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Introduction

The Seán MacEntee Papers were deposited in UCD Archives in May 1984 by his daughter Dr Máire Cruise O'Brien. The collection is extremely significant, documenting comprehensively a career which included senior ministerial positions in every Fianna Fáil government from 1932 until 1965 when he retired from front bench politics.

MacEntee was born in Belfast in 1889, the son of a publican who served as a Nationalist member of Belfast Corporation from 1897 until 1919. After training as an engineer, MacEntee worked for four years in Belfast before moving to Dundalk where he became involved almost immediately in the independence movement, helping in the formation of a corps of the Irish Volunteers. This became moribund after Redmond's Woodenbridge declaration, but was revitalised in 1915 at which time MacEntee was appointed Adjutant. He had an extremely eventful Easter Week 1916, moving between Dundalk and Dublin, seeking instructions from the Volunteer leadership after MacNeill's countermanding order, and attempting to relay these to the Louth Volunteers. He eventually fought in the GPO Garrison, was court-martialled and sentenced to death, his sentence being commuted to life imprisonment.

He was released in the general amnesty of June 1917; elected to the national executives of both Sinn Féin and the Irish Volunteers in October 1917; and elected Sinn Féin MP for South Monaghan in the 1918 general election. An attempt to develop his career as a consulting engineer in Belfast in 1919 was interrupted by the War of Independence. He served as Vice-Commandant of the Belfast Brigade of the IRA until April 1921 when he was transferred to Dublin to direct a special anti-partition campaign in connection with the May general election.

It was on the partition issue that he voted against the Treaty, regarding the oath of allegiance as a much less significant obstacle to a resolution of the conflict; and throughout his political career he maintained a wholly consistent position on the futility of attempted coercion of unionists. He resumed his engineering career in Dublin in the firm of MacEntee & O'Kelly; commanded the IRA unit in Marlboro Street Post Office at the outbreak of the Civil War; fought with Cathal Brugha in the Hammam Hotel; and was interned in Kilmainham and Gormanstown until December 1923.

After his release he devoted himself more fully to his engineering practice, although he did contest unsuccessfully the county Dublin bye-election of 1924. He was elected TD for the same constituency in the June 1927 election, and was returned at every subsequent general election until 1969; for the county Dublin, Dublin Townships, and Dublin South-East constituencies consecutively.

MacEntee served as Minister for Finance, 1932-9; for Industry and Commerce, 1939-41; Minister for Local Government and Public Health, 1941-8; Minister for Finance, 1951-4; Minister for Health, 1957-65, and Minister for Social Welfare, 1957-61; and Tanaiste, 1959-65. Among the highlights of a long and distinguished Ministerial career were the Anglo-Irish

Financial Agreement, 1938; the Trade Union Act, 1941; the reorganisation of the Health services and the establishment of separate Departments of Health and Social Welfare; and the fluoridation of water supplies in Ireland.

Besides these and many other Government matters, the collection documents his senior position within Fianna Fáil; his pivotal role in election campaigns; his concern with attempts to undermine democratic institutions by subversive and illegal organisations; his membership of the Council of State; and his contribution as an Irish delegate to the Council of Europe.

Arrangement and description

The arrangement of the material is straightforward, with main sections based upon his early political career (A); each of the Ministerial positions held by him (B-E); material relating to elections and referenda (F); to Fianna Fáil (G); to Partition, Northern Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations (H); revolutionary and subversive organisations (J); texts of speeches and related matter (K); his membership of the Council of State (L); the Council of Europe (M); research material, historical enquiries, and requests for interviews (N); biographical material (O); and personal documents and memorabilia (P). There is a section of material relating to his case for libel against Proinsias MacAonghusa arising from allegations about his 1916 record (Q); and sections of printed matter (R) and Photographs (S).

Descriptions have been made as extensive as possible, whether the unit of description be individual items, compound items, or bound volumes. Where it has not been possible to describe every item within large compound items, the more important documents have been described individually and the substance of the more routine material has been summarised. With material of Departmental or Ministerial origin, file titles are generally those originally given. Titles have, where appropriate, been given to untitled files and other compound items.

S.H.
December 1989

Chronology

- 1889 Born in Belfast; educated at St Mary's CBS, St Malachy's College, and Belfast College of Technology
- 1910 Junior engineer-in-charge, Belfast Electricity Department.
- 1914 Principal assistant to the electrical engineer, Dundalk; helped to establish an Irish Volunteer corps in Dundalk and was appointed Adjutant when the corps was reorganised in 1915.
- 1916 Fought in the GPO Garrison; court-martialled and sentenced to death; sentence commuted to penal servitude for life; released in the general amnesty of June 1917.
- 1917 Member of the National Executives of Sinn Fein and the Irish Volunteers.
- 1918 Elected MP for South Monaghan.
- 1920-3 Vice-Commandant, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Officer Commanding, Marlboro Street Post Office, June-July 1922; interned July 1922-December 1923.
- 1923- MacEntee & O'Kelly, consulting engineers.
- 1927 Founder member, Fianna Fail; elected TD for county Dublin.
- 1932-9 Minister for Finance.
- 1939-41 Minister for Industry and Commerce.
- 1941-8 Minister for Local Government and Public Health.
- 1948 Appointed to the Council of State.
- 1949 Member of the first Irish delegation to the Council of Europe.
- 1951-4 Minister for Finance.
- 1957-65 Minister for Health.
- 1957-61 Minister for Social Welfare.
- 1959-65 Tanaiste
- 1969 Retired from active politics.
- 1984 Died.

A. EARLY POLITICAL CAREER

i. Easter 1916

a. Contemporary documents

- 1 May-June 1916 Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings, mainly from Dublin and Belfast newspapers, containing accounts of the courts martial and execution of participants, including MacEntee, in the Easter Rising; book originally a laboratory notebook from the Municipal Technical Institute, Belfast. 24x18x4cms

- 2 17 July 1916 John Gore, solicitor, 6 Cavendish Row, Dublin, to James MacEntee; statement of costs in connection with the court martial of John MacEntee. 7pp

- 3 1916-17 Notebook containing poems and short prose pieces written by MacEntee during his imprisonment in Lewes Prison. 190pp

- 4 June 1917 Original and copy of a letter from [Thomas Spring Rice, Baron] Monteagle [of Brandon] to T.E. Alexander [witness for the defence at MacEntee's court martial] asking for support in an appeal for MacEntee's inclusion in any amnesty that might be offered (10 June 1917, 2 items); Monteagle encloses a copy of a letter he has written to [Henry] Duke [Chief Secretary for Ireland] on MacEntee's behalf (8 June 1917, 2pp); original and copy of a letter from Henry Hannah [KC, MacEntee's counsel at his court martial] to Tommy [Spring Rice] enclosing 'MacEntee's letter [not present] (c June 1917, 2 items). 5 items

- 5 18 June 1917 Framed photograph of a handwritten address to the President and Congress of the United States from 26 'officers (just released from English prisons) of forces formed independently in Ireland to secure the complete liberation of the Irish nation'; includes MacEntee's signature. 52x44cms

- 6 July 1917 *Catholic Bulletin* (July 1917); includes an article entitled 'Events of Easter Week' (14pp) giving short biographical accounts of some Irish prisoners, including MacEntee, sentenced to death or hard labour for their part in the Easter Rising. 70pp
- 7 August-September 1917 Notebook containing prose and poetry written by MacEntee after his rearrest and imprisonment in Crumlin Road jail, Belfast; includes an incomplete account of his activities during Easter Week 1916 (37pp). 22x18x1½cms
- 8 1919, [1936] *Under the Tricolour*: typescript drafts with extensive handwritten amendments of MacEntee's original account of his activities during Easter Week 1916, written in Crumlin Road Jail, August-September 1917, typed and amended in Belfast, 1919; letter from W.G. Lyon, The Talbot Press, Dublin, 10 January 1936, 1p) returning a manuscript [of *Under the Tricolour*] and suggesting some alteration before it is considered for publication again. 207pp
- b. Episode at Easter**
- 9 April 1965- June 1969 Correspondence with publishers, M.H. Gill, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, concerning matters relating to the publication of the book including the proposal for publication based upon a reader's comments on MacEntee's statement to the Bureau of Military History [see P67/431]; the submission by MacEntee of instalments of the work; the correction of proofs; the title of the work; the sending of author's complimentary copies; sales and royalties. 56pp
- 10 [1965] Typescript copy of MacEntee's account of his activities during Easter Week 1916 (pp2-125), closely based upon his statement to the Bureau of Military History [and submitted to M.H. Gill for a reader's opinion on its suitability for publication]. 124pp
- 11 October 1965 Copy letter from MacEntee to Michael Gill, M.H. Gill, enclosing the first instalment of the introductory section of his Easter Week narrative and outlining the scope of the remainder of the

- 11 contd** introduction (13 October 1965, 1p); handwritten first draft (8pp) and typescript second draft (10pp) of Chapter 1 of *Easter Fires* (provisional title for the book). 3 items
- 12** [c November 1965] Typescript carbon copy of part 1, chapters 1-3, and part 2, chapter 1 (54pp) dealing with political and personal antecedents to the Rising and MacEntee's involvement in it; suggested alterations to the typescript (3pp). 3pp
- 13** [1966] Manuscript and typescript drafts of chapters 1 and 2, foreword and appendix. 37pp
- 14** [1966] Copies of 2 short passages relating to MacEntee's movements in Dublin during Easter Week [for insertion in a corrected draft of the book?] 3pp
- 15** 1966 2 sets of galley proofs of the book, one set corrected by MacEntee. 104pp
- 16** [1966] Account by MacEntee of a meeting with a war correspondent, R.M. Jeffreys, after the latter had been arrested and brought behind Republican lines in O'Connell Street, subsequently released and asked to convey a message to MacEntee's wife (2pp); account of MacEntee's speech during the Treaty debates, his opinion of the relative significance of the Oath of Allegiance and partition in his rejection of the Treaty, and his part in the foundation of Fianna Fáil (5pp); handwritten draft of the above and handwritten short account of his prison experiences in 1916 (4pp). 11pp
- 17** January-May 1966 Press cuttings relating to the 50 anniversary of the Easter Rising; includes reviews of and extracts from published work including *Episode at Easter*; newspaper commemorative supplements; contemporary accounts of events; appreciations of the main protagonists; reports of lectures; letters to the newspapers concerning aspects of the Rising. 33 items

- 18** February 1966- June 1969 File of letters, mainly from friends and public figures, congratulating MacEntee on the publication of the book, thanking him for complimentary copies, and discussing aspects of the Rising and his treatment of it; included is some routine correspondence concerning the 1916 commemoration ceremonies in general; also includes a letter from Adhogán Ó Rahilly, Drumhierney Plantations, Leitrim, discussing aspects of the Rising with particular reference to the source of money to buy guns. 80pp
- 19** 14 March 1966 Seamus Ó Ceallaigh, Grangebellew, Drogheda, county Louth, enclosing a note on the activities of the Grangebellew Volunteers during Easter Week 1916; describes joining the Dundalk Volunteers at Ardee and mentions briefly MacEntee's movements. 2pp
- 20** April-June 1966 2 press cuttings containing reviews of the book; photocopies of 14 reviews; transcript of a broadcast review on Radio Éireann by Professor F.X. Martin. 15pp
- 21** April 1966 Text of a talk by MacEntee on 'The Genesis of 1916' to a Cairde Fail lunch (8 April 1966, 7pp); includes handwritten and typescript drafts of sections of an untitled work on 1916 [Episode at Easter?] (39pp). 46pp
- 22** July-August 1967 Daniel McCrea, Cherryvalley Park, Knock, Belfast, referring to a typescript copy of *Under the Tricolour* that has come into his possession and enquiring as to its provenance (22 July 1967, 1p); reply from MacEntee describing the circumstances under which the copy had come to McCrea's mother-in-law from whom he had received it (8 August 1967, 1p). 2 items
- 23** 15 May 1968 [Eily?] O'Hanrahan O'Reilly, Northumberland Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, county Dublin, enclosing a typescript copy (4pp) of a list of the Irish prisoners in Lewes Jail, 1916; list compiled from a book autographed by each prisoner, giving home addresses. 6pp

- 29** [c1950] Edward Bailey, Quartermaster, C company, Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-16.
Subject: Dundalk, county Louth, Easter Week, 1916.
5pp
- 30** [c1950] Patrick Duffy, section leader, Irish Volunteers, Dundalk.
Subject: national organisations, Dundalk, 1907-21; national activities, county Louth, Easter Week, 1916. 9pp
- 31** [c.1950] Frank Nocy [editor, *Dundalk Democrat*], member, Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-16.
Subject: national activities, county Louth, 1914-; County Louth, Easter Week, 1916. Incomplete p.3 only
- 32** [c 1950] Thomas Hamill, member of Sinn Féin, 1904-; member of the Irish Volunteers, 1914-16.
Subject: national activities, Dundalk, 1904-; county Louth, Easter Week, 1916. Incomplete pp.5-10 only
- 33** [c 1950] Ernest Jordison, manager, British Petroleum, Dublin 1916.
Subject: Commandeering of a car on the Dublin-Belfast road, Easter Monday, 1916. 1p
- 34** [c 1950] Thomas McCrave, member of Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-; captain, A company, Dundalk Battalion, 1917-.
Subject: national activities, county Louth, 1914-21.
Incomplete, pp.3-6, 12-13 only
- 35** [c 1950] Joseph O'Higgins, member of Irish Volunteers, county Louth, 1914-; Battalion Adjutant, 1920; Brigade Vice O/C and Brigade Adjutant, 1921.
Subject: national events, 1914-21; general election, 1918; shootings by Black and Tans, February 1921.
Incomplete, p.5 only

- 36** [c 1950] Peter Kieran, member of Sinn Féin, Dundalk, 1906-21; member of Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-21.
Subject: national organisations, Dundalk, 1906-21; split in the Volunteer organisation, county Louth, Easter Week, 1916.
Incomplete, pp.3-6 only
- 37** [c1950] Francis McQuillan, member of the IRB, Dundalk, 1908-16; member of Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-.
Subject: Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1913-16.
Incomplete, pp.2-9 only
- 38** [c1950] Daniel Tuite, member of Irish Volunteers, Dundalk, 1914-.
Subject: training of Irish Volunteers in Dundalk before 1916; Dundalk, Easter Week, 1916.
Incomplete, pp.2-9 only
- 39** [c1950] Garry Byrne, member of the IRB; lieutenant, C Company, 4 Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Irish Volunteers.
Subject: IRB, 1911-; Howth gun running, 1914; Tara, Easter Week, 1916.
Incomplete, pp.5-9 only
- 40** 2 December 1948 Donal O'Hannigan, Commandant, Irish Volunteers, 1917-21.
Subject: IRB, 1909-; Irish Volunteers, 1913-; gun running at Howth and Kilcoole; 1916 Rising in the Dundalk area.
35pp
- 41** 15 May 1952 Patrick McHugh, O/C Dundalk Fianna Éireann, 1911-; lieutenant, Irish Volunteers, 1916.
Subject: national activities, Dundalk, 1911-16; 1916 Rising in Dundalk.
27pp
- 42** 31 March 1952 Patrick McHugh, lieutenant, Dundalk Company, Irish Volunteers, 1916; fitter, Parnell Street Munitions Factory 1919-20; O/C Munitions, 1 Southern Division, 1922-3.
Subject: national activities, Dublin, 1917-21; manufacture of arms, Dublin, 1919-21; county Cork, 1922-3. 47pp

- 43** 18 December 1954 Seán MacEntee, Lieutenant, Irish Volunteers; member of the Volunteer Executive, 1919-.
- Subject: O'Connell Street, Dublin, Easter Week, 1916, including events in Dundalk and county Meath immediately preceding Easter Week resulting in his being in Dublin during the Rising.
- Includes** comments by the interviewing officer; 'This statement is an account of his experiences during the Rising, which the witness started to write in August 1917 from earlier notes while he was a prisoner in Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast, where he spent six weeks. He continued it after his release, and he finished it before he left Belfast in, I understand, 1920. The first five paragraphs, which are inserted by way of introduction, were taken down by me from his dictation at an interview which I had with the witness in his office.
- He would also wish to give an account of his association with the Volunteer Executive during the later period, but he cannot at present find the time. He has, however, prepared some notes on the pogroms in Belfast in 1920 which he intends to revise and present to the Bureau' [**see** P67/519]. 122pp
- 44** [c 1950] Diarmuid Lynch, member of the Supreme Council, IRB.
- Subject: the national flag, Easter 1916.
Incomplete, p.6 only
- 45** [c 1951] Frank Thornton, Volunteer organiser; Deputy Assistant Director of Intelligence, 1919-; Director, New Ireland Assurance Company, 1951.
- Subject: national activities, 1912-19; funeral of O'Donovan Rossa, 1915; Easter Week, 1916, in the GPO, Crown Alley, and College Green, Dublin pp.12-42

ii Dáil Éireann and the Anglo-Irish Treaty

- 46** [1919] Copy of the Constitution of Dáil Éireann. 2pp
- 47** [c1920] Copy of the draft constitution of the Irish Volunteers/Irish Republican Army. 3pp

