

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT,
Wednesday, 25th June, 1952.

Details of Ceremonies.

The ceremonies will be on the same general lines as those of the ceremonies held on the occasions of the two previous Presidential Inaugurations, in 1938 and 1945, and will comprise

- (1) special Religious Services which will be held by the various religious denominations on the day of the Inauguration;
- (2) the Inauguration ceremony itself, which will take place in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, at 1 p.m.; and
- (3) a Reception by the Taoiseach and Bean de Valéra, in honour of the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh, which will also take place in St. Patrick's Hall, at 8 p.m. that evening.

The Religious Services.

2. To implore the blessing of God on the occasion of the Inauguration of the President, a Solemn Votive Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on the 25th June in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Dublin (by kind permission of His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin).

3. Arrangements have also been made by other religious denominations for Services on that date as follows:-

Church of Ireland: Divine Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, at 10 a.m. (by kind permission of the Dean).

Presbyterian Church: Divine Service in the Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church, Dublin at 10 a.m.

Methodist Church: Divine Service in the Methodist Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, at 10 a.m.

Dublin Jewish Congregations: Divine Service in the Adelaide Road Synagogue, Dublin, at 4.30 p.m.

4. The President-elect, accompanied by Bean Uí Cheallaigh and attended by two Aides-de-camp, will be present at the Mass in the Pro-Cathedral. He will be escorted on the journey to and from the Mass by an Army motor-cycle Escort of Honour and will travel to the Mass via the north Quays, O'Connell Street, Cathal Brugha Street and Marlborough Street, arriving at the Pro-Cathedral at 9.55 a.m. The Taoiseach, attended by his Aide-de-camp, and other members of the Government will also be present at the Mass, arriving at the Pro-Cathedral at 9.50 a.m. All other persons to whom individual notification cards regarding the Religious Services have been issued and who propose to attend the Mass are requested to be in their places in the Pro-Cathedral not later than 9.45 a.m.

5. The Mass will be broadcast by Radio Éireann.

6. After the Mass, the President-elect and his party will return to Aras an Uachtaráin via Marlborough Street, Lower Abbey Street, Lower O'Connell Street, O'Connell Bridge and the south Quays.

7. The President-elect will be represented at the Church of Ireland Service by Lieut.-Col. Ronald G. Mew, and the Government will be represented at that Service by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. Erskine H. Childers.

8. Notification cards regarding the Religious Services have been issued to persons who have been invited to the Inauguration ceremony itself (see paragraph 10 below).

The Inauguration Ceremony

9. The ceremony, which is brief - lasting about 20 minutes, in all - will take place in St. Patrick's Hall, at 1 p.m., in the presence of about 350 people. All guests have been requested to be in their places in St. Patrick's Hall not later than 12.45 p.m.

10. The following are the categories of persons who have been invited to the ceremony:- members of the Government; members of the Presidential Commission; members of the Council of State; heads of Diplomatic Missions; leading representatives of the various Churches; Judges; Parliamentary Secretaries; members of the Dáil and Seanad; a number of Six-County M.Ps. and Senators; the widows of the executed 1916 Leaders; the Chairmen of the Old I.R.A. organizations; the former Seanascal; relatives of the President-elect; the Lord Mayors and Mayors and the Chairmen of County Councils; the Chairman or President of each of the 42 Seanad Nominating Bodies; representatives of the Universities; editors of daily and Sunday newspapers; and representatives of the Civil Service, Army and Garda Síochána.

11. Four new categories have been added on the present occasion to those invited to the previous Inauguration ceremonies in 1938 and 1945: the Six-County M.Ps. and Senators, the widows of the executed 1916 Leaders, the representatives of the Old I.R.A. organizations and the editors of newspapers.

12. Army officers in full-dress uniform will line the main staircase leading from the entrance to the State Apartments to St. Patrick's Hall.

13. The President-elect and Bean Uí Cheallaigh, the members of the Government, the members of the Presidential Commission and the members ~~(other than the appointed members)~~ of the Council of State will be accommodated on a dais in St. Patrick's Hall. The ~~appointed members of the Council of State will be accommodated beside the dais, and the~~ remaining guests will be accommodated in the body of the Hall. Ceremonial dress and decorations will be worn by guests, where appropriate: persons entitled to wear uniforms will wear them, Lord Mayors and Mayors will wear their official robes, representatives of Universities their academic costume and Presidents of bodies their chains or other insignia of office.

