

# "RED" PRESIDENT IN 50/- SUIT

## SURPRISE FOR IRISH DELEGATES

### RECEIVED LIKE GOVERNOR

Addressing a Labour meeting at Roscrea, Mr. M. Cunningham, secretary of the local branch of the Workers' Union, described his experiences in Russia, where he had spent six weeks as one of the delegates from the Workers' Union of Ireland to the International Trades Union Congress at Moscow.

He declared that there was no interference with the free exercise of religion in Russia. While he was there he attended Mass just the same as he would at Roscrea.

The welfare of women was one of the first considerations of the Soviet Government. They had equal rights with men, and were paid the same wages for the same work.

The salary of President Stalin was the equivalent of £925 a year, less, he said, than President Cosgrave got for petrol for his motor car.

It was said that the Russian workers had stolen the wealth of capitalists. "They were right," he said, "to take it from the vermin who had dominated them in the past."

### BIG PARADE OF TROOPS.

It was a remarkable thing to see Red troops paraded a mile and a half long, and standing to "attention" for Martin Cunningham, of Roscrea, and Micky Fitzpatrick, of Galway. It would be only done for a Governor-General in this country.

The residence of a former count, comprising 140 rooms, was made a Rest Home for the workers, and the Count had to go to work.

The President of the Republic was just the same as one of themselves. He was not wearing a silk hat, cut-away coat, and gloves, but had a nice suit of clothes which cost about 50s.

The orphans, who were cared for in the State schools, were free to mingle with other children outside school hours, and that was a far better system than the industrial school system in Ireland.

A Catholic clergyman had sent him a marked paper in which it was stated that Christ was driven out of the schools, but he could tell the priests that there was as much religion in Russia as in their own country.

On a table beside the speaker was a bronze statue of Lenin.