- 48** 7 October 1921 Typescript copy of the instructions from the Cabinet to the Irish delegation of plenipotentiaries to the conference on Ireland, October-December 1921. 1p
- 49** October 1921 *Official Correspondence relating to the Peace Negotiations*, June-September 1921, published by Dáil Éireann. Included are transcripts of preliminary correspondence between de Valera and Lloyd George and correspondence arising from meetings between these two in London, July-September 1921. 24pp
- 50** 16, 17 November 1921 *Irish Bulletin*, vol. 6, nos. 20 and 21, both concerned with partition and Ulster Unionism. 2pp each
- 51** 13 December 1921 Typescript copy of a letter from David Lloyd George, Downing Street, London, to Arthur Griffith, Mansion House, Dublin, clarifying 'certain points not specifically mentioned in the Treaty terms', including the appointment of the Crown representative in Ireland, arbitration procedure on the question of Ireland's liability for a share of the public debt, the constitutional status of the Irish Free State, and the framing of the Irish constitution. 1p
- 52** 17-21 December 1921 3 telegrams from constituents in Monaghan to MacEntee, expressing contradictory views on the Treaty.
- 53** 19 December 1921 Copy of Dáil Éireann orders of the day containing the motion by Arthur Griffith that the Treaty be approved. 1p
- 54** 20,22 December 1921 Copies of Dáil Éireann orders of the day containing Arthur Griffith's motion that the Treaty be approved, and President de Valera's motion that an alternative proposal be made to the British; copy of the alternative proposal. 7pp

- 55 [December 1921] Typescript copy of the Proposed Treaty of Association between Ireland and the British Commonwealth; including contemporary annotations by MacEntee. 5pp
- 56 [c January 1922] Copy letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Independent*, concerning the visit by a deputation from the joint comhairle of Monaghan, urging him to resign [as TD for the constituency over his rejection of the Treaty] and his refusal to do so. 2pp
- 57 28 February 1922 MacEntee's Dáil Éireann admission card.
- 58 25 April 1922 MacEntee's Dáil Éireann admission card.
- 59 17 May 1922 Copies of 2 separate reports to the Ceann Comhairle from the pro-Treaty and Republican members of the Dáil committee established under the terms of Dr Hayes' motion in Dáil Éireann on 3 May, that such a committee consisting of pro-Treaty and Republican representatives be appointed to make recommendations for agreed elections and the formation of a non-party government as the basis for army unity and the cessation of hostilities. The reports are of 5 sittings of the committee held after the original had been considered by the Dáil [**see** P53/38-40]; includes annotations by MacEntee. 7pp, 6pp
- 60 [June 1922?] Pencil notes by MacEntee, prepared in the context of the [1922 general] election [in which he was not a candidate]. The notes relate to his position as TD for Monaghan and his alleged resignation 'when it became clear that the overwhelming majority of my constituents wished me to vote for the Treaty'; describes the circumstances and out come of a visit by Fr Coyle and Bernard O'Rourke, representing the constituency, urging him either to vote for the Treaty or to resign; confirms that he did not resign but undertook to consider the matter and to inform the deputation of his decision. 5pp

- 61 1922 Published English language translation of the Constitution of the Irish Free State (Saorstát Éireann) Act, 1922. 34pp

iii Belfast Boycott, 1921-2

- 62 6,8 August 1921 2 notes concerning a meeting between Michael Collins and a Mr McCormack of the Boycott staff. 2 items
- 63 25 October 1921 Poster listing firms throughout Ireland, Scotland and England allegedly distributing goods as agents for firms within the boycotted area; some entries deleted by hand. 50x40cms
- 64 28 January 1922 Michael Staines, Director, Belfast Trade Boycott, to Mrs Seán MacEntee, notifying her that the Department is to be wound up on the orders of the Cabinet and that her services will no longer be required. 1p
- 65 6 February 1922 Colm Ó Murchadha, Secretariat Department, Dáil Éireann, to the staff of the Belfast Boycott, acknowledging receipt of a 'memorial' which has been submitted to the Ministry [for Home Affairs?] and is still under consideration. 1p
- 66 8 February 1922 Diarmuid O hEigceartuigh, Secretary to the Provisional Government, to Michael Staines, 83 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, concerning the possible employment by the Provisional Government of members of the Boycott staff at present under notice. 1p
- 67 4 March 1922 Receipt from R. Farrelly, Dáil Éireann, Department of Finance, for £469-16-9, the balance of the Boycott a/c in the Land Bank, received from Mrs M[argaret] MacEntee. 1p

- 68** 15 March 1922 Uncashed cheque for £21-13-4 made out to Margaret MacEntee by M.J. Staines.
- 69** [c May 1922] Handwritten report of an attack by RUC officers and Special Constables, on a house in King Street, [Belfast; MacEntee's father owned a public house at 61-63 King Street]. 3pp
- iv. Civil War and Internment**
- 70** 2 July 1922 Note from MacEntee, O/C Marlboro Street PO, on Customs and Excise headed paper, to the Director of Supplies, for 'cigarettes for 13 men and 4 girls'. 1p
- 71** 26 July 1922 S. Ó Murthuile, Commandant, Kilmainham Detention Prison, Dublin, to F G O'Kelly, MacEntee & O'Kelly, 22 Nassau Street, Dublin, concerning arrangements for the delivery of parcels to prisoners. 1p
- 72** 28 July 1922 Seán Ó Murthuile, Commandant, Kilmainham Detention Prison, to R. Corish TD, Mayor of Wexford, concerning Corish's request for parole for MacEntee. 1p
- 73** 29 July 1922 C Ó hÚigin, Adjutant General's Office, General Headquarters, Óglaigh na hÉireann to Alderman Corish. Corish's request for parole for MacEntee to allow him to continue work on which he was engaged for Wexford Corporation cannot be considered due to MacEntee's refusal to sign the form of undertaking, a copy of which is enclosed, to refrain from the use of arms. 2 items
- 74** July 1922-
February 1923 50 letters from MacEntee to Margaret, his wife, written while interned in Kilmainham Jail and Gormanstown Internment Camp, county Meath. He describes prison conditions, the routine and tedium of the prison regime, and makes

- 74 contd** arrangements for the supply of food and personal requisites; he gives directions for the conduct of his business practice during his internment; comments on outside events in the context of the Civil War; and discusses domestic and family matters. Censored, some incomplete. 93pp
- 75** 24 October 1922 2 letters from MacEntee, Gormanstown Internment camp, to the Officer Commanding the Camp, referring to property taken from him on his arrest and belongings left by him in Kilmainham Jail to be forwarded. He has failed to have either returned to him and now lodges a claim with the Provisional Government for the value of the belongings; statement of claim enclosed. 3pp
- 76** 13 October 1923 J B O'Connor, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, to William Hughes, Engineer, Wexford Corporation Electricity Department, informing him that arrangements are being made for the release of MacEntee on a fortnight's parole. 1p
- v. Sinn Féin, 1922-7**
- 77** 7 February 1922 MacEntee's admission card to the Sinn Féin extraordinary Ard Fheis in the Mansion house. 1 item
- 78** [c 1923] *Deceiving the Irishmen:* Sinn Féin pamphlet consisting of extracts from speeches and public statements by pro-Treaty and British politicians, many in the House of Commons debate on the Treaty (March 1922); seeks to demonstrate the contradictory nature of these statements. 8pp
- 79** [c 1923] *The Case for the Republic:* Sinn Féin pamphlet condemning the terms of the Treaty and upholding the case for the Republic. 4pp
- 80** 2 January 1924 Brian O Faodhgain, Sinn Féin, Suffolk Street, Dublin, to MacEntee, informing him of his selection as candidate in the forthcoming county Dublin bye-election and his ratification by the Standing Committee. 1p

- 81** March 1924 *The Economic Programme of Sinn Féin:*
published text of the programme
adopted at the first meeting of Sinn Féin, January 1919.
4pp
- 82** 7 October 1924 Eamon de Valera, Sinn Féin, Suffolk
Street, Dublin, to MacEntee, 22 Nassau
Street, Dublin. 'According as I read through your letter of October
3 I felt more and more loth to abandon the idea of having the
Committee under your direction. The work you have outlined for
the Committee is the work we are all waiting to have done. I
realise, of course, the magnitude of the task involved. Could you
not hold on for a while and set it going on the right lines, and
prepare an understudy to take your place after a while?'
1p
- 83** 9 October 1924 Notification from Mary McSwiney, Sinn
Fein, Suffolk Street, Dublin, of the next
meeting of Comhairle na dTeachtai. 1p
- 84** 10 October 1924 Circular letter from the honorary
secretaries, Sinn Féin, Suffolk Street,
Dublin, to each TD, enclosing an Ard Fheis admission card.
1p
- 85** 20 October 1924 E[amon] de V[alera] to MacEntee,
asking him to call to Suffolk Street the
following morning, 'on a question concerning the NE elections'.
1p
- 86** October 1924-
April 1925 *Sinn Féin* weekly newspaper;
incomplete run of 8 issues, vol 2, no.
51- vol 3, no. 26.
- 87** 10 December 1924 *India and Ireland:* published text of an
address under that title by Seán T O
Ceallaigh, Envoy of the Irish Republic, at a banquet held in his
honour in New York by the Friends of Freedom for India.
12pp

- 88** 14 February 1925 *Election Bulletin*, no 6, special issue. Alleges electoral malpractice and attacks the Treasonable and Seditious Offences Bill.
33x20cms
- 89** 1925 Copy of the Sinn Féin Constitution, incorporating the scheme of organisation and rules, as recommended to the Ard Fheis, 1925.
8pp
- 90** 1926 *Special Ard Fheis, 1926*: typescript text of a speech by MacEntee in support of the motion by de Valera, to allow Republican representatives to attend Dáil Éireann and the Northern Ireland parliament, if the requirement of the oath of allegiance were removed.
14pp
- 91** 1926 Copies of 3 Dáil decrees concerning the membership of Comhairle na dTeachtaí and of Dáil Éireann, and the position of President of the Republic.
3pp
- 92** 1926, 27 *Irish Freedom*, Sinn Féin monthly journal; 2 issues; no 1 (November 1926), no 4 (February 1927).

B MINISTER FOR FINANCE

i. 1932-9 [-48]

a. Departmental and policy issues

- 93** [1922-] 1932-37 *Irish National Teachers' Pension Fund*: material relating to national teachers' pensions with particular reference to the problem of the deficit on the Pension Fund. **Includes:** annual statements of receipts and payments on the Fund (1925-9); correspondence between MacEntee and the Office of National Education concerning salary scales for national teachers, including relevant material enclosed by the Office (April-May 1929, 7 items); correspondence between MacEntee and J. McGarry, Secretary, South Dublin Branch, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, and other branch and national

- 93 contd officers (1928); *Brief notes on the pensions of national teachers*, compiled for the county Tipperary Teachers' Association (May 1929), 7pp, printed); copy of the *Government actuarial investigation into the Teachers' Pension Fund*, published by the INTO (May 1929, 29pp); note on a meeting between MacEntee, Frank Fahy and Dr James Ryan, and a deputation of national teachers from Sligo-Leitrim (June 1929, 1p) together with *The Irish School Weekly* (April 1922), furnished by the deputation and containing the text of a memorandum submitted by the INTO to the Provisional Government concerning teachers' pensions; copies of questions tabled by MacEntee for the Ministers for Finance [Ernest Blythe] and Education [J M O'Sullivan] (July-November 1929); copies of 2 memoranda by MacEntee on the Pension Fund, together with summaries (c July 1929, 24pp, 14pp) and a copy of comments by James Ryan on one of the memoranda (2pp); supplied text of a speech by MacEntee on financial matters including the Pension Fund, and copies and published versions of letters to the press (January 1932, 7 items); note from C[ormac] Breathnach [Fianna Fáil TD, Dublin North, and President, INTO] setting out unofficially the basis for a settlement of the pension problem that he feels would be acceptable to the INTO (c June 1932, 1p); minute from W D[oolin, Assistant Secretary], Department of Finance, to PS Murray [Private Secretary to the Secretary, Department of Finance], referring to the Breathnach note that the Minister wishes to have with him at a meeting of the Executive Council when a memorandum on teachers' pay is to be discussed (15 May 1937, 1p). 149 items
- 94 18 March 1932 **External Affairs:** Copy letter from MacEntee to the President of the Executive Council, recommending 'a more vigorous diplomatic policy in the Department of External Affairs', and in particular the appointment by Ireland of direct representatives to other Commonwealth countries such as Canada, Australia, and South Africa; he considers the effects of such a move on Ireland's relations with Britain; and also considers the potential of Ireland acting as a catalyst in the development of a European bloc to neutralise British influence on the Continent. 4pp
- 95 [1929-] April 1932 **Drum Battery:** material relating to the development and testing of the electric battery invented by James J Drumm, University College Dublin, and subsidised by the Government with the intention that the Irish railway system be changed gradually from steam to electric power. **Includes:** copies of 2 patent specifications lodged by Drumm concerning improvements in electrical accumulators or secondary batteries (1929-30); typescript notes by MacEntee on batteries in general, the Drumm battery in particular, and the need for an enquiry to prove the commercial value of the invention (c August 1939, 2 items); copies of official statements

- 95 contd** by the Minister for Industry and Commerce [Patrick McGilligan] on tests undertaken by Great Southern Railways using the Drumm battery for railway traction (August 1930, 3 items); copies of 2 Dáil questions from MacEntee to the Minister concerning the tests and the battery (September 1930, 2 items); drafts and copy of a letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Independent*, concerning the Dáil debate on public subsidy for the development of the battery, the Minister for Industry and Commerce's statements on tests carried out by an Advisory Council, and Fianna Fáil's policy on the need for an independent enquiry before a further commitment of public money (28 November 1930, 3pp); cuttings from the *Irish Electrician*, *Irish Engineering News*, and *Electrical Review*, containing articles and correspondence on the development of the battery (August-November 1930, 7 items); technical manuals and maintenance handbooks for various electric traction batteries (1920s, 12 items); 2 letters from Rupert Stanley, Director of Education, Education Office, Victoria Street, Belfast, in reply to an enquiry from MacEntee asking him to recommend experts in battery technology; Stanley makes a number of suggestions and comments on the Drumm battery; he comments on the Shannon scheme and the problem of high electricity costs arising from the heavy capital charges on the scheme (April 1932, 2 items).
111 items

- 96** 16 April 1932 **Agricultural Credit Corporation:** copy of a memorandum for the Minister for Finance from an unidentified officer of the ACC, commenting adversely on proposals which may be put before the Minister for an issue of tax-free bonds and power to get deposits from all sources; memo examines the financial structure of the ACC including share capital, lending policy, and administrative expenses; questions the competence of the present Board to meet the needs of the farming community in the light of their previous performance, their lending policy, and their lack of initiative.
9pp

- 97** 18 April 1932 **Agricultural Credit Corporation:** copy of a memorandum from J[ohn] P C[olbert, Chairman and Managing Director, ACC], concerning a proposal issue of tax-exempt bonds; examines the lending policy and financial base of the ACC with particular reference to profit margins; considers various options for its future expansion on a sound financial footing and recommends an issue of tax-exempt bonds.
4pp

