive, Marino, Dublin (employee of Smith and Pearson, Ltd.), gold medal electric welding, Category B. Wm. Jackson, 15, Mount Pleasant Terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin (Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd.), silver medal, plumbing, Category A. Patrick Carpenter, 62, Walsh Road, Drumcondra, Dublin (G. J. Sutton Tel-Ei-Kibir Dairies), silver medal, sheet metal work. Geo. McGrane, 23, Carrow Road, Ormonagh, Dublin (C.I.E.), bronze medal, industrial turning, Wm. Ward, 264, Kylesmore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin (J and C. McGloughlin, Pearse St., Dublin), gold medal, constructional steel work.

Francis D. Caulfield, 30, Charleson Road, Ranelagh, Dublin (Hilton Bros. Ltd., Dublin), silver medal, cabinet-making, Category A. Aidan Halpin, Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin (his father), gold medal, joinery, Category A. Richard O'Halloran, Lake View, Newcastle, Galway (John Barrett, Galway), silver medal, joinery, Category B. Thos. O'Brien, 123, Edmonstone Rd., Raheny, Dublin (Collen Bros., Dublin), gold medal, carpentry, Category B. Jas. Farrell, 52, Dowland Rd., Walkinstown, Dublin (D. McIlvanna and Sons, Ltd., Dublin), bronze medal,

bricklaying, Category A. Patrick Higgins, 29, Stanhope Terrace, Grangegorman, Dublin (H. A. O'Neill, Ltd., Dublin), gold medal, bricklaying, Category B. Desmond Mulvaney, 15, St. Patrick's Terrace, Dun Laoghaire (G. J. Sutton, Tel-Ei-Kibir Dairies), silver medal, housepainting, Sean Curran, Carramore, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo (E.S.B.), bronze medal, industrial wiring, Patrick Campbell, 8, Belton Park Villas, Donnybrook, Dublin (John Smyth and Co., Dublin), bronze medal, silver smithing, David Ryan, 12, Sandford Rd., Ranelagh, Dublin (T. O'Connor and Sons, Dublin), silver medal, jewellery.

Where no category is specified, there was only a single category in the competition.

RECOGNITION AND HONOUR FOR CRAFTSMAN

Not the least healthy aspect of these competitions is that they give recognition and pay honour to the craftsman and skilled workmanship, said the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, at a luncheon for the apprentices who took part in the International Trade competitions in Dublin this week.

"Among the greatest tributes that man can pay to his Creator is the development in as high a degree as possible of his intellectual and physical faculties and their utilisation for the benefit of his fellowmen," the Minister added.

In undertaking to conduct the competitions, Ireland had accepted a responsibility that was in keeping with her outlook on international affairs.

Dublin Letter

13 Pearse Street.

Thursday Night

APPRENTICESHIP LAUDED

THE craftsman has always held a high position in this city from the days of the old guilds. They were always possessed of pride in their trade, an independence of spirit and intelligence which marked them apart from their less skilled brethren. They hardly ever thought, however, that the day would come as it did today, when the first citizen of the land would receive craft apprentices in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, and present them with awards. It was the end of the International Apprenticeship Competitions and not only was the President, Mr. de Valera there, but the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, other Ministers of the Government, the Lord Mayor, bishops, judges and diplomats were among those in the audience. The young joiners, electricians, metal workers, house painters of the future, to mention but a few of the trades represented, were honoured in a setting which was not much different to that in which President Kennedy was the central figure a few weeks ago. Ireland fared well in the prize lists. An interesting confession was made by the President. He said that at one time he had thought about becoming a carpenter.

Cork Examiner
July 19th

APPRENTICES AWAIT RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS

Judges use "silent" computer

Irish Times Reporter

A CLOAK of secrecy has surrounded Bolton street College of Technology in Dublin for the past few days. The International Trade Competitions for Apprentices have ended; the apprentices have disappeared; the workshops are empty and a hundred and one pieces of intricate equipment, large and small, lie motionless and silent.

A small group of international judges are engaged on the formidable task of examining 260 test pieces of the apprentices' work. There are 32 sections, ranging from electric welding and bricklaying (the test in this section was to build a fireplace) to intricate jewellery designs.