14. The national colour will be suspended from the Gallery over the dais; the Arms of Ireland, flanked by the personal Arms of Mr. Ó Ceallaigh and of the first President, the late Dr. Dubhghlas de hÍde, will be displayed over the mantelpiece on the Battleaxe Landing leading to St. Patrick's Hall; and, outside, over the

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entrance to the State Apartments, the national flag will (until the President-elect has entered upon his office) fly alone from one of the twin flag-poles on the building.

15. The Taoiseach, attended by his Aide-de-camp and accompanied by the entire dais party other than the President-elect, Bean Uí Cheallaigh, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Finance, will enter St. Patrick's Hall at 12.50 p.m. They will be accompanied by the Assistant Secretary to the Government, who will show them to their places and will leave on the table, on the dais, in front of the Chief Justice, the Presidential Declaration of Office and the Presidential Seal.

16. The President-elect, accompanied by Bean Uí Cheallaigh and attended by two Aides-de-camp, will leave Aras an Uachtaráin, escorted by an Army motor-cycle Escort of Honour, at 12.42 p.m. and will proceed to the Castle via the north Quays, Grattan Bridge, Parliament Street and Cork Hill, arriving at the entrance to the State Apartments at 12.52 p.m. There they will be received by the Tánaiste and the Minister for Finance, who will be attended by two Army officers, and the party will enter St. Patrick's Hall in the following order at 1 p.m.:-

Two Army officers,

President-elect and Tánaiste (President-elect
on right),

Bean Uí Cheallaigh and Minister for Finance,

Two Aides-de-camp.

17. All present will stand as soon as the President-elect enters the Hall (and will remain standing until the conclusion of the second fanfare of trumpets mentioned in paragraph 19 below), and, when the President-elect enters the centre aisle of the Hall, a fanfare, to herald his arrival, will be sounded by six trumpeters of the No.1 Army Band, which will be located in the Gallery over the dais.

18. When the President-elect and his party reach the dais, the officers and Aides will fan out and take up positions on the dais behind the persons already accommodated there, and the President-elect, Bean Uí Cheallaigh, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Finance will take their allotted places on the dais, remaining standing. The Taoiseach will then request the Chief Justice to hand the Declaration of Office to the President-elect, who will read it aloud and then sign it. The Declaration, which is in the terms prescribed by Article 12.8 of the Constitution, is in the following terms:-

"I láthair Dia na nUile-chumhacht, táimse, Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, dá gheallúin agus dá dhearbhadh go sollamanta is go fírinneach bheith im thaca agus im dhídin do Bhunreacht Éireann, agus a dlíthe do chaomhnadh, mo dhualgais do chomhlíonadh go dílis coinsiasach do réir an Bhunreacht is an dlí, agus mo lán-dícheall a dhéanamh ar son leasa is fónaimh mhuintir na hÉireann. Dia dom stiúradh agus dom chumhdach."

The following is the English translation of the Declaration of Office:-

"In the presence of Almighty God, I, Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, do solemnly and sincerely promise and

declare that I will maintain the Constitution of Ireland and uphold its laws, that I will fulfil my duties faithfully and conscientiously in accordance with the Constitution and the law, and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Ireland. May God direct and sustain me."

19. Immediately after Mr. Ó Ceallaigh has signed the Declaration of Office, a second fanfare will be sounded by the trumpeters of the No.1 Army Band, to herald that he has entered upon his office as President. This will be at about 1.03 p.m.

20. Simultaneously, a salute of twentyone guns will be fired, at fifteen-second intervals, by a detachment of Field Artillery at Collins Barracks, and the Presidential Standard will be hoisted on the hitherto-vacant flag-pole, beside the national flag, over the entrance to the State Apartments and, similarly, at Aras an Uachtaráin.

21. After the conclusion of the second fanfare, all present in St. Patrick's Hall will take their seats, except the President, the Taoiseach and the Chief Justice. The Taoiseach will request the Chief Justice to hand the Presidential Seal to the President, and, after the President has accepted it, both the President and the Chief Justice will take their seats. The Taoiseach will then make a brief speech congratulating the President, and the President will reply. The ceremony will be brought to a conclusion by the playing of the National Anthem by the No.1 Army Band.