- 98** 19 July 1932 **Greyhound racing:** copy of the *Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the issue of totalisator licences for greyhound racing tracks in the Irish Free State*. Report presented to the Minister for Finance by whom the Committee had been appointed. 31pp
- 99** September 1932 **Revenue Commissioners:** texts of transcripts of 2 interviews between the Minister and 2 members of staff of the Department of the Revenue Commissioners, concerning allegations of irregularity against an official of the Investigation Branch of the Department. 3pp, 11pp
- 100** 17 November 1932 Eamon de Valera, Grosvenor Hotel, London, to MacEntee. 'I have heard sterling is facing another fall. See [Joseph] Brennan [Chairman, Currency Commission] and the banks about it, and try if anything can be done'. 1p
- 101** 25 November 1932 Feargus Ó Nualláin [a Department of Finance civil servant?], Chilham House, Rathfarnham, [to MacEntee?]: general reform of the civil service and the 'urgent necessity for taking control out of the hands of men not only intensely hostile to Fianna Fáil but unalterably and fanatically attached to the English interest ... I am convinced that the difficulties in which the Fianna Fáil Government find themselves in regard to the civil service have been deliberately and with malicious intent created or projected beforehand by the Cosgrave Government for the purpose of embarrassing those who would succeed them.' 4pp
- 102** 28 November 1932 [Professor] Seán Busteed, Department of Economics, University College, Cork; letter consists of 'rough comment' by Busteed on aspects of an 'alarmist' memorandum sent to him by MacEntee, relating to under-production in farming non-agricultural development, external trade balance and taxation. 3pp
- 103** December 1932-
October 1933 **Agricultural Credit Corporation:** 6 letters from Robert Barton, Glendalough House, Annamoe, county Wicklow, accepting a position on the Board of the ACC and referring to the committee established to examine the taxation of land values (December 1932, 2 items); accepting the

- 103 contd** chairmanship of the ACC, outlining the conditions of his acceptance (October 1933, 4 items); and referring to [Patrick F.] Walsh, whose appointment as Managing Director 'will exaggerate certain undesirable features of the control of the organisation' (18 October 1933, 2pp); includes one draft reply from MacEntee (10 December 1932, 2pp). 10pp
- 104** December 1932- November 1941 **Valuation Bill, 1938:** File containing photocopies of documents relating to a general revaluation. Includes Department of Finance memoranda for meetings of Government; memoranda from J Herlihy, Commissioner of Valuation, to the Department of Finance, on general and specific aspects of revaluation, and correspondence between Herlihy and the Minister; internal Department of Finance minutes, mainly from A D C[odling, Assistant Secretary, Finance] to the Minister; copy of the Bill and notes explanatory of the main provisions. Material supplied by the Department of Finance, c.1979, in response to a request from MacEntee for copies of documents relating to his period as Minister [**see** P67/781]. c 200pp
- 105** February 1933- November 1938 [January 1979] **Commission to enquire into banking and cognate problems:** letter from H J Dowd, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, (3 January 1979, 1p), enclosing photocopies of documents originally sent by MacEntee to the President of the Executive Council, or submitted to Government as Minister for Finance, 1933-8; copies supplied at MacEntee's request [**see** P67/781]. **Includes** letter to the President of the Executive Council, referring to rumours that the President intends to make an early announcement on the subject of banking and currency and radical alterations to the existing system; the Minister points out the necessity for a thorough investigation before any alterations and recommends contradicting the rumours which might otherwise have an unsettling effect on Government credit (23 February 1933, 3pp); letters to the President concerning the draft terms of reference of the proposed Banking Commission together with various drafts of the terms of reference; lists of names furnished by the Minister as possible members and correspondence concerning membership; correspondence with the Currency Commission and the Irish Banks' Standing Committee seeking the views of both bodies in relation to the Government's proposals; copy of a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau concerning the establishment and membership of the Commission; copy of the draft minutes of the first meeting of the Commission (January-November 1934, 75pp); minute from the Minister for Finance to Government seeking approval for the revised draft of the Valuation Bill, 1938, and its introduction into the Dáil (November 1938, 1p). 36 items

- 106** March 1933-
January 1938 **Patents Office:** material relating to the Industrial and Commercial Property Registration Office and proposals for changes in its statutory obligations. **Includes:** a copy of an industry and Commerce memorandum for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, concerning the procedure as to searches in connection with applications for the registration of patents (23 March 1933, 13pp); minute by E O N[eill, Assistant Principal, Finance], on the Industry and Commerce memo (27 March 1933, 2pp); copy of the proposed principal amendments to the Industrial and Commercial Property (Protection) Act, 1927, and explanatory remarks on the proposed amendments (24 April 1933, 5pp); letter from F H Litton, MacEntee & Litton, consulting engineers, 17 Westland Row, Dublin (21 January 1938, 1p) enclosing an extract from minutes of a non-public meeting of the Committee of Enquiry into Patent and Trade Marks (5 February 1937, 1p), an annotated minute entitled 'Amendments to the [Industrial and Commercial Property (Protection)] Act considered necessary or desirable by the [Patents] Office' (5pp), and a copy of a letter from C W MacWhinney, Chief Examiner of Patents, to the Minister [for Industry and Commerce, Seán Lemass] stating that he and his staff are unable to fulfil their statutory obligations due to the depletion of the examining staff (11 January 1938, 1p).
46pp
- 107** November 1933-
October 1934 **Banking Commission, 1934:** copy memorandum from the Minister for Finance for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, on the question of the establishment of a Central Bank in the Saorstát (27 November 1933, 18pp); draft terms of reference of the proposed Commission of Enquiry into Banking and Currency, and copy correspondence between the Minister for Finance and the President of the Executive Council on terms of reference suggested by [Frank Aiken] the Minister for Defence and [J Connolly] the Minister for Lands and Fisheries (January 1934); list of names of possible members of the proposed Commission, furnished by MacEntee to de Valera (5 March 1934, 2pp); copy draft letters from MacEntee to Sir Lingard Goulding, Chairman, Irish Banks' Standing Committee, and Joseph Brennan, Chairman of the Currency Commission, inviting them to serve on the Banking Commission (March 1934); copy correspondence between the Irish Banks' Standing Committee concerning general aspects of membership of the Commission, including representation of various interests (April 1934); minute of a meeting between a deputation from the Currency Commission, and de Valera and MacEntee (25 April 1934, 4pp); observations of the Currency Commission on the proposed Banking Commission (9 May 1934, 2pp); copy correspondence between officials of the Departments of Finance and Foreign Affairs, Irish Government representatives abroad, and international banking figures, on membership of the Commission and the credentials of possible members (July-August 1934); draft

- 107 contd** of the official announcement of the establishment of the Commission, giving the terms of reference, the background to its establishment, and the credentials of the members (27 October 1934, 8pp). 145pp
- 108** November 1933; **Central Bank Act, 1942:** material relating to the Act, mainly sent to MacEntee as Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but including earlier material originating from MacEntee as Minister for Finance. **Includes:** August 1939- Minister for Industry and Commerce's [Seán Lemass] copy of a memorandum from the Minister for Finance [MacEntee] for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, on the question of October 1941 the establishment of a Central bank in the Saorstát (27 November 1933, 18pp); copies of 16 memoranda circulated from the Minister for Finance [Seán T O Ceallaigh], for the agenda of meetings of Government or for the information of Ministers, dealing with aspects of the Central Bank Bill (January 1940 – October 1941); copy of the Central bank Act, 1941; copy of a memorandum circulated from Frank Aiken, Minister for Supplies, on 'A Central Bank: duties and powers' (24 October 1939, 5pp); letter from J J McElligott [Secretary, Department of Finance] to MacEntee, seeking his advice on an enclosed draft memorandum for Government, prepared by himself, containing observations on the Aiken memorandum (3 February 1940, 17pp); summary of Government decisions, 10 January 1939 – 26 February 1940, in regard to the establishment of a Central Bank, circulated for the information of Ministers (26 February 1940, 2pp); copy of a memorandum from the Minister for Agriculture [James Ryan] on trade with Britain (19 March 1940, 3pp); copies of 3 memoranda for the Cabinet Committee on Emergency Measures, dealing with aspects of commercial banking and the relationship of commercial banks to central banks (September 1940); Department of Finance memorandum explanatory of the attached Central Bank Bill (21 November 1940, 9pp); correspondence between MacEntee and McElligott concerning the General Fund and the effects of the Central Bank Bill (November- December 1940); copy memorandum from [MacEntee, Minister for Industry and Commerce] to the Taoiseach, containing his recommendations for amendments and additions to the draft Bill (January 1941, 22pp); transcripts of extracts from relevant published works. 334pp
- 109** 24 November 1923 **Agricultural Credit Corporation:** letter from Robert Barton [Chairman, ACC] concerning the proposal to appoint as Managing Director the present Secretary; he considers the implications of this and other consequent staff changes for the control of the policy and executive authority of the ACC.

- 109 contd** 'Your three nominees will have little opportunity of changing its display of self-aggrandisement in to one of national usefulness and greater stability...I should have preferred to hold the post of Managing Director myself.' He urges that the Chairmanship should remain the chief executive office and that this be conveyed to the Board.
'...if it is your wish that Ag[ricultural] Credit should, as far as possible, be used to advance your National Ag[ricultural] policy instead of that of the old regime and its predecessor then it is necessary that you give your nominees all the influence in your power...'
He comments on the present lending policy of the ACC.
2pp
- 110** [1935] **Committee [on Ministerial and other salaries]:** copy suggested questionnaire to the Minister for Finance [submitted in advance to the Minister?]; consists of 32 questions relating to Ministerial salaries generally and to the system of parliamentary Secretaries their appointment and functions. 11pp
- 111** April 1936- **Financing of public works**
February 1937 **programmes:** copy confidential memorandum from the Minister for Finance on proposals to establish a special employment fund to finance a public works programme provisionally adopted by the Executive Council (18pp); copies of 4 other memoranda from the Minister for Finance to the Executive Council, concerning various aspects of public works programmes. 46pp
- 112** June- **MacEntee v Terence Dever:** material
December 1936 relating to a libel case against Terence Dever, proprietor, *Western People*, arising from a report in the newspaper of remarks by Commandant Cronin, Director-General, League of Youth, at a Fine Gael rally, referring to corruption in Government with particular reference to MacEntee; includes copy correspondence between MacEntee and his solicitor, John L. Burke, 63 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin; notes on Terence Dever and the *Western People* and a copy memorandum by MacEntee giving a statement of his reasons for instigating the action.
30 items

- 113** 24 July 1936 **Ministerial pensions:** copy of a confidential letter from John A Costello [former Attorney General, 1927-32], 20 Herbert Park, Dublin, to John [MacEntee?], enclosing a memorandum embodying principles for a system of Ministerial pensions.
‘I have explained to you that I started the matter entirely on my own initiative actuated only by a deep feeling that ordinary justice and humanity required that something should be done.’
2pp
- 114** [July 1936] **Irish foreign policy:** handwritten draft and typescript copy of an article by MacEntee for an unidentified newspaper. The article, entitled ‘Not for sale’, deals with de Valera’s foreign policy and his recent League of Nations speech [2 July 1936] in support of the League Covenant in the context of the withdrawal of sanctions against Italy.
8pp, 3pp
- 115** 1936 **Abdication crisis:** typescript notes [by MacEntee?] on points to be considered in the formulation of Irish Government policy towards the constitutional crisis in Britain; advocates that ‘we should be slow to impede the proposed marriage’ on the grounds that if it takes place, ‘it will strengthen the Constitutional position of those Dominion Cabinets slow or reluctant to follow the British Cabinet’s lead...’
6pp
- 116** 1936 **Abdication crisis:** handwritten draft and typescript copy of [an article for publication?] by MacEntee, entitled ‘King and Consort. The Real Issues’, identifying these as an attempt to maintain ‘sacerdotal privilege’ and to prevent the King from marrying a commoner.
4pp, 5pp
- 117** [before 1937] **Parity with sterling:** memorandum [by MacEntee?] dealing with the position of the Saorstát currency in relation to sterling and the consequences of a break in parity, particularly for Saorstát banks holding British securities, deals also with the associated question of the potential of a Central Bank to maintain the purchasing power of the Saorstát currency, and limits on its ability to control the volume of credit.
8pp

- 118** 20 January 1937 Copy letter from MacEntee to de Valera, referring to a recent statement by Lord Craigavon on the maintenance of good government 'through the dual administrations at present established of separate parliaments...' MacEntee points to Canada and South Africa as examples of separate parliaments cooperating on a federal level despite initial opposition; such cooperation should be possible in Ireland on matters of common interest and MacEntee examines the potential of such cooperation in defence matters.
4pp
- 119** 1937 **Committee of Enquiry into Ministerial and other salaries:** Reports presented to the Minister for Finance (Dublin, Stationery Office 1937).
75pp
- 120** [c 1937] **Sugar beet industry:** copy memorandum [by MacEntee?] entitled 'Suggestion for a "leader" on the sugar beet position', concerning the present strike by sugar beet factory workers and the implication for Government policy with regard to the industry; the memorandum traces the development of the industry since 1933, examines the wages and conditions of employment of sugar beet factory workers, and the improvement of the workers' position in contrast to beet farmers, factory shareholders and consumers.
9pp
- 121** [1937] Draft handwritten letter of resignation from MacEntee to de Valera. He mentions that he had thought of retiring before the last election; recalls discussion with de Valera after the election as to which Ministry he would serve, and his expectation of a much reduced work load in Finance when it was decided that he should continue there; criticises the basis on which Executive Council meetings have proceeded since the election, particularly with regard to the Minister for Finance's lack of involvement in schemes involving large expenditure.
'...so far as the Minister for Finance was concerned his part was to be that of a cipher, except when the bill had to be paid at which time he might be permitted to figure in the more active role of a scapegoat.'
4pp
- 122** 9 May-7 September 1938 Volume of press cuttings from Irish and British newspapers and journals, concerning the **1938 Budget**, including budgetary prospects and provisions, the **Éire Financial**

- 122 contd **Agreement Loan, and the Report of the Banking Commission, 1934-8**, including analyses of content and recommendations, and reactions to the report. Includes pages from *Dáil Debates*, typescript copies of statements by the Minister for Finance, and cuttings from German newspapers forwarded through the Department of External Affairs by Charles Bewley, Irish envoy in Berlin. 33 x 20 x 4cms
- 123 October 1938 Photocopy of pages from a Dominion Office file (DO 35 893f/n 00668) in the Public Record Office, relating to MacEntee's acceptance of an invitation from the Economic Society of Queen's University Belfast, to address the Society; the Irish High Commission requests the Dominion Office, as a matter of courtesy, to inform the Government of Northern Ireland before the invitation is accepted. 4pp
- 124 November 1938- July 1939 **MacEntee v. Sunday Independent:** material relating to a libel case arising from a report and editorial in the newspaper (13 November 1938) concerning the postponement of the inaugural meeting of the Dublin University Commerce and Economic Society, at which MacEntee was due to speak, and alleging that the postponement was due to Government pressure because of the critical nature of the Auditor's address; includes a copy of the newspaper and statement of claim in the case; copy correspondence between MacEntee, officers of the Society, and Dr William E Thrift, Provost, TCD, concerning the circumstances surrounding the postponement of the meeting; copy correspondence between MacEntee and John L Burke, 63 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, his solicitor; copy of notes of evidence prepared by MacEntee (13pp) and copies of statements by witnesses; report from the *Irish Times* (28 June 1939) of the settlement of the action. 94items
- 125 1938 3 draft handwritten letters from MacEntee to de Valera, offering his resignation as Minister for Finance on the basis of his perception of the majority Cabinet view on public spending. 'On occasions our differences upon this question have been carried almost to the point of my resignation. These differences have been surmounted and I have carried on in the hope that experience would teach its own lessons, that as the ill-effects of the policy which the Cabinet insisted upon pursuing manifested themselves in rising costs, increasing unemployment, higher taxes, and diminished resources, a more prudent and provident spirit would inform our counsels when proposals involving increased expenditure, and therefore increased burdens for our

