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New Ross, in County Wexford, celebrated President Kennedy's inauguration with an enthusiasm America couldn't exceed. Colonel O'Brien, U.S. Military attache, and that broth of a boy, dramatist Brendan Behan, joined in. The reason for it? The new President's great grandfather emigrated from New Ross 110 years ago. So Ireland lost a Kennedy and today America gains a Kennedy for President.

Fabulous San Simson castle, once owned by newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst, is in the news again. Two of its treasures have been returned by the Hearst Corporation to Galway. They are the city Sword and Mace, and they were welcomed home to Ireland with civic pride.

With a prayer Mayor Reddington opened proceedings. Not only Galway was interested. Indeed it was a great day for the Irish throughout Eire, as the Prime Minister, Mr. Sean Lemass, pointed out.

There's quite a history to this Sword and Mace. Galway Corporation was dissolved in 1840, and as they owed the Mayor considerable salary arrears they gave him the two insignia. His daughter sold them to an art dealer, and they were bought by Hearst for £5,000. Now, Galway Corporation is flourishing the Sword and Mace are back where they belong.