The judges are being aided in their mammoth task by an Anita Electronic Desk Calculator. By speedily and silently computing a complex mass of figures, it shows to the judges the teams which are on the winning trend.

It is the first silent calculator in the world and operates at the same speed as a computer.

The results of the competitions will not be known until Thursday afternoon when the awards will be presented to the successful teams and competitors by President de Valera in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle. The Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, Government Ministers, clergy and members of the diplomatic corps will be present.

CORK WELCOME

Yesterday the apprentices were in Cork. They travelled from Dublin in a special train, and their programme included a launch tour of Cork Harbour and a visit to the Verolme dockyard, where they were entertained to tea.

Later they were received by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Ald. Seán MacCarthy, T.D., at the City Hall, and last night they attended a dinner given by the Cork organising committee of the competitions.

The apprentices, who were accompanied by members of the international organising committee, stayed overnight in Cork and this morning they leave for a coach tour of Cork and Kerry.

Returning by train to Dublin in the evening, a stop will be made at Portlaoighise. The apprentices will tour the boglands led by Bord na Mona officials and will also visit a milled peat plant.

VENUE UNDECIDED

The International Committee were expected to name next year's venue for the competitions at one of their meetings in Dublin. However, a decision has been postponed until a meeting in October. Portugal has extended an invitation to the committee to hold the competitions there, and it is possible that Lisbon may be next year's venue.

The competitions will end with a celebration banquet in the Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin, on Thursday evening. The guests will include the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass.

During the competitions, Bolton street College has resembled a miniature United Nations. For 10 days the freshly-painted rooms and corridors has resounded with the chatter and laughter of 260 dedicated young men from the 13 different countries. Notices giving directions to the interpreters' room,

or the press room of the International Organising Committee room are printed in at least 10 languages.

Ireland had the largest contingent of competitors. There were 32 young Irishmen competing in 32 competitions. The youngest of these, who is competing in the jewellery section, is 18-year-old David Ryan, of 72 Sandford road, Ranelagh, Dublin.

Having taken part in the competitions should be a great boost to my future career," David told me. He is at present apprenticed to a Dublin firm of jewellers. He studied design at the College of Art in Dublin.

"GREEN CARPET"

I spoke to 21-year-old Kazuyoshi Kawai from Ibari City, Okayama Province, Japan, and he told me that his most vivid impression of Ireland was the greenness of the countryside. "It's just like a beautiful green carpet," he said. "Your weather, though, is a bit chilly and just a little too damp."

Kazuyoshi, who competed in the house-wiring section, works with an electrical engineering firm.

Among the newspaper reporters from overseas who covered the competitions was Juzo Fukunaka of Tokyo, who works for the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, a large daily with a 41 million circulation. For the past 10 years he has been based in London, but this was his first visit to Ireland.

"Irish people are very nice, but your towns are so quiet," was his only comment.

Dr. Klaus Dittman, of Munich, who is educational director to the Association of Chambers of Commerce in German Industry, was full of praise for the arrangements for the competitions. He described them as the best he had ever seen.

Several other officials to whom I spoke had high praise for the standard of the work and for the organisations and preparations of the Irish National Organising Committee. This committee has been busy planning for the apprentices' visit since last October.

The chairman is Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, chief executive officer of the Dublin City Vocational Education Committee.

Irish Times
July 16th

Apprentices— Anita is judging you

EVENING PRESS reporter

A team of judges continued behind closed doors today to find the winners of the international apprentices competitions which have concluded at Bolton Street technical school.

The judges' task will conclude on Thursday, when the results will be made known.

However their work is made easier by Anita, an electric desk computer.

This machine, the first of its kind in the world, gives immediate answers to very complex problems.

The judges have to examine 260 test pieces of work in 32 sections, and, meanwhile, the competitors are being taken on a tour of Ireland.