- 125 contd** already over-burdened people, were under consideration. Such hopes were extinguished some months ago when the army estimate was under review, and I would have asked you then to relieve me of my responsibilities but that in the light of the international situation I felt that I had to carry on in my office and discharge its functions as best I could, in view of the need for the Government to present an unbroken appearance at such a time'. He points to continuing indications that members of the Government are preparing for a campaign of inflationary spending. 7pp, 9pp, 7pp
- 126** 4 April 1939 **Wired wireless broadcasting:** [TA] McLaughlin, Electricity Supply Board, 37 Merrion Square, Dublin; reports results of informal discussions concerning the limited potential of the electricity transmission and distribution system for transmitting wireless programmes; gives a personal opinion of the importance of a system of wired wireless in times of national emergency as an alternative to broadcasting. 2pp

b. Budgets

- 127** 11 May 1932 Photocopy from *Dáil Debates* of MacEntee's first Budget speech. 17pp
- 128** [1932], 1966 Handwritten notes by MacEntee [made c.1966] on his 1932 Budget (3pp); copy memorandum from the Minister for Finance [Jack Lynch], to MacEntee, 'for his convenience and to be treated as confidential until the Minister has concluded the Financial Statement'; consists of figures relating to State debt, debt service, revenue and borrowing, capital expenditure, production and population for each of the years 1958-66 (March 1966, 7pp); copy letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Times*, in response to that paper's editorial criticism of the Budget, attempting to identify the sources of the country's present financial difficulties (10 March 1966, 2pp) [notes on the 1932 Budget made for purposes of comparison with the 1966 Budget?]. 12pp
- 129** 1933-4 Press cuttings containing reports and analyses of MacEntee's 1933 and 1934 Budgets. 10 items

- 130** 1936 Press cuttings from Irish and English newspapers concerning MacEntee's 1936 Budget. 9 items
- 131** 1938-9 Cuttings from the *Irish Press* and *Irish Times* reporting the contents of MacEntee's 1938 Budget and Seán T O Ceallaigh's 1939 Budget. 5 items
- 132** 28 April 1939 Memorandum by MacEntee for the Government, referring to Budget decisions taken at a meeting of the Cabinet on the previous day, and reiterating his own views as being at variance with those decisions. He reviews in detail over-estimation of expenditure on seven major services in the previous three year's Budgets and recommends a reduction in the allowance for overestimation for the coming year; he questions the Government decision to balance the Budget by taxation rather than by economies and examines the effect of increased direct and indirect taxation and reduced personal expenditure on the economy, with particular reference to increased unemployment, he argues in favour of an adjustment of Earned Income Reliefs in favour of the taxpayer and requests an early meeting of Government to consider the whole Budgetary position. 18pp
- 133** 30 April 1939 Copy letter from MacEntee to de Valera, referring to discussion at that morning's Cabinet meeting, of MacEntee's Budget proposals, MacEntee has been asked to agree to increase the Revenue Commissioners' estimates of tax revenue for the year, to increase the allowance for over-estimation on expenditure estimates, and to make no reduction in public expenditure, he reiterates his view of the need for increases in taxation and cuts in expenditure with particular reference to employment schemes and unemployment assistance; he asks that the Revenue Commissioners' estimates be accepted' if the Budget is to be an honest one', and points out 'that even if the moderate economies which I am asking for be made, it will still be necessary to impose more than £1,300,000 of additional taxation upon our already over-burdened people'. He emphasises his obligations as Minister for Finance and, given the deadlock which has been reached in Cabinet on the subject of the Budget, he tenders his resignation. 4pp

c. Economic War and Anglo-Irish Conferences, 1932-8

- 134** [1929-]32 **Land Purchase Annuities:**
 Memorandum by John A Costello, Attorney-General, on the legal basis of the land purchase annuities, prepared at the request of the Executive Council, and presented to both Houses of the Oireachtas (December 1931, 65pp); handwritten and typescript notes by MacEntee on sections of the memorandum and text of a speech on the memorandum in general (c January 1932, 5 items); press cuttings, mainly from the *Northern Standard*, concerning the payment of land annuities, arising from a speech by de Valera in Monaghan, 15 August 1932, dealing at length with the matter (September-December 1931, 7 items); press cuttings from an earlier date dealing mainly with the Fianna Fáil campaign for the retention of the annuities (1929, 13 items); typescript notes on aspects of land purchase legislation and the significance of the terms 'national debt' and 'public debt' (c 1929, 6 items).
- 135** [February 1932] **Payments since 1922/3 to Great Britain under the various heads:** file containing typescript copy memorandum with handwritten annotations detailing payments in narrative and tabular form made under various headings including land annuities, charges for bonus and excess stock, pensions, local loans, damage to property payments, and public works and services annuities. Marked 'Minister for Finance' and 'From [file] F37/2/32.'
 27pp
- 136** March 1932 **Oath of Allegiance and Land Annuities:** copy of a note from [John Dulanty], Irish High Commissioner, to J H Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions, confirming points made orally; that the view of the Irish Government was that the Oath of Allegiance prescribed under Article 17 of the Treaty was not mandatory and that the Irish Free State had an absolute right to modify its Constitution in respect of the Oath; and that the Irish Government proposed to retain the land annuities accruing under the Irish Land Acts, 1891-1909 (22 March 1932, 2pp); copy of a letter from Thomas to [de Valera, Minister for External Affairs], expressing British Government disagreement with the Irish Government's views on the Oath and the annuities (23 March 1932, 2pp); draft reply to Thomas with contemporary and later handwritten amendments by MacEntee (4pp). 8pp

- 139 contd** Northern Ireland, and of Germany with regard to war debts; a list of registered files concerning the Financial Agreements, retained by Mr [Desmond]Fitzgerald; copies of documents in file entitled Agreements between British and Saorstát Governments [P67/138]. 51pp
- 140** October 1932 Copy of an extract from a speech by WT Cosgrave at a meeting of the Cumann na nGaedheal Ard Comhairle, 12 October 1932, as reported in the *Irish Times* on the following day; speech deals mainly with the need for a revision of the agreement concerning land annuities. Marked 'Minister for Finance'. 3pp
- 141** October 1932 **Memoranda prepared by the Department of Finance in connection with the 1932 Conference:** typescript list of file contents (1p); note on the view expressed by the British Government that the land annuities are essentially transactions between private individuals (April 1932, 2pp); Statement of the legal position in regard to the attribution of income tax arising out of the land purchase annuities; statement sent by the British Government to the Department of Finance, 30 June 1924, in accordance with the minutes of the Conference of 29 May (5pp); Department of Industry and Commerce notes and tables concerning the land annuities and other payments to the British Government (October 1932, 8pp); memorandum on the pensions of civil servants and judges who retired before the Treaty (2pp); memorandum on previously existing and future arrangements for the settlement of outstanding financial claims by Britain against the Free State (5pp); memorandum on liability for Royal Irish Constabulary pensions (2pp); memorandum on concessions given by Britain to Dominion countries under the Ottawa Agreements, August 1932; schedules of commodities on which the general ad valorem duty of 10% under the Import Duties Act, 1932, is not to be reduced without the consent of the Dominions concerned (5pp); memorandum, 'Are the Irish Land Stocks and Local Loans Stock party of the public debt of the United Kingdom?' (5pp); memorandum on land purchase annuities with reference to enactments from the Irish Church Act, 1869, to the Land Act, 1923 (13pp); copy of a memorandum from [L S Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions] to T M Healy, Governor General, concerning the liability of the Irish Free State, under Article 5 of the Treaty, for the service of the public debt of the United Kingdom and towards the payment of war pensions (April 1926, 7pp); notes on issues under discussion and awaiting decision in the

- 141 contd** pending negotiations; notes concern the background to the withholding of annuities with reference to 'the unsatisfactory provisional arrangements which have been in operation since 1926' (7pp);
notes entitled 'points against Dissolution of Partnership: arguments as applied to the position created by the Treaty' (1p);
notes by Senator Maurice Moore and Thomas O'Donnell, barrister and ex-MP, concerning the origin and present position of the land purchase annuities (14pp) 76pp
- 142** 1932 **Financial Agreements with British Government:** copy memoranda and texts of speeches by MacEntee mainly concerning the sequence of events leading to the Financial Agreement, 1923, and this Agreement as the basis for British claims to the land annuities (1932, 8 items); précis of files, mainly Department of Finance, containing documents relevant to the Financial Agreements, 1923-6 (10pp);
handwritten notes by MacEntee on correspondence and other documents relating to financial claims and agreements, 1922-6 (1932, 10pp);
text of the Financial Agreements, 1923 (Dublin, SO, 1932, (5pp);
file of cuttings from the *Manchester Guardian* containing letters to the editor concerning the land annuities dispute (July-September 1932, 18pp). 100pp
- 143** 1932 **Miscellaneous memoranda:** 2
Department of Finance memoranda on the writing-off of dead bank notes and the apportionment of the profit arising from this (December 1930, 12pp; February 1932, 6pp);
memorandum on claims under Article 296 and 297 of the Treaty of Versailles for the settlement of pre-war debts with nationals in enemy countries and securing compensation for the sequestration of property in enemy countries ([1932?], 4pp);
Women's Equalisation Fund: statement of the British and Irish claims in relation to the fund established by the National Health Insurance Act, 1918, to meet the increased cost of benefit for women, and later abolished (1932, 3pp);
Estate Duty: memorandum on losses to the Saorstát Exchequer under existing arrangements between the Saorstát and British Governments for providing relief from double estate duty (1932, 2pp). 27pp
- 144** 1932 List of waivers on the part of the British Government in connection with certain Financial Agreements; agreements are the 1923 and 1925 Agreements and the Ultimate Financial Settlement. 1p

- 145 1932 **Counterclaim: Mr Kiernan's memorandum.** Copies of memoranda and minutes from [J J] Kiernan, [Secretary, Saorstat High Commission, London], relating to aspects of the over taxation of Ireland since the Act of Union, and the Irish claim arising from this. 37pp
- 146 October 1932 **Memorandum relating to matters to be discussed at the Conference between Representatives of the British and Irish Free State Governments to be held in London, 14 October 1932:** consists of a [Department of Finance?] general memorandum and 8 appendices. The general memorandum (73pp) treats separately the history and present status of each of the matters for discussion; each appendix contains copies of previous memoranda and minutes, proceedings of previous conferences, extracts from minutes of meetings of the Executive Council and House of Commons debates, copies of Irish interdepartmental correspondence and correspondence between Irish and British officials and related documents concerning the matter for discussion. Inserted in the general memorandum are copies of a 'Further memorandum dealing with claims put forward by the Government of Irish Free State (2pp) and a 'memorandum indicating reasons why the Government of the Irish Free State has declined to make certain payments to the Government of Great Britain' (4pp).
Appendix
A: Local Loans Fund (35pp).
B: Land Commission Papers (25pp).
C: London Conference, 1923, and general financial questions (54pp).
D: Telephone Capital, public Office Site (Dublin) Act, Post Office Savings Bank, Railways (Irl) Act, and Military Works Act (33pp).
E: Royal Irish Constabulary (18pp).
F: Anglo-Irish Treaty and National Debt (22pp).
G: Are the Irish Land Stock and Local Loans Stock Part of the public debt of the United Kingdom (8pp).
H: Miscellaneous land purchase points (2pp).
- 147 1932 **White Paper relating to the Conference between representatives of the Irish Free State and United Kingdom, London, 14-15 October 1932:** Extracts from Irish and UK White Papers juxtaposed to illustrate contrary statement of claim on each matter for discussion. 20pp

- 148** November 1932 Letter from [Senator] Joe [Connolly, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs], in Geneva with de Valera for a meeting of the Council of the League of Nations (25 November 1932, 2pp). At de Valera's request he encloses a letter from Henry Harrison, 82 Belsize Park Gardens, Hampstead (21 November 1932, 2pp) accompanying a financial memorandum (missing); covering letter refers to an inevitable fall in sterling and the likelihood of Britain's attaching Irish assets to satisfy her claim to the disputed annuities; further letter from Harrison to de Valera (28 November 1932, 2pp) enclosing another financial memorandum (missing) on methods of safeguarding Irish savings; points to the difficulty of a public debt part-payable in sterling, part in US dollars, if the sterling portion is made interchangeable, at the holder's request, with the dollar portion. Encloses a note from Liam [identified in Connolly's letter as being 'in the forefront of the Banking Business in London'], endorsing fully the memorandum (28 November 1932, 1p); cutting from the *Irish Press* (9 November 1932) containing a letter from Harrison to the editor concerning the British claim to the land annuities.
5 items
- 149** 1932 Henry Harrison, *Spotlights on the Anglo-Irish Financial Quarrel and the Diffuse White Paper on the Annuities* (Dublin, 1932).
16pp
- 150** 1933 Minister's copies of 5 memoranda prepared by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners, showing the comparative positions in Britain and the Saorstát with regard to provision for social services under various headings including national health insurance, pensions, housing, outdoor relief, and unemployment insurance. Memoranda generally related to provision for the period 1923-32.
16pp
- 151** May 1934 Minister's copy of a Department of Finance memorandum on the past effects and probable future consequences of the financial dispute with Britain.
29pp
- 152** December 1936 **Trade relations:** Minister for Finance's copies of 2 documents circulated for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council. Minister's original copy and copy no. 5 circulated by the Department of the President, of a Finance memorandum concerning the approaching termination of the Coal-Cattle Pact and the question of the arrangements to apply during the coming year (4 December

- 152 contd** 1936, 7pp); copy of a minute from [Seán Lemass] Minister for Industry and Commerce, making suggestions for future arrangements (4 December 1936, 1p). 16pp
- 153** November 1937 **Notes on the economic situation** prepared by the Department of Finance at the request of the Minister, for the information of members of the Executive Council. Notes consist of narrative analysis and tables of Ireland's economic position with particular reference to external trade and balance of payments. Attached is a minute from J J McElligott to the Minister, concerning the necessity of increasing food exports to the UK (2pp). 54pp
- 154** September 1937- **Notes, calculations and statistics:** January 1938 Handwritten list of contents; copy memorandum from Finance to External Affairs, giving an estimate of the capital value of the sums claimed by the British Government, other than land annuities (September 1937, 3pp); table showing amounts withheld under 14 headings, on an annual basis, 1932-8 (October 1937, 2pp); table showing payments made to the British in respect of items covered by the 1923 and 1926 Agreements, and amounts withheld on the same items, 1921-7 (October 1937, 1p); table of amounts collected from duties on Irish Free State imports into Britain, 1932-7 (c October 1937, 1p); notes on payments to the British in respect of civil and judicial pensions (January 1938, 1p); 3 tables relating to the payment of RIC pensions, 1922-38 (January 1938, 300); copy Finance memorandum on the Dublin Metropolitan Police, its transfer to the Provisional Government, estimates for and expenditure on the force, 1921-6, and expenditure on pensions for retired members, 1921-7 (January 1938, 5pp); notes on Public Offices Site (Dublin) Act and telephone capital and amounts paid and payable under these headings (January 1938, 2pp); copy memorandum concerning the arrangement contemplated by Article 5 of the Ultimate Financial Settlement [payment of annuities in discharge of liabilities for outstanding Local Loans] and 5 tables relating to Local Loans Stock and annuities (January 1938, 8pp). 28pp
- 155** January, Copy draft memorandum by MacEntee, February 1938 entitled 'Notes on the present situation', dealing with Anglo-Irish relations, Irish defence requirements, and Germany's preparedness for war ([January 1938] 11pp); copy draft typescript and handwritten letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, setting out, in the light of recent Cabinet discussions, his personal views on relations with Britain with reference to a financial settlement, the defence of the whole island, and partition; intransigence on

- 155 contd** the issue of partition should not be allowed to obstruct a settlement of the Economic War or the effective defence of the country.
 ‘... in regard to partition we have never had a considered policy. It has always been an affair of hasty improvisations, a matter of fits and starts. We are giving it first place now in the practical business of Government. When did we do that before in regard to any of those activities by which our citizens are consolidating and intensifying partition. Why we would not risk antagonising one Gaelic League or GAA crank in order to undo partition – as it could be undone in sport and amusement. And yet we are prepared to subject our farmers and our people as a whole to further and intensified hardship in order to compel Great Britain to force the Northern non-Catholics to associate with us, when with our connivance every bigot and kill-joy, ecclesiastical and lay, is doing his damndest here to keep them out.’ (17 February 1938, 11pp).
- 156** January 1938 **Financial Question:** Minister’s file containing correspondence and memoranda from J J McElligott, concerning continuing discussion with British Treasury officials on the completion of a financial agreement; copies of correspondence between McElligott and British Treasury officials on aspects of the British claim; copy of a Treasury memorandum on UK claims other than land annuities and property compensation (January 1938, 4pp); memorandum by McElligott and draft and copy of observations by the Minister for Finance on the Treasury memorandum; copy of a draft financial agreement; correspondence between the Minister, McElligott, and Maurice Moynihan [Cabinet Secretary] on aspects of the British claim. 80pp
- 157** 10 January 1938 **Line of approach:** handwritten and typescript drafts and copy memorandum of this title by MacEntee, containing a broad statement of the position of the two Governments in their approach to the negotiations, and the concessions each is prepared to make; a consideration of the general nature of Ireland’s financial contribution to the settlement in the context of previous financial agreements between the two Governments; a more detailed consideration of the remaining financial items in dispute. Marked ‘strictly personal’. 36pp
- 158** 17-19 January 1938 Copy no.3 of the British Secretary’s notes [minutes] of the first 5 meetings of the Conference. 127pp