22. As was the case on the occasions of the two previous Inauguration ceremonies, in 1938 and 1945, the entire proceedings in St. Patrick's Hall will be conducted in Irish.

23. The proceedings in St. Patrick's Hall will be broadcast by Radio Éireann and will be relayed, by loudspeakers, to the public outside the Cork Hill Gate of the Castle. The proceedings will also be recorded simultaneously for broadcast in the Radio Éireann news bulletins during the day.

24. Following the playing of the National Anthem, the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh will leave the Hall, attended by the two Aides-de-camp to the President and the two Army officers and followed by the Taoiseach, attended by his Aide-de-camp, and the other members of the Government and of the Council of State. The procession will move off in the following order:-

Two Army officers,
President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh (President on right),
Two Aides-de-camp to President,
Taoiseach and Aide-de-camp to Taoiseach,
Other members of Government and of Council of State.

All others present in the Hall will stand during the passage of the procession from the Hall and will remain behind. When the procession has moved out of the Hall, they will be conducted to the Picture Gallery and the Throne Room of the State Apartments, from which the subsequent proceedings in the Upper Castle Yard may be viewed.

25. The Presidential procession will proceed to the entrance to the State Apartments. After passing through the entrance door, the two Army officers will fan out and salute the President as he

and Bean Uí Cheallaigh pass through the door. Bean Uí Cheallaigh will halt at the edge of the space covered by the veranda, and the President will proceed two paces further and face the Guard of Honour, which will have been drawn up in the Upper Castle Yard, to the right of the veranda; the Aides-de-camp to the President will take up a position behind the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh, and the Taoiseach and the other members of the party will form a group under the veranda. When the President has halted, the Guard of Honour will "Present Arms" (officers saluting with the sword) and the No.3 Army Band, which will be with the Guard of Honour, will render the Presidential Salute; the President alone will uncover during the salute. The President will then replace his hat, and the Guard Commander will move forward to where the President is standing and will invite him to inspect the Guard. The President will then inspect the Guard of Honour, after which he will return to the veranda and rejoin Bean Uí Cheallaigh.

26. The cars for the Presidential procession from the Castle to Áras an Uachtaráin will, in the meantime, have been got ready to draw up, and the procession will move off in the following order:-

1st car: President, Bean Uí Cheallaigh, two Aides-de-camp to President,

2nd car: Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Aide-de-camp to Taoiseach,

Other cars: Other members of Government and ^{of} Council of State.

The President's car, which, on its arrival, was flying the national flag alone, will now be flying the Presidential Standard as well; it will be preceded by two Garda cars, with loudspeaker equipment, about 200 yards in front of the leading group of an Escort of Honour of Army motor-cyclists and followed by the rear troupe of the Escort, and a detachment of Army motor-cyclists will form the Rear-guard of the procession as a whole.

27. As the President's car passes the Guard of Honour on its way out from the Castle, the Guard will again "Present Arms", and, as the President's car passes through the Cork Hill Gate out of the Castle, the Presidential Standard over the State Apartments will be lowered.

28. The route of the Presidential procession - which will be by Dame Street, Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Street, Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Berkeley Road and the North Circular Road - will be lined, on both sides, with troops, from the Cork Hill Gate to the Parnell Monument (some 1,750 troops will participate), and Bands will render a selection of music at the following points, from 12.55 p.m., for about half an hour prior to the passing of the Presidential procession:- Palace Street (No.4 Army Band), Foster Place (Garda Band), Prince's Street (No.2 Army Band) and Parnell Monument (St. James' Brass and Reed Band).

29. When the President's car arrives immediately in front of the portico of the General Post Office, trumpeters of the No.2 Army Band in Prince's Street will sound a note, and the entire procession will come to a halt for one minute. All persons in the procession will remove their hats as a tribute to the men of Easter Week, 1916. The termination of the minute's silence will be indicated by the sounding of a second note by the trumpeters, following which the procession will resume its journey to Áras an Uachtaráin.

30. On arrival at the Áras, the occupants of the cars will alight and stand in a group at the entrance. The Escort of Honour will render honours to the President (which the President alone will acknowledge by uncovering), and the President and the other members of the group will then enter the Áras, where they will be entertained to luncheon by the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh.