The winners will receive the awards from President de Valera in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

Evening Press
July 16th

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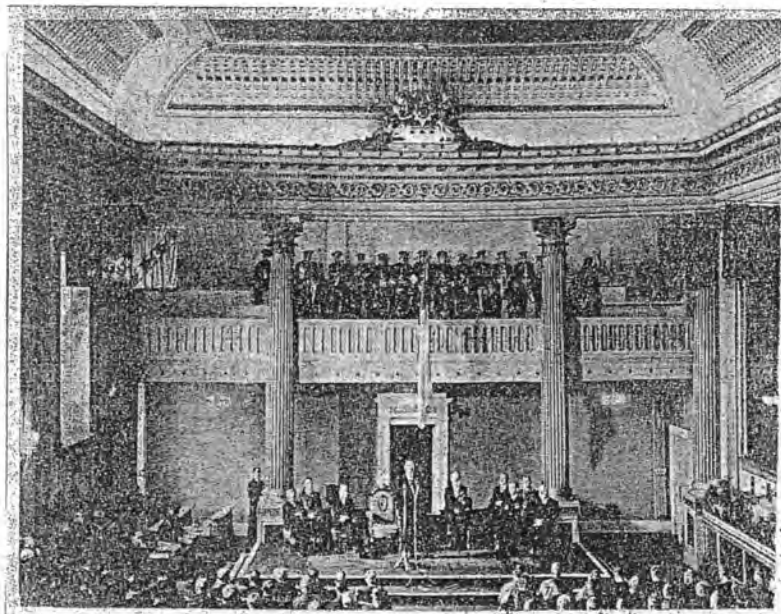
The apprentices, who have been touring the south, return to Dublin today and President de Valera will present the awards in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, tomorrow.

Irish Independent
July 17th

Anita in Kenways

A report in a Dublin morning daily on Wednesday last states that a computer was helping judges to prepare the results of the International Trade Competitions for apprentices in Dublin. The computer was called "Anita" and that was probably the only occasion it was used in the Republic. However, this reporter learns that a computer such as "Anita", which costs around £250, has been in operation in the Carrickmacross factory of Kenways Ltd. for the past three months, and the Carrick computer was the only one of its kind in the country until the one mentioned in the daily paper was introduced.

Drogheda Argus
July 20th



Cork Examiner
July 19th

A general view of St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle yesterday as President de Valera presented prizes to the winners in the 12th International Vocational Training Competition for Apprentices. (Report on page nine).

President Presents Medals

One hundred medals in all were presented by President de Valera at a ceremony in Dublin Castle, attended by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass; the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Moore; members of the Government, the Hierarchy, Judiciary and Diplomatic Corps.

During competitions, the apprentices stayed at the Franciscan College, Gormanstown, Co. Meath, and for three days after the competitions, they were taken on a tour of Cork and Kerry.

Speaking at the ceremony, the President of the International Organising Committee, Senor Lopez, thanked the Government for their collaboration and help as well as the Irish national committee for its magnificent organisation and the special care with which everything had been prepared.

The countries taking part in the competitions were Austria, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland and Spain.

TEN FOR JAPAN

Japanese apprentices took ten gold medals. Ireland was second with seven gold medals. Germany got five, Britain four, Spain and Switzerland three each and the remainder of the thirteen countries taking part in the competition got one each.

Cork Evening Echo
July 26th

Apprentices' work on show

An exhibition of the work of the Twelfth International Trade Competitions for Apprentices 1963, will open on Monday next, in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.

The award winning work in 32 trades will be on display at the exhibition which will be open between 3 and 9 p.m. daily until the following Friday.

Evening Press
July 26th

CRAFT EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the work of the winning apprentices in the recent International Apprenticeship competitions in Dublin, will open on Tuesday until August 8th, in the College of Technology, Bolton Street. The exhibition will be opened by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery.

Each of the exhibits shows the names of the winning apprentices flanked by the national flag of his country. Where it has not been possible to show the winning article, such as that in the bricklaying class, large photographs are displayed. Ireland won 19 medals, seven gold, seven silver and five bronze.

Irish Times
July 27th

Brothers' Success

Among the prizewinners at the International Competition for Apprentices in Dublin last week were the two O'Halloran brothers, James (19) and Richard (17) of Distillery Road, Newcastle, Galway.

James, who is employed with Mr. J. Barret, contractor, St. Helen Street, was awarded a silver medal for securing second place in carpentry and Richard, who is employed with Mr. K. O'Connell, joinery works, Munster Avenue, was also awarded a silver medal for securing second place in joinery.