- 159 January 1938 **Tully Stud Farm:** Minister's copy of a memorandum on the present legal status of the farm and negotiations between the British and Irish Governments since the Transfer of Functions Order, 1922, as to the ownership of the farm and its moveable property, in the context of the current negotiations. 4pp
- 160 February 1938 **Sequence of events in regard to withholding of payments from Great Britain:** Minister's copy of a memorandum tracing the sequence of events, in the form of correspondence, meetings and negotiations, and legislative measures, connected with the withholding of land annuities and other payments (after March 1937, 7pp); file also includes copies of transcripts of speeches by J H Thomas [Dominion Secretary] in the House of Commons, on the 1932 negotiations and the Irish Free State (Special Duties) Bill; transcripts of *Irish Press* reports, 18 July 1932 on the failure to agree to arbitration on the annuities. 44pp
- 161 February 1938 **National Teachers' Pension Fund deficit:** Minister's file containing copy minute on the previous and projected future deficit and the history of the transfer of the fund to the Irish Government (c 1932, 2pp); copy of *Facts and figures concerning the National Teachers' Pension Fund*, published by the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (April 1929, 29pp).
- 162 [c February 1938] **Yields from Irish Free State special duties:** Minister's file containing copies of extracts from two reports of the UK Commissioners of Customs and Excise, 27 (1936) and 28 (1937), dealing with orders made under the Irish Free State (Special Duties) Act, 1932, imposing special duties on imports from Ireland; statements of yields from these duties. 10pp
- 163 February 1938 **Irish Lights Service:** Minister's file containing minute from W[illiam] D[oolin], Assistant Secretary, Finance] to [J J McElligott] Secretary [Finance], commenting upon the documents on the file and the progress of negotiations between the Irish and British Governments on the Irish Lights Service (14 January 1938, 1p); copy of a Department of industry and Commerce memorandum on the progress of the negotiations 925 April 1932, 15pp); copy of a minute from John J Hearne, Legal Adviser, Department of External Affairs, to [Seán Moynihan] Secretary to the Executive Council, commenting upon the Industry and Commerce

- 163 contd** memorandum and upon the history and progress of negotiations (18 August 1932, 3pp); copy of a minute from Seán Moynihan, President's Office, to [Joseph P. Walsh], Secretary, External Affairs, relaying the decision of the Cabinet to postpone discussion of the Irish Lights Service sine die (2 September 1932, 1p); copy External Affairs memorandum on the future administration of Irish Lights (2 September 1933, 2pp); copy of a minute from Seán Moynihan, President's Department, to [W. Honohan], Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance, relaying the Cabinet decision to authorise the Minister for External Affairs to reopen negotiations on the Irish Lights Service (8 September 1933, 1p); copies of correspondence between officials of External Affairs and the Dominions Office, London, concerning provision for the Irish Lights Service, and related correspondence between External Affairs and Finance (June-August 1934, 6pp).
29pp
- 164** February 1938 **Royal Hospital Kilmainham:** Minister's file containing minute explanatory of the contents of the file (February 1938, 1p); list of Royal Hospital buildings and furniture (February 1938, 1p); copy Finance memorandum for the Executive Council summarising the main features of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Bill, 1937 (November 1937, 3pp); copy of the draft Bill to transfer the Hospital to the Saorstát (1937, 6pp). 4 items
- 165** February 1938 **Minimum customs duty, customs entry duty, delivery charge (Post Office):** Minister's file containing minute from J J McElligott outlining British proposals on the reduction or abolition of the above duties (9 February 1938, 1p); copy letter from McElligott to T. Cleary [Assistant Secretary], Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, seeking his views on the enclosed draft article concerning minimum customs entry duty and the Post Office parcels delivery charge (February 1938, 1p); copy letter from McElligott to B de Brit [Assistant Secretary], Department of Posts and Telegraphs, seeking his views on the proposal to abolish the delivery charge at present levied on parcels of UK origin (9 February 1938, 1p); letter from John Leyden [Secretary, industry and Commerce], Irish High Commission, London, enclosing the draft article dealing with minimum customs duty, customs entry duty, and parcel delivery charge (8 February 1938, 1p); copy of the proposed article (1p); copy letter from McElligott to Leyden relaying changes to the draft article, suggested by the Revenue Commissioners, and enclosing a revised draft (10 February 1938, 2pp). 7pp

- 166** 9 February 1938 **Newspapers:** Minister's file containing copy letter from J J McElligott to J Leydon, Irish Delegation, Picadilly Hotel, London. McElligott outlines the current position with regard to the imposition of customs duty on imported newspapers and periodicals, sets out current and estimated revenue from this source, and discusses the implications of the British request for a repeal of duty on these items. The letter expresses the views of the Minister for Finance on the matter. 4pp
- 167** February 1938 Copy of a memorandum by the Minister for Finance, circulated for a meeting of the Executive Council, consisting of observations on a British Treasury memorandum (24 January 1938, 4pp) setting out the capital value of the British claim on items other than land annuities and compensation for damage to property (14 February 1938, 6pp). 10pp
- 168** February 1938 **Tobacco, spirits, beer:** Minister's file containing copy letter from J J McElligott to J Leydon, Irish Delegation, London, setting out the Irish viewpoint on the British request for the stabilisation of rates of duty between the two countries on manufactured tobacco and spirits (February 1938, 4pp); copy letter from McElligott to Leydon concerning the British suggestion for the stabilisation of beer duties (9 February 1938, 3pp); note from P S O M[uireadhaigh, private secretary to the Secretary, Department of Finance] to [McElligott], informing him that the Minister would like to discuss with him a proposal to conventionalise Customs and Excise duty on beer (15 February 1938, 1p); copy finance memorandum for the Government on the stabilisation of beer duties (17 February 1938, 2pp). 10pp
- 169** 28 February 1938 **Budget prospects, 1938-9:** copy memorandum from the Minister for Finance, for the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Council, 1 March 1938; concerns the effects on the 1938-9 budgetary position of a financial settlement with Britain and the undertaking of a defence programme. Attached are handwritten calculations (2pp) of annuity payments and capital expenditure on defence. 9pp
- 170** February 1938 **Supplementary memoranda:** Minister's file containing copies of 4 Finance memoranda on various items in the British claim, including a summary of the claim and memoranda on Damage to

- 170 contd** Property (Comp[ensation) Annuity, pensions, and local loans (February 1938, 12pp); memorandum analysing the taxable capacities of Britain and of Éire (February 1938, 3pp); notes on the financial arrangements between Britain and Northern Ireland, prepared by the Department of Finance (February 1938, 6pp); notes on the financial arrangements between Britain and Northern Ireland, prepared by the Department of Finance (February 1938, 6pp); copy Department of the Taoiseach memorandum on the financial relationship between Northern Ireland and Britain (14 February 1938, 5pp). 26pp
- 171** February 1938 **Land Purchase Annuities:** Minister's file containing copy letter from J J McElligott to [Maurice Moynihan] Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, analysing the total sums claimed by the British under annuity and loan headings (17 February 1938, 3pp) and enclosing notes on the procedure adopted in the accumulation of the Sinking Fund, and the annuities payable under the Land Acts (7pp). 14pp
- 172** February 1938 **Double Estate Duty:** Minister's file containing a memorandum on losses to the Saorstát Exchequer under existing arrangements between the Saorstát and British Governments for providing relief from double estate duty (c 1932, 2pp); copy Department of Finance memorandum for the Executive Council, on disputes between the Revenue Commissioners and the British Board of Inland Revenue arising from double taxation relief arrangements in force between the two countries (26 April 1933, 5pp); letter from W D Carey [Secretary], Office of the Revenue Commissioners, to J J McElligott, concerning proposals for the revision of arrangements for relief from double estate duty (17 February 1938, 2pp); Carey to McElligott (17 February 1938, 4pp) enclosing an extract from a memorandum prepared by the Revenue Commissioners for circulation to members of the Irish delegation to the Imperial Conference, 1930, on avoidance of double taxation, including copies of correspondence between the then Minister for Finance, Ernest Blythe, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden (29 September 1930, 19pp). 32pp
- 173** [c February 1938] **British currency profits:** Minister's file containing a copy of the Irish claim on account of profits made by the British Treasury from the circulation of British currency in the Irish Free State. 3pp

- 174** February 1938 **British token coin:** Minister's file containing a copy of a memorandum on British token currency in the Free State, estimating the amount of such currency in circulation, and giving the history of agreements between the two Governments on the withdrawal of such currency (12 October 1932, 2pp); memorandum on the Irish Government claim arising from the redemption of surplus British token coin ([February 1938?], 3pp). 5pp
- 175** [February 1938] **Road Fund:** Minister's file containing a history of negotiations on the Irish Government claim in respect of the Fund (3pp); copy of the Irish statement of claim (12pp), of the British case (5pp), and of the Irish reply to the British case (12pp) 33pp
- 176** February 1938 **Quit Rents:** Minister's copy of a Department of Finance statement of claim in respect of crown and Quit Rents collected in the Free State in the year 1922-3. 3pp
- 177** February 1938 **Post Office Savings Bank dormant accounts:** Minister's file containing copies of the Irish statement of claim to assets in respect of Irish Free State dormant accounts in the British Post Office Savings Bank (October 1932, 2pp; February 1938, 3pp); note on the amount due to Ireland in respect of the accounts (1p); copies of relevant correspondence between T M Healy, Governor General, and the Duke of Devonshire, Colonial Secretary (January-February 1924, 5pp) and between J J McElligott and S D Waley [Principal Assistant Secretary], Treasury, London (January-February 1938, 4pp). 16pp
- 178** [1938] 2 original lists of file titles relating to the 1932 and 1938 Conferences; one list is annotated, indicating files relating to the 1932 Conference 'sent to London in parcel addressed Minister for Finance' [for reference during the 1938 Conference]. 4pp
- 179** [January, February 1938] 2 letters from MacEntee, Piccadilly Hotel, Regent Street, London, to Margaret, his wife, written while attending the 1938 Conference. MacEntee discusses social and personal matters, but also comments on the progress of negotiations.

- 179 contd** 'We did not settle things this morning and in my view are now far from a satisfactory conclusion to the whole proceedings. I think definitely – and this is for your own ear and no others – that we shall not get the ports, and that if we do reach agreement about trade and finances that it will be much less satisfactory than it could have been if we had been prepared to deal with obvious facts and not to go window-dressing now about partition'.
4pp each
- 180** February- March 1938 **1938 Conferences – Trade Agreements:** Minister's file containing a note from Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, enclosing copy of a minute from J Leydon commenting upon the draft trade agreement and enclosing a set of notes upon each separate article in the draft agreement (11 February 1938, 28pp); copy of a Department of Industry and Commerce memorandum for the Government, explanatory of the draft trade agreement with typescript draft agreement attached (14 February 1938, 27pp); printed copies of 3 drafts of the trade agreement (28 February 1938, 26pp; 5 March 1938, 29pp; 29 March 1938, 19pp). 6 items
- 181** 25 March 1938 **List of claims against the British Government waived by the Irish Government:** includes a brief statement of each claim and estimate of the sum involved. 5pp
- 182** 1938 Photocopy of the published text of the *Agreements between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the UK*, 25 April 1938 (SO, Dublin); sections of the text underlined by MacEntee. 22pp

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- 183** September- October 1936 **Report of the Commission on the Second House of the Oireachtas:** Minister for Finance's typescript copy of the report, for consideration at a meeting of the Executive Council, 6 October 1936 (30 September 1936, 50pp); Minister for Finance's copy of an analysis of the report by [C A Maguire] the Attorney General, under various headings such as powers and functions of the Second House, time for consideration of Bills, composition of the House, the qualifications of members and the method of selection; the analysis gives the majority and minority

- 183 contd** recommendations, the recommendations of the Chief Justice [Hugh Kennedy] on these, and compares them with the position in the former Seanad; for a meeting of the Executive Council, 9 October 1936 (11pp); proof copy of the published report (37pp).
3 items
- 184** October 1936- April 1937 **Draft Constitution:** minute from W Doolin, [Assistant Secretary], Department of Finance, to [Seán Moynihan], Secretary, Department of the President, concerning his Minister's view of Article 11 of the present Constitution and its implications for the administration and sale of State lands and property; the Minister suggests appropriate changes in the proposed new Constitution (29 October 1936, 6pp); minute from J J McElligott, to the Minister, giving his general impression of the draft Constitution and the broad implications of certain Articles (19 March 1937, 2pp); 2 memoranda from the Department of Finance to the Department of the President, on the first and second drafts of the Constitution, consisting of an analysis of each draft on an Article by Article basis (22 March 1937, 39pp; 17 April 1937, 36pp); 2 Department of Finance memoranda on revised draft Articles (21 April 1937, 3pp; 24 April 1937, 4pp).
[all the above documents are photocopies of the originals, supplied by the Department of the Taoiseach and Finance, in response to MacEntee's request; **see** P67/781].
106pp
- 185** November 1936- November 1937 Copy of a letter from MacEntee, to de Valera, concerning the method of constituting the second legislative chamber to ensure that 'while the majority of the Second House would have the same general political outlook as the majority in the Dáil, it would nevertheless retain independence to review, criticise, and, where necessary, to suggest revision in the details and accidental features of Government policy'; suggestions concentrate on an electorate composed of members of local authorities, and include detailed proposals for the division of the electorate into three constituencies (13 November 1936, 10pp); copy of a letter from MacEntee, to de Valera, concerning the likelihood of a Government defeat in the Dáil on the proposals of the Select Committee on the Senate Electoral (panel Members) Bill, the consequent inevitability of a general election, and the weakness of the Government in fighting an election in opposition to the Committee's scheme (14 November 1937, 4pp); copy of a memorandum [by MacEntee?] entitled 'Notes on the composition of a proposed second legislative chamber', dealing with qualifications for membership and election, functional and general procedure, and the constituting and responsibilities of permanent general committees and standing committees; marked 'secret' ([1937], 86pp).
100pp

- 186 [1937] 2 handwritten draft memoranda by MacEntee for the President, criticising Fianna Fáil proposals on the electoral system for the constituting of the Seanad, examining the likely effects of a defeat for the Government on the proposals in the Dáil; and the issues on which a subsequent general election would be fought, including the high cost of living and the dispute with Britain. 'As I see the position we have now come to this: that the Labour Party representatives on the Select Committee having sold themselves to Fine Gael in exchange for undue representation in an electoral college, we are now to make a bid to buy them back again by discarding the better features of our own Bill in favour of a scheme which will create a Seanad no better than that which we destroyed. The proposal to make the Dáil the electorate represents machine control in its most blatant and absolute form'. 14pp, 7pp
- 187 October- November 1937 **Seanad panels. Minister's notes:** 3 draft memoranda by MacEntee on methods of nominating and electing to the Seanad, members from panels other than the Administrative Panel ([October 1937], 4pp, 11pp, 12pp); 2 draft memoranda by MacEntee on the sectionalising of the Administrative Panel and the method of nominating and electing members to each section ([October 1937], 6pp, 4pp); minute from J J McElligott, commenting upon the disproportionate influence of urban areas in the suggested representation in the Electoral College, and the restrictions on eligibility for nomination to the Administrative Panel (30 October 1937, 2pp); cutting from the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*, and *Irish Press* (13 November 1937, 3 items) concerning the proceedings of the Select Committee on the Senate Electoral (Panel Members) Bill, the defeat of the Government Group in the Committee, and the scheme for the election of Seanad panel members approved by the majority on the Committee.
- 188 29 December 1937 Copy of the published draft Constitution autographed on the title page by each member of the Cabinet. 117pp

e. National Defence

- 189** [1930s] **Volunteer Force:** copy [Department of Defence?] memorandum on ‘the formation of a new element or constituent part of the [defence] forces to be known as “The Volunteers”’; memorandum covers all aspects of the organisation and structure of the proposed force including the constitution and functions of Area Volunteer Committees. 28pp
- 190** February 1936- January 1937 Handwritten and typescript observations by MacEntee on three Department of Defence memoranda (February-July 1936, 9pp); letter from Maurice Moynihan, Secretary, Department of the President, to [W Honohan], Private Secretary, Minister for Finance, concerning the appointment of the Minister to membership of the Cabinet Committee on National Defence (12 January 1937, 1p); copy minute of the meeting of the Committee, 2 January 1937, at which the Minister for Finance’s membership of the Committee was recommended (1p). 13pp
- 191** 23 December 1937 J J Irwin, private Secretary, Minister for Defence [Frank Aiken], to [W. Honohan], Private Secretary, Minister for Finance, enclosing for retention by the Minister, a number of secret documents originating from G2 Branch, Department of Defence, relating to the country’s defences, including:
 copy no.18 of a secret memorandum mainly concerned with the fundamental problems inherent in the defence of the country; the probable British attitude towards Saorstát defence in the event of the outbreak of war; and the military implications of various Government policies which might be adopted in such an event (May 1936, 90pp);
 copy no. 10 of a secret letter from Major General M. Brennan, Chief of Staff, to the Minister for Defence, enclosing a memorandum explaining the numerical, armament, and training deficiencies of existing units of the defence forces, and recommending an immediate programme to remedy such deficiencies (22 September 1936, 13pp);
 copy of a letter from Colonel L Archer, G2 Branch, to the Chief of Staff, enclosing a memorandum giving details of the progress of rearmament in Europe in the previous year (20 February 1936, 22pp).