31. The Inauguration ceremony itself, the subsequent proceedings in the Upper Castle Yard and the Presidential procession will be filmed.

Traffic Arrangements for Presidential Procession.

32. On the route of the Presidential procession from Dublin Castle to Áras an Uachtaráin, all vehicular traffic will be suspended for about 20 minutes, from the times shown hereunder, on the following streets:-

- From 1.15 p.m.: Cork Hill, Dame Street, College Green, Westmoreland Street, western side of O'Connell Bridge, western sides of O'Connell Street, Lower and Upper.
- From 1.25 p.m.: Parnell Square, East, North Frederick Street, Blessington Street, Berkeley Street, Berkeley Road.
- From 1.30 p.m.: North Circular Road, from Berkeley Road to Prussia Street.
- From 1.35 p.m.: North Circular Road, from Prussia Street to North Circular Road Gate.
- From 1.40 p.m.: North Circular Road Gate via the Gough Monument to the City Gate of Áras an Uachtaráin.

33. Further, waiting vehicles will not be permitted on the streets mentioned during the period of the suspension of traffic.

The Reception.

34. A Reception by the Taoiseach and Bean de Valéra, in honour of the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh, will take place in St. Patrick's Hall at 8 p.m. About 1,000 guests will be present.

35. All persons invited to the Inauguration ceremony have also been invited to the Reception. In addition, the following categories of persons have been invited:- Bishops, Abbots, Superiors-General and Provincials of Religious Orders; the children, brothers and sisters of the executed 1916 Leaders; former Ministers and widows of former Ministers; members of the First Dáil and of the Second Dáil and widows of members; and the Chairmen or Presidents of a number of representative organizations, State-sponsored bodies, Councils, Commissions and Committees. In all cases, wives (or husbands, as the case may be) have been included in the invitations to the Reception.

36. The No.1 Army Band will render a selection of music in St. Patrick's Hall during the evening.

37. The President, accompanied by Bean Uí Cheallaigh and attended by his two Aides-de-camp and escorted by an Army motorcycle Escort of Honour, will arrive at the entrance to the State Apartments at 8.45 p.m. There they will be received by the Tánaiste and the Minister for Finance, and the party will proceed to St. Patrick's Hall. Immediately the President enters the Hall, and before he is received by the Taoiseach, the Presidential Salute will be rendered by the No.1 Army Band, following which the President and his party will be received by the Taoiseach and Bean ~~de~~ Valéra, who will then accompany the President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh among the guests in St. Patrick's Hall and in the adjoining rooms of the State Apartments.

38. The reception of guests generally by the Taoiseach and Bean de Valéra will terminate with the arrival of the President.

39. The Reception itself will be brought to a conclusion by the playing of the National Anthem at 11.30 p.m., when the President and his party will leave the State Apartments. They will be accompanied from St. Patrick's Hall, as before, by the Tánaiste and the Minister for Finance.

40. A special description of the Reception will be broadcast by Radio Éireann in their last news bulletins that evening. The bulletins will also include a special feature incorporating a complete biographical account of the President.

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41. It is understood that, although the day of the Inauguration, being a Wednesday, would normally be a sitting day for the Dáil, it has been arranged that there will be no meeting of the Dáil on that date.

42. The national flag will be flown, on the day of the Inauguration, from all State buildings throughout the country, and several local authorities, business houses and private individuals - particularly those whose premises are on the route of the Presidential procession - have intimated their intention of flying the flag on that day.

43. It is understood that, under the Dublin Corporation's summer decoration scheme, the decoration of the Mansion House and the City Hall will have been completed before the date of the Inauguration of the President and that the Corporation hope to have the floral decoration of the streets in the centre of the City also completed by that date.

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INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT.

Wednesday, 25th June, 1952.

Summary of Proceedings.