Both were chosen to represent Ireland when they each secured first place in the All-Ireland examinations held in Dublin two months ago.

Both have been attending night classes at the Galway Technical School where they were prepared for the examination by their teacher, Mr. O'Connor.

The boys' father, Mr. Joseph O'Halloran, and grandfather, Mr. James O'Halloran, are also carpenters.

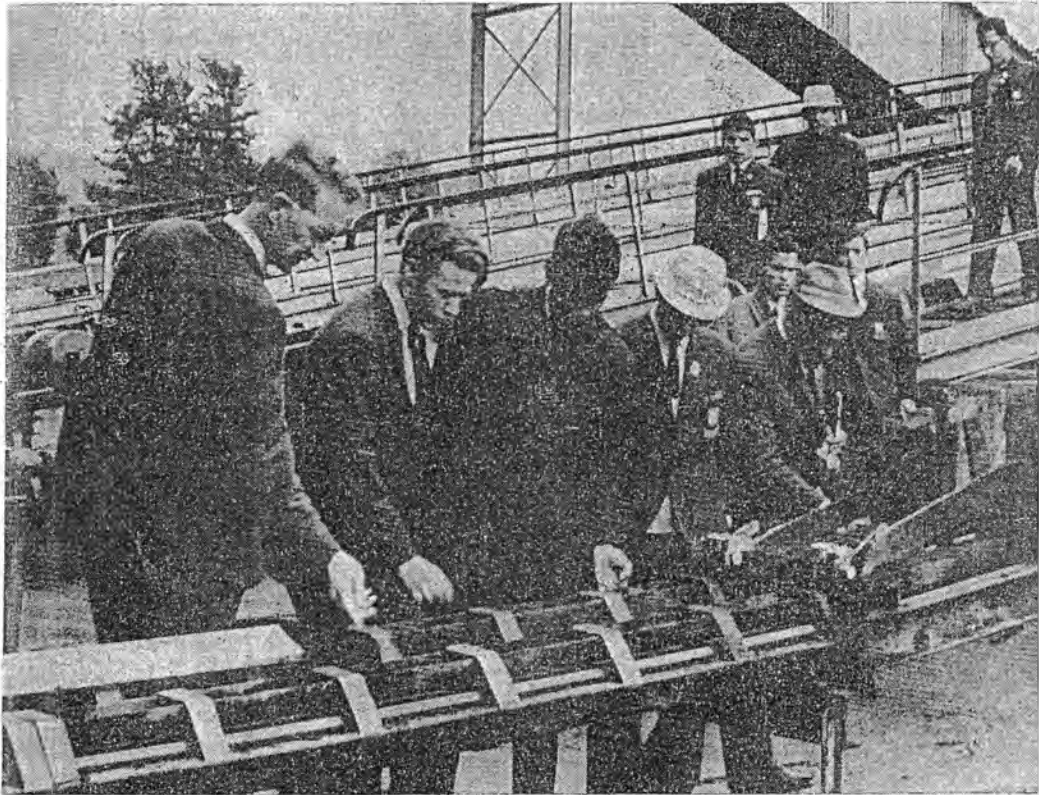
Connacht Tribune
July 27th



Patrick Shortall (left) of Portlannington, fitter at the Bord na Mona peat briquette factory at Croghan, explaining some of the equipment in the repair shop to some of the Danish Trade Apprentices who were brought on a conducted tour.

Nationalist & Leinster Times
July 26th

International Trade Apprentices See Turf Processing



A group of 30 Trade Apprentices and officials were in Dublin for the International Competitions were entertained by Bord na Mona and brought on a conducted tour of the Board's Briquette Factory at Croghan and the Milled Peat Bog at Derrygreenagh. Top photo shows Mr. Patrick McEvilly (left) Manager, explaining the production to some of the group.

In bottom picture (left) filter at the Bord na Mona Peat Briquette Factory at Croghan explaining some of the equipment in the repair shop to some of the Danish Trade Apprentices.

Photos: Lensinen, Dublin.