- 192** February 1938 Copy of a secret British [War Office?] memorandum giving 'approximate estimates of the capital cost, and the annual expenditure on maintenance, of the defence requirements of Éire'; handwritten annotations by MacEntee 18pp
- 193** 21 May 1938 Copy of a minute from Major General M Brennan, Chief of Staff, to the Minister for Defence, reporting discussion at a staff meeting, of organisational and financial matters affecting the armed forces; includes a scheme of organisation of the defence forces on the basis of a total strength of 50,000, and a plan for the allocation £600,000. Attached are expenditure estimates for a normal year for a force of 50,000, and an analysis of the British estimates for Éire defence requirements. 18pp
- 194** 1938 Financial tables and estimates relating to expenditure on the defence forces, including: Department of Defence estimate of the amount required in the year ending 31 March 1939 for the Army and Navy reserve; proof pages from the Book of Estimates, 1938 (14pp); copy typescript tables, 'Estimates of Annual Cost', giving summary figures and detailed analyses of current and capital expenditure on all aspects of Defence force operation and administration (26pp); handwritten comments on aspects of the estimates (2pp); handwritten table entitled 'Some D[epartment of] Defence Works in P[ublic] W[orks] and Buildings Estimate, 1938-9 (2pp).
- 195** 16, 26 January 1939 Abstracts from 2 memoranda by MacEntee in response to a previously submitted scheme of defence involving increases in land forces; he dismisses attack by Britain as improbable and examines the likelihood and nature of unprovoked attack on Ireland by one of Britain's enemies; he sees 'infrequent and spasmodic attack from the air as the only serious danger and urges that defence expenditure be directed to guard against such attack. 5pp
- 196** January-February 1939 Minister for Finance's copies of minutes and memoranda circulated in connection with proposals for the reorganisation of the defence forces, to be discussed at meetings of Government. Includes: Department of Defence minute and enclosures concerning increased expenditure on personnel and equipment; enclosures

- 196 contd** consist mainly of interdepartmental minutes and memoranda (December 1938-January 1939), between Defence and Finance, on the scope and estimated cost of the proposed reorganisation (23 January 1939, 80pp);
 Department of Finance memorandum consisting of observations on the Department of Defence memorandum enclosed with the minute above, on the cost of the proposals recently put forward by the Department (26 January 1939, 14pp);
 Department of Defence minute and memorandum on the reorganisation of the Volunteer Force, including a scheme of organisation and an estimate of cost (7 February 1939, 12pp).
 107pp

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- 197** 19-26 March 1938 4 cuttings from *The Times*, *Economist*, and *Spectator*, dealing with matters relating to preparations for war, such as food production, armaments, population and strategic importance, in Germany, Austria, USSR, France and Italy. 6pp
- 198** [c September 1938] 2 copy letters from MacEntee to the newspapers, in response to a letter from Mary MacSwiney, and a public statement by Maud Gonne MacBride, concerning German policy in Czechoslovakia, interpreted by MacEntee as showing pro-Nazi sympathy and support for the partition of Czechoslovakia. 4pp, 3pp
- 199** 1938-45 **Money and finance – miscellaneous:** file of this title containing an unidentified memorandum on the establishment of an international exchange clearing house (November 1938, 12pp); copy memorandum from the Minister for Finance [MacEntee] consisting of copies of speeches made by Dr Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and Secretary of State Brinkmann, dealing with aspects of German economic policy (May 1939, 32pp); typescript extracts from published works dealing with the post-WW1 German economy (2 items); copy letter from [MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health], to the Taoiseach, concerning the fixing of wheat prices (22 November 1941, 4pp); Currency Commission and Central Bank published reports and statements of accounts (1942, 1943); copy memorandum by MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, concerning Irish sterling assets, wartime production, and post-war reconstruction ([1942], 5pp); Department of Finance figures on the external assets of Irish commercial banks (1943); newspaper cuttings on British budgetary and economic matters (1942-5). 82pp

- 200** 1938-48 Newscuttings mainly from Irish and British newspapers, primarily concerning European dimensions of the war including the readjustment of frontiers; the economic situation in individual countries; the bombing of British cities; the general election Éire, 1944; and post-war reconstruction. 25 items
- 201** 15 April 1939 Minute from J J McElligott to MacEntee, enclosing a copy of a secret memorandum (24 September 1938) on the action taken by the Department of Finance in connection with the possible development of a state of emergency arising from the present international crisis; relates specifically to the action required to retain public confidence in financial and currency matters by the maintenance of normal conditions. 9pp
- 202** [August 1939] Copy memorandum [by MacEntee?] on the Irish position in relation to the crisis in Poland emphasising similarities in Irish and Polish history. 2pp
- 203** September 1939 Handwritten and typescript copy minute proposing the lowering of the sterling value of the Irish currency as a means of adjusting agricultural prices ([September 1939] 1p); 2 memoranda by Professor G A Duncan, Law School, Trinity College, Dublin, concerning the minuted proposal and parallels between the present economic situation in Ireland and that in Sweden during WW1 (September 1939, 4pp, 15pp); memorandum containing observations of the Minister for Finance on the general financial policy to be pursued during the present war, dealing with points made in the Duncan memorandum ([September 1939], 10pp); further memorandum by Duncan commenting upon the Minister's observations on his previous memorandum ([September 1939], 4pp). 38pp
- 204** September-October 1939 Correspondence with other Ministers, with businessmen, economists, and members of the public, concerning routine aspects of the Emergency including accommodation for the Minister for Defence and his staff in Government buildings; the hoarding of supplies; acknowledgement and thanks to those who had offered their services to Government during the Emergency; and recruiting by Irish Firms for the British Army. 15 items

- 205** March-May 1940 Cuttings from British newspapers and journals concerning proposals by John Maynard Keynes, originally published in a series of articles in *The Times*, for a scheme of compulsory saving to finance the conduct of the war; copy of J M Keynes, *How to pay for the war* (London, 1940) vii & 88pp, expanding upon the articles; 2 cuttings from a later date (September, October 1941) concerning the nomination of Keynes as a director of the Bank of England and the need to curb public expenditure. 41 items
- 206** June-December 1940; September 1941 Cuttings mainly from Northern Ireland newspapers, dealing with the implications of Irish neutrality for the defence of the Island; the question arises from the debate in the NI House of Commons on the Ministry of Public Security Bill (June 1940) and suggestions for a joint defensive strategy; includes copy no.8 of a secret [G2 Branch?] memorandum entitled 'British and American press campaign against Irish neutrality' containing extracts from press and radio and from the BBC analysis of foreign broadcasts, a secret and restricted circulation document from the Ministry of Information. 36 items
- 207** 12 October 1940 Cutting from *The Times* containing an article entitled 'Fallacies of Nazi finance. How war demands have been met'. 1 item
- 208** December 1940 Copy letters from MacEntee to Tom Deerig [Minister for Education] and Seán T O Ceallaigh [Minister for Finance], enclosing extracts from Gustav Stolper, *German economy, 1870-1940*, dealing with the financial policy of the Third Reich. 14pp
- 209** December 1940 Typescript extracts from *The development of modern France* by D W Brogan, professor of political Science at Cambridge (61pp), dealing mainly with the financial affairs of the Third Republic; copy letters from MacEntee to J J McElligott, Seán T O Ceallaigh, and Tom Derrig enclosing copies of the extracts and drawing parallels between the French and Irish situations, particularly in view of forthcoming discussions on the draft of the Central Bank Bill (3, 4 December 1940, 1p each); reply from McElligott (14 December 1940, 1p). 5 items

- 210** [c 1940] Seamus O'Neill, 22 Glenart Avneue, Blackrock, county Dublin, referring to a recent speech by MacEntee in Meath which O'Neill interprets as an indication of acquiescence in the occupation by Britain of NI; he urges support for a German invasion of Ireland to liberate the country (3pp); draft reply by MacEntee (4pp).
- 211** March 1941 File of cuttings from the *Irish Times* relating to proposals by W E Wylie for the establishment of a 'Guild of Goodwill' designed to counteract problems such as unemployment, poverty, and food shortages arising from the Emergency; proposals relate mainly to the formation of non-profit taking companies; cuttings consist mainly of letters to the editor. 13 items
- 212** April 1941 Copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, to Seán T O Ceallaigh and Tom Derrig, enclosing a summary of a chapter from J R Hicks *The taxation of war wealth*, dealing with excess profits duty as the basis of British practice in the taxation of war profits, 1915-21 (6pp); cutting from the *Daily Telegraph* (30 April 1941) dealing with British budgetary matters and sources of war finance. 5 items
- 213** August 1941- Copies of memoranda prepared by Professor John Busted [Professor of Economics, university College, Cork], on economic issues. **Includes:** wartime external trade and sterling assets (August 1941, 9pp); the computation of change in sterling assets (September 1941, 2pp); prices in war (September 1941, 2pp); some recent financial statistics (January 1942, 4pp); the Central Bank Bill, with a summary and continuation of the memorandum (March 1942, 22pp). includes covering letters from [Hugo V Flinn], Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, to MacEntee. 45pp
- 214** January 1942- April 1944 File of newscuttings and transcripts of news articles dealing mainly with the economic effects of the war on other neutral countries including Portugal and Sweden, in terms of trade, shortages, and rationing. 9 items

- 215** July 1945 Volume of *Dáil Debates* (4-6 July 1945) containing a report of Patrick McGilligan's speech on Committee Stage of the estimates for the Department of the Taoiseach, concerning the State's holdings of sterling assets and the danger of those assets being written down by up to 50%; paper cuttings reporting the speech; copy of a letter [from MacEntee?] to Dan Breen, St Kevin's Park, Dartry, concerning McGilligan's speech, his own speech in reply, and the general question of the sterling assets. 5 items
- 216** August 1945- December 1947 File of press cuttings, mainly from *The Times*, *Economist*, and *Observer*, dealing with aspects of the post-war international economy including inflation and recession. 26 items
- 217** January 1946 Cutting from *The Times* reporting on proceedings at the Nuremberg Trial of Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank and Minister for Finance, for his part in financing German rearmament. 1 item

ii. Minister for Finance, 1951-4

- 218** 14 December 1951 **Sterling Area Crisis, 1952:** top secret and personal letter from R A Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Treasury Chambers, Great George Street, London, to MacEntee, seeking cooperation in dealing with the very grave economic crisis which faces the sterling area.' He writes 'to lay before you informally and in the strictest confidence some facts as to the gravity of the present position and some indication of the action which we are taking in the UK and our ideas as to how the general problem should be tackled'. He underlines the dangers if gold and dollar reserves become inadequate to support the sterling area system and emphasises the present and projected gold and dollar deficits. He suggests discussions between their two Governments after the meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in London in January 1952 but stresses the urgency of individual countries considering any action that can be taken to improve their balance of payments with non-sterling countries. 8pp

- 219** 1951-4 **Budgets:** photocopies of each year's Budget as published by the Department of Finance; includes the text of the Minister's financial statement, the Estimates for the coming year, and explanatory tables. 4 items
- 220** 1953-4 **Fine Gael economic policy:** copy of *The Leader* 28 February 1953, containing a leading article, '*Fine Gael looks ahead*', dealing with J A Costello's speech to the Fine Gael Ard Fheis, particularly his proposals on economic policy; minute from [P O Griobhtha], Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance, referring to the article and requesting a memorandum for the Minister on aspects of the Costello speech (February 1953, 1p); memorandum by T K Whitaker [Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance] for the Minister, concerning Mr Costello's remarks with particular reference to short dated treasury bills (4 March 1953, 6pp); letter from R P Rice, [Chairman] Revenue Commissioners, to J J McElligott, enclosing a memorandum prepared by the Commissioners on Mr Costello's references to a new definition of profit (7 March 1954, 6pp); Department of Finance memorandum in the form of observations on questions by Costello [in Dáil Éireann during the debate on the Finance Bill?] (May 1954, 6pp). 5 items
- 221** August 1953 **National Development Fund:** observations on the establishment of a National Development Fund, from the Cabinet Committee on the Provision of Employment (5pp); chart and notes from the Department of Finance, attempting to establish a relationship between reductions in unemployment and rises in Marshall Aid expenditure (4pp); correspondence between the Minister for Finance and J J McElligott, Governor, Central Bank, concerning the absence of any such relationship, and the Bank's observations on the proposed National Development Fund (5 items); draft, copy and summary of the Bank's observations (35pp). 10 items
- 222** October 1953-
February 1954 **Removal of D J O'Donovan as Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare:** copy of a minute from D J O'Donovan, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, to [J J McElligott] Secretary, Department of Finance, concerning an increase in the Estimate for Social Insurance and enclosing a tabular review of the Estimate (15 October 1953, 3pp); copy letter from MacEntee to Dr James Ryan, Minister for Social Welfare, concerning the conduct of the Secretary of his Department in submitting an insufficient Estimate and delaying the submission

- 222 contd** of a revision (29 October 1953, 7pp); handwritten draft letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, enclosing copies of the Social Welfare minute and his letter to Ryan (29 October 1953, 2pp); letter from the Minister for Social Welfare to MacEntee, concerning the Supplementary Estimate for his Department, the causes of the increased expenditure, and the reasons for the delay in informing the Minister for Finance of the need for a revision (13 November 1953, 4pp); drafts and copy of a letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, claiming to show 'how in this matter the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare misled not only the Minister for Finance, but the Government and Dáil Éireann as well.' (27 February 1954, 3pp).
- 223** 1953-4 **Queries and answers relating to the 1954 Budget and to statistics relating thereto. Minutes by Dr [B P] Menton and T K Whitaker:** file consisting mainly of narrative and tabular material serving to undermine Fine Gael financial proposals, embodied in the speech of the party leader, J A Costello, to the Ard Fheis; relates to the control of investment; industrial and agricultural production; external trade; banking; savings; and taxation. Includes material prepared by Departmental officials at the Minister's request, and copies of the Revenue Commissioners' memoranda on taxation. 82pp
- 224** 11 March 1954 J J McElligott, Central bank of Ireland, Foster Place, Dublin, conveying good wishes on MacEntee's recovery from illness. '...you carry now, as always, my respect for your ingenuity and courage and my admiration for the single-minded manner in which you have served your country ever since I came to know you, nigh forty years ago and in slightly different circumstances.' 2pp
- 225** March 1954 **Commission on population:** typescript copy of the report of the Commission appointed in April 1948 by William Norton, the then Minister for Social Welfare, to investigate population levels and trends; to examine the social and economic effects of birth, death, emigration, and marriage rates; to consider what measures should be taken to influence future population trends, and the desirability of formulating a national population policy. c 375pp

