

DUBLIN

CIVIL SERVANTS DEMONSTRATE

In Dublin, thousands of civil servants take part in a demonstration march to protest against the Government's failure to accept the Civil Service Arbitration Board's award. For thirty years now, it is claimed, Civil Service staff have been agitating for an arbitration machine to deal with their problems. That machine has now become operative, but now Civil Servants are claiming that the Government are not obeying the decisions of the arbitration body. Their protest march is one of the biggest non-political demonstrations ever seen in the city.

Outside the General Post Office in O'Connell Street, the demonstrators hold their meeting. Besides hundreds of Post Office employees and Civil Service office staff, many school teachers join in protesting against their rates of pay. The main resolution that the assembly puts forward is to urge the Government to discharge (what the demonstrators claim to be) their moral obligation to pay their servants a just and living wage, and to announce their acceptance of the findings of the Arbitration Board.