Photo by Lepman
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Offaly Indept.
July 28th

Spanish Visitor's Praise For Dew

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BRIEF INTERVIEW

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On their return to the Tullamore railway station for departure for Dublin, amongst the many who met the party of apprentices was Mr. D. McSweeney, C.E.O., Offaly Vocational Education Committee.

In a brief interview with our reporter through an interpreter, Senor Ramos, Spain, Vice-President of the International Association Committee, said that the entire party enjoyed their trip very much. He said that they were all very interested in what they saw, particularly interest-

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Westmeath Indept.
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July 28th

VIEWING PRIZE-WINNING WORK



President de Valera with Mr. M. Gleeson, C.E.O., Dublin Vocational Education Committee, and Mr. J. D. Barry, vice-principal, College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin, examining a wood mould for casting, when he attended the preview of the exhibition of work awarded prizes at the recent international apprentices' competitions.

Irish Independent
July 30th



President de Valera visited Bolton street (Dublin) College of Technology yesterday and was shown the winning exhibits in the recent international trade competition for apprentices. He spent an hour inspecting the exhibits, which will be on display to the public every evening until next Friday. He is seen (above) with Mr. J. D. Barry, vice-principal of the college (left), and Mr. Michael J. O'Flanagan, president of the Irish national organising committee of the exhibition.

Irish Times
July 30th

PRESIDENT AT EXHIBITION

THE President, Mr. de Valera, yesterday attended a preview at the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, of the prize-winning work from the International Trade Competitions for Apprentices. The exhibition will be officially opened today by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, and will continue until August 9. It will be open to the public from 3 to 9 p.m. every day.

The President, who was accompanied by his secretary, M. Uas. O'Flathartaigh, and Col. Sean Brennan, A.D.C., was met on arrival by Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, president of the Irish National Organising Committee, who arranged the competitions; Mr. Martin M. Gleeson, chairman; Mr. J. D.

Barry, director; and Mr. D. H. O'Dwyer, principal of the college.

As Mr. de Valera was shown around the exhibition hall, he displayed a keen interest in the exhibits and asked many questions. It was his first visit to the college since becoming President. He taught night classes there as a part-time mathematics teacher in 1912.

The prizes were presented in Dublin Castle about a week ago.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Sean Moore, was also among the attendance, which included Mr. John Agnew, chairman of the Apprenticeship Board; members of the Dublin Vocational Education Committee, industrialists and trade unionists.



At the exhibition in Bolton Street, College of Technology were: Mrs. J. Lynch (left), wife of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and Mrs. T. J. O'Driscoll, wife of the Director General of Bord Failte.

Irish Press
July 30th



MR. J. B. HICKEY, of Clontarf, Dublin, was at the preview in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, yesterday, of prize-winning work in the recent International Trade Competitions for Apprentices. The exhibition will be opened today by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery.

Mr. Hickey, who was in charge of the transport arrangements for the competitions, is now in charge of the Lincenhall Technical School.

Irish Press
July 30th



MISS MARIE RUSH, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, secretary to Mr. Jack Barry, the director of organisation for the 1963 International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, attended yesterday's opening of an exhibition of prize-winning exhibits in Bolton Street College of Technology.

An Economics graduate of University College, Dublin, she is also an accomplished linguist, speaking French and Italian.

Irish Press
July 31st

President at Bolton St. exhibition

YESTERDAY President de Valera paid his first visit to the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, since he became President.

Mr. de Valera, who was a part-time mathematics teacher at the college in the early 1900's, was attending a preview of an exhibition of work, which won prizes at the international trade competitions for apprentices, held at the college earlier this month. The exhibition will be opened today by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery and will last until August 9.

HIS OWN WISH

The President was shown around the exhibits by Mr. J. D. Barry, director of the organising committee of the competitions. At the presentation of prizes to winning apprentices, at Dublin Castle, the President had said he would like to visit the exhibition, and was invited to do so by the committee.

Mr. de Valera, who was accompanied by his A.D.C., Col. S. Brennan, was welcomed to the exhibition by Mr. M. J. O'Flanagan, president of the committee; Mr. M. Gleeson, chairman, and Mr. Barry, who is also vice-principal of the college.