- 226** 31 May 1954 **Irish News Agency:** copy letter from Eamon de Valera, Taoiseach, to Roger Greene, Chairman, Irish News Agency, Fleet Street, Dublin, in response to letters from Greene concerning the status of the Agency in relation to the Department of External Affairs, and continued State subvention for the Agency; the Taoiseach clarifies both points and their bearing upon a contract between the Agency and United Press Association. 2pp
- 227** 2 June 1954 Kenneth Whitaker, 148 Stillorgan Road, Dublin. [Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance].
 'I would have liked to thank you for your kindness – quite unexpected and undeserved – in presenting me with so beautiful a memento of the last three years and for inscribing it in such generous terms... I could not let this opportunity pass without expressing my great admiration for the courage behind the 1952 Budget and for your unsparing devotion to public duty when everyone would have held you excused.' 2pp

C. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, 1939-41 [-47]

- 228** 1939-42 **Banking:** material relating to banking and monetary policy including typescript copy of the third minority report of the Commission of Enquiry into Banking, Currency and Credit, 1934-8 (46pp); handwritten letter from Erskine Childers to MacEntee, putting forward his own credentials for membership of the Commission on Unemployment (30 November [1940], 1p); newspaper cuttings on banking matters including the report of the Banking Commission (1940); copy of a letter and minute from Hugo Flinn [Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance] to the Taoiseach, concerning sterling balances (5 March 1941, 4pp); 2 minutes from [J J McElligott, Secretary, Department of Finance] containing observations on Flinn's proposals and on Éire's holdings of external assets (March 1941, 3pp, 4pp); copy of a memorandum on the Central bank as the Controller of Credit [Extract from the report of the Banking Commission?] (13pp); copy of the Societe Belge d'Etudes et d'Expansion *Bulletin*, October 1939, containing an article by MacEntee on Irish Economic policy; offprint from *Revue d'Economie Politique* of an article by V Dillard SJ on 'The Irish monetary dilemma' with a typescript translation of the article. 23 items

- 229** 1940-1 **Trade Union Act, 1941:** photocopy of a minute from MacEntee to the Secretary [Department of Industry and Commerce, R C Ferguson], concerning the draft heads of the proposed bill dealing with the regulation of the exercise of the right to strike (March 1940, 6pp); copy of the presidential address by C P McCarthy to the Commerce Society, University College, Cork, on 'Industrial disputes and wage levels in Éire' (March 1940, 13pp); photocopies of Industry and Commerce memorandum on the proposed Bill (April 1940, 11pp) with later handwritten annotations by MacEntee; photocopy of the observations of the Minister for Finance (S T O Ceallaigh) on the Industry and Commerce memorandum (April 1940, 8pp); copy Industry and Commerce memorandum for Government, submitting final draft heads of a Bill relating to strikes in public utility and essential undertakings and making certain changes in the law relating to trade union and employers' associations (June 1940, 17pp); photocopy of the Trade Union Bill, 1941, as introduced (12pp); copy of the Trade Union Act, 1941 (51pp); correspondence and press cuttings from a later date, relating to the circumstances behind the passing of the 1941 Act and industrial relations matters generally (March-April 1969, September 1980, 5 items). 14 items
- 230** April 1940 **Peat-burning power station:** letter from Fergus F O'Kelly, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin, mainly concerning the capital costs of the proposed station, in comparison to a coal-burning one (26 April 1940, 1p) and enclosing a schedule of capital and annual costs of a turf-powered station as opposed to four steam, water and coal powered stations already in operation in Ireland (3pp) 2 items
- 231** April 1940 **Peat-burning power station:** copy memorandum from [MacEntee] to [R C Ferguson], Secretary [Industry and Commerce], referring to the Secretary's minute of 17 April suggesting the appointment of a control board to supervise the construction and operation of the proposed turf-powered station; the Minister prefers the formation of a statutory company to erect and operate the station; he outlines the composition of its board and considers the role of the Turf Development Board in the project. 4pp
- 232** 1940 **Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill, 1940:** copies of two Industry and Commerce memoranda on proposals for legislation to increase the total amount which could be advanced to the Electricity Supply Board from the Central Fund; to enable the Board to invest its Reserve Fund in approved securities; to enable the

- 232 contd** construction of peat-fuelled generating stations; and for certain amendments to the Electricity Supply Act, 1927 (July, August 1940, 5pp each); photocopy of the general scheme of the proposed legislation (1p); copy of the Bill. 4 items
- 233** [1940?] **Transshipment:** copy undated memorandum from [MacEntee] to [R C Ferguson], Secretary [Industry and Commerce], concerning proposals for the development by Ireland of entrepot trade and transshipment facilities; the Minister refers to Department of External Affairs memoranda dismissive of the likelihood of a neutral state being able to operate in this way and considers himself the advantages of the proposals in revitalising harbour and internal transport facilities and ensuring necessary supplies and raw materials to native agricultural and manufacturing industry. 4pp
- 234** 1 February 1941 Handwritten minute by MacEntee of a conversation with the Taoiseach the previous evening, concerning a Cabinet decision to allow Henry Ford & Son, Cork, to undertake the finishing of engine parts for outside firms; this decision had not been relayed to Fords, the Taoiseach having reconsidered the matter and being 'unalterably opposed to giving the permission'; MacEntee had pointed out to the Taoiseach that Fords had now closed the Cork factory and could reopen only if they received work of the nature indicated from British firms; he had asked the Taoiseach to reconsider his attitude but was unsuccessful. 2pp
- 235** [c June] 1941 **Trade Union Act, 1941:** copy of an open letter from MacEntee to an Irish trade unionist, concerning the Trade Union Bill, 1941. 15pp
- 236** 26 July 1941 *Irish Workers' Weekly*, containing a leading article entitled 'MacEntee forces through anti-trade union Bill', concerning the Trade Union Act, 1941. 4pp
- 237** [c 1941] **Rural electrification:** handwritten note on the capital cost of a scheme of rural electrification, with Electricity Supply Board proposals for State funding, and projections for employment within the scheme. 1p

- 238** December 1942- February 1943 **Coal mining:** independent reports to the Minister for Industry and Commerce [Seán Lemass] on the Slievardagh Colliery Company [county Tipperary?], and the economic advisability of the development of the Slievardagh coalfield (December 1942, 29pp); set of accounts of the Cloyne Clay Company, Ballinacurra, county Cork, in receivership (February 1943).
- 239** May 1943 **Trade Union Act, 1943:** copies of the Trade Union Acts, 1941 and 1942; correspondence between MacEntee and R C Ferguson, Secretary, Industry and Commerce (May 1943); notes and tables enclosed by Ferguson relate to industrial disputes and threatened disputes arising from inter-union disagreements; table of trade unions registered under the Trade Union Act, 1941 (6pp); table of trade disputes in Ireland since 1932 arising out of inter-union disagreements (7pp); copy of the brief prepared for MacEntee as Minister for Industry and Commerce, for the Second Stage debate on the Trade Union Bill, 1941 (July 1941, 20pp); 2 copies of *The Torch*, 1943, containing comment on aspects of Government policy on trade unions. 18 items
- 240** October 1943 **Mineral exploration:** copy of Comhlucht Lorgtha agus Forbartha Mianrai Teoranta [Minerals Exploration and Development Company] preliminary report on the post-war development of mineral resources in Éire; consists mainly of a description of individual mines and proposals for their development. Confidential. 41pp
- 241** January 1945 **Avoca Mines:** copy of Comhlucht Lorgtha agus Forbartha Mianrai Teoranta report on Avoca Mines by L C Wynne; includes an analysis of former reports on the mines, a review of work done by the present company, and recommendations for future development. 36pp
- 242** February 1945 **Avoca Mines:** copy letter from [J B ?], managing director [Comhlucht Lorgtha agus Forbartha Mianrai Teoranta] to [Seán Lemass], Minister for Industry and Commerce, commenting in detail, at the minister's request, on a recent report on Avoca Mines by Professor Ritson [Royal School of Mines]. 6pp

- 243** September 1946- December 1947 **Mineral resources:** report of the Board of Directors of Mianrai Teoranta, on the future policy of the company (September 1946, copy no. 27, 32pp); copy letter from the Chairman and directors, Mianrai Teoranta, Harcourt Street, Dublin, to [Seán Lemass], Minister for industry and Commerce, submitting a proposal for exploration for minerals in the Avoca area (31 December 1947, 9pp) and enclosing a copy of a report on the Avoca mining district by the Company's geological consultant (22 November 1947, 19pp). 3 items

D. MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, 1941-8

- 244** 1941-3 **Industry and Commerce.** Material supplied by the Department of Industry and Commerce as being of interest to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health: copy of an article from the journal *Commercial America* (October 1941, 5pp), and related correspondence, concerning the installation of a 1,000 kilowatt windmill at Rutland, Vermont, USA (December 1941, 6 items); copy of a confidential memorandum from Timothy J. Horgan, A P Reynolds, chairman, Great Southern Railways, on the engineering aspect of the electrification of the Irish railway system (June 1943, 9pp).
- 245** March 1942- October 1947 **Letters to the Taoiseach:** file of copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, enclosing and commenting upon material for his information in the form of press cuttings and transcripts of articles; material mainly concerns industrial and financial matters; includes copy letter commenting upon and analysing the rise in the cost of living index over the previous four months, the link with Government policy on wages, and the consequent danger of inflation (22 December 1942, 2pp). 40 items
- 246** 7 March- 17 September 1942 *The Bell:* correspondence with Seán O Faolain, Knockaderry, Killiney, county Dublin, editor of *The Bell*, 43 Parkgate Street, Dublin, concerning proposals by O Faolain for the introduction of an export subsidy scheme for periodicals, and the likelihood of increased advertising by Government Departments in the magazine; memorandum on the proposed scheme (March

- 246 contd** 1942, 2pp); copy letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach recommending consideration of the scheme and enclosing a copy of the memorandum (8 April 1942, 2pp); correspondence with other Ministers concerning the likelihood of their Departments advertising in the magazine. 29 items
- 247** June 1942-
March 1944 **Tourism:** correspondence with Baron Monteagle of Brandon and the Earl of Kenmare, concerning the development of the tourism industry in Ireland and possible cooperation with Butlins Holiday Camps to this end (June 1942); correspondence with Monteagle and with Ministerial colleagues, particularly, Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, concerning Kenmare's decision to liquidate his estate and leave Ireland following the Tourist Board's failure to fulfil an agreement in principle for the development of Killarney (October-November 1942); copy of a report by Richard Paget entitled 'Notes on a scheme for the management, development, maintenance, and exploitation of the inland fisheries of Ireland as a source of national wealth and income, and as an asset to tourism' (c March 1944, c45pp). 17 items
- 248** January 1943 **Turf Production:** copy of a letter from D C Lawlor, secretary, An Bord um Fhorbairt Mona Teo, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, to the Director, Special Employment Schemes Office, 51 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, containing an interim report on the prospects for post-Emergency turf production with particular reference to the cost of production and the use of turf for electricity generation (19 January 1943, 2pp); copy of a letter from Hugo V Flinn to the Taoiseach, enclosing and commenting upon a copy of Lawlor's letter (19 January 1943, 1p).
- 249** February 1943-
January 1944 **Rural electrification:** memoranda from the Departments of Finance and Industry and Commerce on the Electricity Supply Board report on rural electrification (February 1943, 4pp, 1p); memorandum by Fergus F O'Kelly, managing director, Minerals Exploration and Development Company Ltd, on the report (April 1943, 4pp); supplementary Industry and Commerce memorandum (August 1943, 1p); final text of the E S B report (January 1944, c175pp).

- 250** March 1943 **Fire Service:** Copy letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach (13 March 1943, 1p), annotated by MacEntee to indicate the Taoiseach's reply by telephone, enclosing copy of a letter from J W Scales, Secretary, Minister of Public Security, Stormont Castle, Belfast, to [J Hurson], Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, conveying his Minister's sympathy on the occasion of a recent tragic fire in Cavan, indicating the willingness of the N I Fire Service to answer 'any call for assistance to fires occurring in districts in Éire which can be reached within reasonable time...', and suggesting procedures for the verification of such calls (6 March 1943, 1p); copy of a draft reply (1p). 3 items
- 251** 3 January 1944 **Local Government and Public Health (Delegation of Ministerial Functions)**
Order: copy letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, outlining previous practice in the Department in the matter of delegation of Ministerial responsibilities to a Parliamentary Secretary; the statutory basis for such delegation; the circumstances surrounding a High Court decision in 1939 that delegation in such circumstances was illegal; and the consequent necessity for a Delegation Order; includes a statement of 'Public Health problems confronting Local Government Department'. 4pp
- 252** [c January 1944] **Local Government and Public health (Delegation of Ministerial Functions)**
Order: lists of functions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the headings 'Public Health', 'Poor Law', and 'National Health Insurance', to illustrate the difficulty of complying with the High Court decision, 1939, that the Minister must discharge his functions in person. 6pp
- 253** 22 March 1944 **Local Government and Public Health (Delegation of Ministerial Functions)**
Order: memorandum from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to the Government, submitting the draft order; includes a statement of urgent problems relating to public health that must be dealt with. 17pp
- 254** April 1944 **Statistics of expenditure:** tables and minutes relating to public expenditure, prepared by the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and Finance; includes expenditure on public health works; housing; schools; roads; loans and grants to local

- 254 contd** authority hospitals from the Hospitals Trust Fund; capital expenditure on the encouragement of turf production; afforestation; and advances for the purchase of land on estates divided by the Irish Land Commission.
24pp
- 255** 1 May 1944 **Parliamentary Secretary's duties:**
copy memorandum from the Minister to his Parliamentary Secretary, Erskine Childers, setting out his duties under relevant statutes and outlining areas of priority for the Parliamentary Secretary's attention with particular reference to Departmental audits of local authority accounts.
3pp
- 256** 24 July 1944 **Ministerial pensions and salaries:**
copy of a personal letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, referring to a memorandum circulated by the Minister for Defence on the question of the abatement of Military Service Pensions, and Department of Finance observations on the effect of the Minister's proposals on the personal position of members of the Government; MacEntee considers the history of Government decisions and statutory provisions affecting Ministerial pensions and salaries since the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Ministerial and other salaries, December 1937; and examines the anomalous and inequitable position of Ministerial salaries in comparison to those of Secretaries of Departments and other senior civil servants.
2pp
- 257** July 1944-
March 1946 **National Health Insurance Society - Dr Dignan's proposals:** 3 files of material relating to proposals put forward by Revd J Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, and Chairman, Committee of Management, National Health Insurance Society, for the reorganisation and extension of health services under an expanded N H I S; files include text of a paper read to the Committee of Management of the Society and subsequent memoranda embodying His Lordship's proposals; drafts and copies of correspondence between the Minister, as the member of Government responsible for the Society, and Dr Dignan, concerning the Minister's view of the proposals as impractical, and the manner in which they were publicised without consultation with the Minister as a breach of Dr Dignan's position and his statutory relationship with the Minister; copies of extracts from the minutes of meetings of the Committee of Management of the Society relating to discussion of the proposals; copies of correspondence between the Minister and the Committee of Management; opinions from the legal

- 257 contd** representatives of both sides as to the statutory relationship between the Minister and the Society under the National Health Insurance Act, 1933, and the extent of the powers of the Minister in relation to the Society; Departmental memoranda on the proposals, existing health provision, and the history, purpose, and constitution of the N H I S; copies of extracts from Dáil Debates; press cuttings and copies of letters from the Minister to the editors of newspapers concerning the public controversy that had arisen from the proposals.
- 258** October 1944 **National Health Insurance:** copy of a letter from Dr Robert Collis, 26 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin to Dr J P Shanley [Chairman, Irish Medical Association?] (25 October 1944, 1p), enclosing a copy of a letter from Revd J Dignan, St Brendan's, Loughrea, to himself (23 October 1944, 1p); His Lordship refers to his own scheme [for a system of national health insurance], expresses a willingness to cooperate with the medical profession to motivate the Government in the matter, and proposes a meeting with Dr Shanley to produce a coordinated scheme; Dr Collis considers the similarities between the Bishop's scheme and their own, and the desirability of a private meeting with him. 2 items
- 259** November-December 1944 **National Health Insurance Society:** material relating to the appointment by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for local Government and public Health of a trustee and member of the Committee of Management of the Society; includes minutes by J A Duffy, Controller, and P J Keady, of the Society; includes minutes by J A Duffy, Controller, and P J Keady, Chief Accountant, widows' and Orphans' Pensions, Department of Local Government and Public Health, and by MacEntee, concerning potential conflict in the position of civil servants appointed as Ministerial representatives to statutory bodies when they also exercise Departmental functions in the supervision of those bodies; MacEntee disclaims the possibility of such conflict, gives examples of civil servants functioning as Ministerial representatives on other statutory bodies, and outlines the responsibilities of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health's representative on the national Health Insurance Society. 8 items
- 260** November 1944- June 1947 File of cuttings from the *Irish Times* concerning Department of Local Government and Public Health issues, mainly the **Public Health Bill, 1945** and the **Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, 1946**; other issues include housing policy and rating. Cuttings include editorial comment,

