

# Big supply of vegetables in the

## POLICE IN EIRE PUT CURB ON IRA FUNDS

SEVERAL collection boxes have been seized by civic guards in a series of swoops on groups of collectors of monies for the Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund in counties Monaghan, Cavan and Leitrim during the past few days.

It is understood no effort was made to prevent the collection in Louth. Most recent seizures of funds were made in Co. Monaghan.

Civic guards in Castleblayney made their swoop during a house-to-house collection in the Muckno Street area of the town and in Carrickmacross while a general "public" collection was being made. A Co. Monaghan police spokesman to-day refused comment on the matter.

## £20,000 will of surgeon

**MR. HENRY POTTER HALL**, a surgeon, of 23 College Gardens, Belfast, formerly of University Road, Belfast, who died on July 10 last, left £20,122. **£11,500**—Mr. George Walter Wilson, of Lendager House, Banbridge, chairman of Ulster Carpet Mills Ltd., and for many years a director of Raceview Woollen Mills, Bailymena, who died on July 11 last. **£12,622**—Mr. David Lindsay, of Rockliff, Whitecross, Killyninch, retired leather merchant, who died on March 24 last. **£6,675**—Miss Margaret Greenfield, of 12 Locksley Park, Finaghy, Co. Antrim, who died on July 26 last. **£12,850**—Mr. Alexander Gibson, of Tullyweary, Ardrea, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, retired farmer, who died on April 7 last.

## market, but prices higher

"Belfast Telegraph" Reporter.

**FARMERS AND MARKET GARDENERS** were in May's Market to-day expecting to find that produce prices had rocketed—but many returned home with half their vegetables unsold.

Reports that English and Scottish buyers were flying over for this morning's market brought all sorts of vegetable-laden conveyances rolling into the market from dawn, resulting in a glut of root and green vegetables.

But in spite of this, the cold spell's effect is still significant, and housewives will have to pay dearer for week-end supplies—in the case of carrots double the normal price.

**Belfast shopkeepers are asking 6d a lb. for carrots, usually 3d, and 1s 3d for sprouts, normally 15d a lb.** Soup vegetables, leeks, parsley and celery, are unchanged in price. Cabbage and savoy, too, are selling at 6d and 8d each, the normal cost.

A spokesman for Turner's Fruit Markets Ltd., who control a chain of shops, said: "The rise in price is not quite as big as some people expected."

"In fact, prices yesterday were even higher in the case of some vegetables. This came about by shopkeepers buying in stocks in case there would be nothing on offer to-day—the traditional day for the housewife to lay in week-end supplies."

Not one cross-channel buyer put in an appearance at to-day's market, but a Glasgow merchant was represented by Mr. John Cleland, of Killyninch.

**Mr. Cleland said: "I bought three tons of carrots and paid £30—three times the normal price. I also bought 100-stones of sprouts at 15s a stone—treble the usual figure.**

The commitment will go to Glasgow by steamer to-night and will be on sale in Glasgow shops in the morning.

## FATE OF SIBERIANS IN DOUBT

**THE U.S. Embassy in Moscow** said to-day that it had received no information about the fate of the 32 Siberian Christians who sought refuge in the Embassy.

The Siberians were taken away by Soviet authorities in a bus after the Americans handed them over.

"The Foreign Ministry," said an Embassy official to-day, "gave us a firm commitment. They said the Siberians would get good treatment, and we would be advised about the handling of the case."

The Siberians are believed to be at a Moscow railway hotel, awaiting return to Siberia.

The weeping and shouting Siberians spent four hours in the Embassy compound before Soviet authorities were able to persuade them to board a bus.

They said they were being persecuted in Siberia for their religious beliefs, which they said, included non-recognition of any State Authority. They asked the Americans to help them get out of the Soviet Union.

A spokesman said later that the Siberians were on their way back to Siberia.

## Bid for new



Eighty-six-year-old William John Doak celebrated patients held a surprise party when he received. From left are Nurse Ciodagh O'Rouche, Mrs. Doal McCall.

## Driver is fined for metal theft

**JOHN C. GRAHAM**, a 25-year-old truck driver, of 22 Knockeden Crescent, Belfast, was fined a total of £50 at Newtownbreda Petty Sessions to-day. Graham pleaded guilty to two charges of stealing a quantity of metal value

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