1. Entry of President-elect and ¹¹Bean Uí Cheallaigh, accompanied by Tánaiste and Minister for Finance and attended by two Aides-de-Camp and two Army officers. Fanfare of trumpets - All stand (and remain standing until conclusion of second fanfare of trumpets - see item 4 below).
 2. Taoiseach requests Chief Justice to hand Declaration of Office to President-elect.
 3. President-elect reads Declaration aloud and then signs it.
 4. Fanfare of trumpets, to herald that President has entered upon his office.
 5. All take seats except President, Taoiseach and Chief Justice, who remain standing.
 6. Taoiseach requests Chief Justice to hand Presidential Seal to President.
 7. President accepts Presidential Seal from Chief Justice.
 8. President and Chief Justice take their seats.
 9. Taoiseach makes brief speech, congratulating President.
 10. Taoiseach takes his seat.
 11. President rises and replies.
 12. National Anthem.
 13. President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh leave Hall, attended by President's two Aides-de-Camp and two Army officers and immediately followed by Taoiseach, attended by his Aide-de-Camp, and the other members of the Government and of the Council of State. Procession from Hall will move off in following order:-

Two Army officers,
President and Bean Uí Cheallaigh (President on right),
Two Aides-de-Camp to President,
Taoiseach and Aide-de-Camp to Taoiseach,
Other members of Government and of Council of State.
- All others remain behind.
14. When procession has left the Hall, guests will be conducted into the Picture Gallery from where they will view the proceedings in the Upper Castle Yard.
 15. When the President's party arrives in the Yard, all except the President and his Aides will remain under the verandah. The President will move forward. The Guard of Honour will be brought to the "Present Arms" and the Presidential Salute will be sounded (by the No. 3 Army Band under 2/Lieut. D.G. Mellerick.) When the guard has been brought to the "Order Arms" position, it will be handed over to the President who will then proceed to inspect it. (NOTE: He will start on the right flank of the guard, and will proceed to the left-flank where he will wheel and proceed up between the two ranks; when he emerges again on the right flank the inspection is over).

16. The President will then return to the verandah. The Cavalry Escort of Honour will next take up escort formation in front of the State apartments and when all cars have been occupied, the procession will move off through Cork Hill gate. As the procession begins to move off the Guard will again be brought to the "Present Arms" and remain so until procession has cleared the gate.

Additional Information:

- (a) The two officers who will precede the President-elect and Sean Uí Cheallaigh on entry are Colonels F. Devlin and T. Gallagher. The hall and staircase leading to the State apartments will be lined by Army officers in full-dress uniform.
- (b) In St. Patrick's Hall, the music (including fanfares) will be supplied by the No. 1 Army Band under Captain J.G. Doherty.
- (c) In the Upper Castle Yard, the Captain's Guard of Honour (100 all ranks) commanded by Captain W.E. Muldoon, 2nd Battalion, is drawn from the 2nd and 5th Battalions. The band in the Yard is the No. 3 Army Band under 2/Lieut. D.G. Mellerick. The Colours carried are the colours of the 2nd Brigade (to which the troops belong).
- (d) The Captain's Escort of Honour (Cavalry) is commanded by Captain P.J. O'Connell, 4th Motor Squadron. The formation leaving the Castle will be (i) leading troop, (ii) President's car, (iii) rear troop, (iv) other cars, (v) rear guard.
- (e) The processional route will be lined by 1700 troops, including for the first time, a detachment of the Naval Service (who will be in the vicinity of the Parnell Monument). The route is divided into two battalion sectors: (i) the Castle to Fleet Street, 2nd Battalion under Lt.-Colonel B. Dunne, and (ii) Fleet Street to Parnell Monument, 7th Battalion under Lt.-Colonel A.X. Lawlor. These are selected troops and are reinforced by men from the Curragh Training Camp and Western Command. A big proportion of them are men who commenced their Army training since January of this year.
- (f) Compliments will be paid to the President as he passes by each Platoon (approx. 50 men) on the orders of its own Commander.
- (g) Bands along the route will play selections prior to the arrival of the procession. The bands are:-
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| Garda Síochána | - | Foster Place |
| No. 4 Army
(2/Lt. J.R. Magee) | - | Ballast Office. |
| No. 2 Army
(Capt. R.B. Kealy) | - | Princes Street |
| St. James' | - | Parnell Monument. |
- (h) Trumpeters of No. 2 Army Band (in Princes Street) will sound the note to halt the procession at the G.P.O. for the one-minute halt. On a second note being sounded, the procession will again move off.
- (i) Commencing at 13.03 hours (three minutes past one), a detachment of guns from the II Field Artillery Regiment, located on the Esplanade, Collins Barracks, will fire a 21-gun salute. It will be fired at 15 seconds interval.