Also present were: Ald. S. Moore, Lord Mayor of Dublin; Mr. D. H. O'Dwyer, principal of the college; Mr. J. Agnew, chairman, National Apprenticeship Board; members of the organising committee and City of Dublin vocational education committee.

Irish Independent
July 30th

Prize work display

An Exhibition of the work of the XII International Trade Competitions for Apprentices, 1963, will open to-morrow at the College of Technology, Bolton St., Dublin. The award-winning work in 32 trades will be on display from 3 to 9 p.m. daily.

Sunday Independent
July 28th

The Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, will open the exhibition of the prize winning work of the 12th International Trade Apprentices' Competition, 1963, this afternoon in the College of Technology, Bolton Street.

Irish Press
July 31st

Put exhibits on tour says minister

A SUGGESTION that some of the prize-winning work by apprentices who took part in the recent International Trade Competitions in Dublin be exhibited at leading vocational schools throughout the country, was made by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, in Dublin to-day.

Dr. Hillery, who was officially opening an exhibition of the

prize-winning work in the College of Technology, Bolton St., said that many teachers were unable to come to Dublin during the competitions and would not be able to come to the exhibition.

"Under the circumstances it would be a good idea if some of the exhibits were brought around to some of the leading vocational schools," he added.

The Minister said the National Organising Committee had brought great credit on the city and on Ireland for the manner in which they carried out their work.

High standard

He added that the collection of exhibits was the first ever seen here. The standard was very high and one of the benefits was that one could make international comparisons. He congratulated the Irish boys on the successes as well as the teachers throughout the country for all the work they had put into training the boys.

"I hope the public will come to have a look at this exhibition," commented Dr. Hillery.

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The exhibition, which is being held in the Gymnasium of the College, will continue until August 8. It will be open to the public from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

100 exhibits

More than 100 exhibits are on display, each bearing the name of the apprentice concerned. In cases where it is not possible to show the actual work—such as bricklaying—a photograph is displayed.

In the competitions 250 apprentices from 13 different countries took part. Ireland had a team of 32 and won 19 medals—the largest number gained by any one team.

The Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, and his six-year-old son John, accompanied by Mr. J. D. Barry, vice-principal, College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, looking at some of the exhibits that won prizes at the recent International Trade Competition for Apprentices. The exhibit was opened by the Minister yesterday morning.

Exhibition opened by Minister

THE hope that some of the exhibits on display in the exhibition of the best work done by the competitors in the 1963 International Trade Competitions for Apprentices might be put on view in other technical colleges throughout the country was expressed by the Minister for Education, Dr. Hillery, when he opened the exhibition in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin, yesterday.

Referring to the collection, Dr. Hillery said it was a unique opportunity for Ireland to see the work done by successful candidates from some 13 countries. He congratulated the many Irish boys who had won awards, and paid a tribute to the teachers throughout the country and to staff at Bolton Street.

On arrival, the Minister was welcomed by members of the national organising committee, Mr. Michael O'Flanagan, president; Mr. Martin Gleeson, chairman; Mr. Jack Barry, director of organisation, and Mr. Donal O'Dwyer, principal, College of Technology, Bolton Street.

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Cork Wkly Examiner
July 31st

Prize craft work should go on tour—Minister

The Irish National Organising Committee had brought great credit to Ireland by the way they had organised the recent international competition for Apprentices, the Minister for Education said yesterday.

Dr. Hillery was opening the exhibition of prize-winning work at the Bolton street, Dublin, College of Technology. He suggested that some of the exhibits should be taken on tour to large schools in the provinces.

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Irish Times
July 31st

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Evening Herald
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Irish Press
July 31st



MR. W. PRICE (chairman) on behalf of members of St. Maur's G.F.C., Rush makes a presentation to Aidan Halpin, a member of the team to mark his success in winning his third gold medal at the International Trade Apprentices' competitions in Dublin.

Evening Herald
July 31st

Apprentices' work should have wider audience

—MINISTER

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INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICES COMPETITION HELD IN DUBLIN
The Lord Mayor of Dublin and Mrs. Moore receiving the Portuguese competitors.
Photo: G. A. Duncan.

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Irish Independent
July 31st