- 260 contd** reports of public statements by the Minister, and letters from T J Barrington, Private Secretary, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in response to the paper's stance on the issues.
36pp
- 261** [March 1936-] **Social Services:** reports, memoranda
November 1944- and correspondence relating to the
November 1945 reorganisation and extension of
provision for social services in Ireland,
including related material from an earlier period. Incomplete
Local Government and Public Health copy memorandum on
provision made by public authorities in the Irish Free State for
sickness and infirmity (March 1936, 15pp);
Industry and Commerce copy memorandum on economic
progress and welfare provision (September 1940, 8pp);
Press cuttings on the Beveridge report on social insurance in the
UK (January-February 1943, 10 items);
Published text of papers read at a symposium on Irish social
services, organised by the Statistical and Social Enquiry Society
of Ireland (March 1943, 34pp);
5 Local Government and Public Health copy memoranda prepared
in connection with a Private Deputy's motion in Dáil Éireann
proposing the introduction of a comprehensive scheme of social
security, under a Ministry of Social Services (November 1944 –
February 1945, c 4pp each);
letter from Padraig O Cinneide, Assistant Secretary, Department
of the Taoiseach, to the Minister for Local Government and Public
Health, informing him of the establishment of an Inter-
Departmental Committee to report on the possible assignment of
the administration of social services to a single Minister (21
February 1945, 1p);
Local Government and Public Health copy memorandum on
social services administered by it (September 1943, 4pp), together
with a covering memorandum on Departmental representation on
the Inter-Departmental Committee (February 1945, 1p);
Local Government and Public Health copy memorandum on
proposals by the Irish Medical Association for a national medical
service (February 1945, 25pp);
Industry and Commerce copy memorandum on social insurance
schemes in the UK and the estimated cost of adopting them in
Ireland (19 April 1945, 13pp);
Local Government and Public Health memorandum for the
Minister on the problems of extending social insurance in Ireland
with special reference to the rural community (c July 1945,
31pp);
Copies of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Social Services
majority and minority reports (July 1945, 12pp, 8pp);
Finance copy memorandum on the Inter-Departmental report
(July 1945, 3pp);
Copy of a paper on social security by Dr T J O'Reilly, Wyndham
Park, Bray (August 1945, 9pp);
Local Government and Public Health copy memorandum

- 261 contd** containing observations on the Inter-Departmental Committee report (October 1945, 6pp); Copy of a letter from D J O'Donovan, Chairman, National Health Insurance Society, to Dr F C Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, outlining proposals for a comprehensive scheme of national health insurance (9 November 1945, 11pp). 249pp
- 262** [c 1944] **Declining population:** Department of Industry and Commerce synopsis of vol.2 of the Census of Population, 1936, dealing with occupations (11pp); memorandum from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health entitled 'Observations bearing on the problem of a declining population' (c 1944, 10pp); copy draft memorandum from the Minister for Local Government and Public health, issuing guidelines for supplementary food allowances (4pp); cutting from *The Times* on the increase in the German birth rate under the Nazis (5 October 1942); pamphlet, *Britain's future population* by R F Harrod (OUP, 1943). 5 items
- 263** 1944 **Mental Treatment Bill, 1944:** photocopies of documents relating to the Bill, including Local Government and Public health memoranda on proposals to amend the lunacy laws; scheme of the Bill; copy of the Bill. [copies provided at MacEntee's request, **see** P67/781].
- 264** 1944-5 **Full employment:** copy of a British Government White Paper on Employment policy (1944, cmd 6527); copy Finance memorandum consisting of observations on the White Paper (31 October 1944, 19pp); copy memorandum by Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, on full employment (16 January 1945, 45pp), and observations on the Finance memorandum on the White Paper (4pp); copy memorandum from [Dr James Ryan], Minister for Agriculture, commenting upon the Lemass memorandum on full employment (12pp); press cuttings concerning the Lemass programme for full employment (March 1945); extract from minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Planning, referring to the Department of Finance memorandum on the White Paper (May 1945, 1p). 10 items

- 265** 1944-6 **New Zealand:** statistical information relating to New Zealand, and comparisons between NZ and Ireland in areas such as population; agricultural and industrial production; public debt and aggregate national income. Press cuttings and typescript extracts from newspapers. 14pp
- 266** April 1945 Correspondence with Phillis Bean Ui
September 1946 Cheallaigh [wife of Seán T O Ceallaigh], concerning her position as a public analyst on extended leave of absence, and the question of the appointment and qualifications of a deputy; and the criticism her position had attracted, particularly in the light of her husband's candidature for the Presidency of Ireland. They discuss the enactment of the Local Government Act, 1946, and its provisions for the appointment of deputies to public analysts as a resolution of Bean Ui Cheallaigh's dilemma. 8 items
- 267** September 1945- **Reorganisation of the Health**
October 1946 **Services:** 2 files containing reports, memoranda and minutes relating to proposals for the separation of health services for public assistance, extension of the scope and improvement in the quality of these services, and the establishment of a separate Department of Health; includes consideration of the proposals by Dr John Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, for a national insurance scheme, and by the Irish medical Association for a national health service.
Includes:
Copy of the Department of Local Government and Public Health Committee on the Health Services draft report (September 1945, c 150pp) together with a summary (5pp);
2 copy minutes from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, recommending to Government that the report of the Departmental Committee be published as a White paper (November, December 1945, 3pp, 2pp);
summary of the [final?] report (5pp);
Finance copy minute on the draft scheme for the reorganisation of the health services (14 February 1946, 5pp) and copy observations of the Minister for Local Government and Public health on the Finance minute (5pp);
Memoranda for Government from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on the reorganisation of the health services (9 March, 23 August 1946, 13pp, 8pp);
Note of a conference between the Minister and senior officials of his Department (4 September 1946, 5pp); subsequent Departmental memorandum on points raised at the conference (17 September 1946, 15pp); Departmental analysis of the Dignan and Irish Medical Association schemes (September 1946, 13pp);
Copy memorandum from the Minister concerning the previous Departmental memorandum and outlining features to form the

- 267 contd** basis of a revised scheme to be submitted to Government (September 1946, 4pp);
Copy memorandum for Government from the Minister on the implications of the Government decisions on proposals contained in earlier memoranda (19 October 1946, 6pp). 29 items
- 268** November 1945 **British supplementary Budget, 1945:**
memorandum for the Government on provisions for the reduction of income tax and excess profits tax in the first Budget introduced by the new Labour Government in Britain. 3pp
- 269** [1945] Handwritten minute from Erskine Childers, Parliamentary Secretary, informing MacEntee that 'severe condemnation of the Hunt decision has been made known to me and to Bob Barton by a large number of people, it is regarded as a challenge to the Government by many'. [Hunt, a Protestant, was received into the Catholic Church and married a Catholic woman, despite a previous London civil marriage to another Catholic; charged with bigamy, he pleaded guilty and received a suspended sentence; the Church authorities were aware of his first marriage when permission was given for the second, despite its illegality under civil law]. Childers refers to other instances of anti-Protestant activity since 1939 including discrimination in appointments to public positions, censorship, the suppression of charitable societies, and the activities of Dr McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin. 2pp
- 270** [c 1945] Text of an address by the Minister on the Beveridge scheme for full employment in the UK; includes additional introductory remarks concerning Dr Dignan's proposals for a comprehensive scheme of social insurance in Ireland, and the manner in which these proposals were made public by the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society without prior consultation with the Minister. 29pp
- 271** [c 1945] **Economic and social aspects of land policy:** [Department of Lands?] copy memorandum concerning modifications in the control of agricultural production to suit post-war conditions; considers an economic holding to be a farm of between 30 and 250 acres and recommends a policy directed towards community welfare rather than individual benefit. 9pp

- 272 February 1946 **British population curve:** copy memorandum consisting of a summary of an article from *The Tablet*, dealing with the implications for Britain of a declining population rate. 4pp
- 273 15 April 1946 **Nationalisation and planning – how they have worked in the USSR:** memorandum of this title from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, circulated to other Ministers in view of proposals recently presented to Government; consists mainly of a transcript of an article entitled 'The limits of the planning system', from the *Annals of collective economy* (Geneva, 1942). 12pp
- 274 May 1946 **Dublin Fever Hospital:** letter from Conn W[ard], Parliamentary Secretary, to MacEntee (3 May 1946, 1p), returning and commenting upon a draft letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach (8pp) concerning calls for a judicial enquiry into whether the action of the Minister in removing the members of the Dublin Fever Hospital Board was justified by the evidence presented to the sworn enquiry into the functioning of the Board. 2 items
- 275 May 1946-
January 1948 **Resignation of Dr F C Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:** Minister's file containing material relating to the Tribunal of Enquiry appointed by the Taoiseach to investigate allegations relating to trading irregularities by Monaghan Curing Company, of which Dr Ward was Managing Director, and to the manner in which substitutes were appointed by Dr Ward to his position of Medical Officer of Health of the Monaghan Dispensary District, during his Parliamentary Secretaryship. Includes copies of material relating to the Local Government and Public Health (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order, 1944; memoranda from the legal adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and from the Assistant Secretary to the Department, on the legal basis for the appointment of a substitute by a medical officer of a dispensary district under certain circumstances (May 1946, 7pp); memorandum from the Attorney General on the question of the powers of the Tribunal to enforce full disclosure of documents and information (12 May 1946, 2pp); copy of the report of the Tribunal (6 May 1946, 17pp); press cuttings reporting the debate in the Dáil Éireann on the Tribunal's findings; copies of Dáil questions (July 1946); copy of a minute prepared for the Taoiseach by his Department, on aspects of the case (14 January 1948, 2pp). 61pp

- 276** July 1946 Letter from Mrs Sheila Ward, Morven, Nashville Park, Howth, to MacEntee, thanking him for his loyalty and friendship towards her husband. 'Probably the most hurtful part of the whole business was the Taoiseach's preparedness to make Conn out a criminal in order to demonstrate his own integrity. His speech has enraged all decent and fair-minded people' (14 July 1946, 5pp); draft reply from MacEntee (2pp). 2 items
- 277** July 1946-
April 1947 **UK coal production:** cuttings from British newspapers and Journals mainly concerned with statistics of coal production, consumption, and stocks; includes comment on manpower shortages in the industry, the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, and the crisis in coal production. 11 items
- 278** September 1946-
December 1947 **Soviet Union:** Press cuttings and transcripts of articles from British and Irish newspapers and journals on Soviet domestic and foreign policy, the Soviet economy, and the Soviet Communist Party and its leaders; correspondence between MacEntee and E J Garland, Acting High Commissioner for Canada, Merrion Square, Dublin, concerning the report of the Canadian Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Soviet espionage network in Canada. 37 items
- 279** November-
December 1946
[January 1979] **Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, 1946:** letter from H J Dowd, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach, enclosing, at MacEntee's request copies of documents relating to the Bill, providing for the establishment of separate Departments of Health and Social Welfare (15 January 1979, 1p). **Includes:** draft of the bill together with a Department of Finance memorandum explanatory of the bill and the background to its drafting (November 1946, 8pp); Copy of the Bill as introduced; Photocopy of draft of a speech by MacEntee during the Second Stage debate in the Seanad (14pp); [Local Government and Public health?] minute concerning the management of County Homes after the establishment of the new Departments (December 1946, 1p) and the Minister's observations on the minute (December 1946, 3pp).

- 280** November 1946 **Ministry of Social Welfare:** Local Government and Public health memorandum on the establishment of the new Department to facilitate the administration and development of income-maintenance schemes. 68pp
- 281** November 1946- March 1947 Letter from B[rian] O Nuallain [Assistant Principal, Local Government and Public Health], concerning the refusal of the Department of Finance to sanction his promotion to Principal Officer grade without an undertaking from him to refrain from outside activities and without conditions concerning a medical report and sick leave absence (13 November 1946, 2pp); correspondence between MacEntee and Frank Aiken, minister for Finance, concerning the conditions attached by Finance to the promotion (December 1946, March 1947, 3 items). 4 items
- 282** December 1946- January 1947 **Rural depopulation:** copy of a memorandum on the subject by Aodh de Blacam, Ard Beinean, Blackrock, Dundalk, for the Taoiseach and members of the National Executive of Fianna Fáil (4 December 1946, 7pp); further note from de Blacam to the Taoiseach, Dr Ryan [Minister for Agriculture], MacEntee, and Mr Boland [Minister for Justice], following discussion and criticism of the memorandum (c January 1947, 2pp); memorandum from Canon Malachi MacBranain, for the Minister for Local Government, concerning housing schemes in his parish (c January 1947, 4pp); Local Government and Public Health memorandum for the Minister, dealing on a point by point basis with allegations in the de Blacam memorandum regarding housing policy and generally undemocratic local government (January 1947), 10pp); copy draft and annotated draft memorandum by MacEntee in response to the de Blacam memorandum (c January 1947, 15pp each). 55pp
- 283** 1946 **UK National Insurance Bill, 1946:** paper cuttings on the Bill; transcript of an article containing a critique of the Beveridge scheme for full employment (1945, 16pp). 3 items
- 284** February 1947 **UK coal shortage:** press cuttings from British newspapers commenting upon the cause and effects of the severe coal fuel shortage. 5 items

- 285** February- March 1947 **UK Economic Survey, 1947:** copy of the British Government White Paper containing the Economic Survey for 1947; copies of the House of Commons official reports of the debate on the economic situation; paper cuttings containing reports and comment on the survey and the Commons debate. 27 items
- 286** March- October 1947 **Transfer of certain functions from the Department of Local Government to the Department of Social Welfare:** photocopies of documents relating to the Social Welfare (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order, 1947, with particular reference to difficulties in framing the order as a result of disagreements between the two Departments in relation to functions under the Blind Persons Act, 1920, the school meals service, and the Public Assistance Act, 1939; includes memoranda, minutes and correspondence between the Secretary's to the Departments of Local Government, Social Welfare, and Health; copy of the transfer order. 21 items
- 287** April- May 1947 **Sinn Féin Funds Bill, 1947, and vote of censure on the Minister for Local Government:** material relating to the debate in Dáil Éireann on the Sinn Féin Funds Bill, in particular to attacks by members of the Opposition on the conduct of the Chief Justice; criticism by MacEntee of the behaviour of the Opposition in the course of a speech to a Fianna Fáil cumann; and a motion of censure by Fine Gael for his remarks as they implied criticism of the Ceannt Comhairle; material consists mainly of press cuttings. 36 items
- 288** May- August 1947 **Turf production:** material relating to a strike by turf workers employed by Offaly County Council, and remarks by the Minister concerning the likely substantial shortfalls in turf production as a result of the strike, made in the course of the Local Government Estimates Vote in Dáil Éireann (May 1947); includes correspondence between the Minister and M A Veale, Offaly County Manager, concerning the background to the strike, including copies of relevant correspondence with the Federation of Rural Workers; correspondence between the Minister and C S Andrews, Bord na Mona, concerning the wages and living conditions of Bord na Mona workers, in the light of critical press reportage; press cuttings; material concerning the Federation of Rural Workers and allegations of agitation of turf workers; pages from Dáil Debates. 53 items

- 293** [1947?] Letter from Erskine Childers reporting a meeting with his Longford constituency party and the criticisms levelled against the Government on local government and other issues. Childers makes a number of proposals, particularly relating to public finances, to allay hostility.
‘We may be too late. It is possible that we should have founded a new Party at the end of the Emergency embracing National Labour, F[ine] G[ael] and ourselves’. 3pp
- 294** December 1947- January 1948 **General election, 1948:** minutes and memoranda from M Brown, head of the Elections Section, Department of Local Government, to the Minister, concerning requirements and possibilities for a timetable for the election, and a date for polling; newscuttings containing full lists of candidates. 11 items
- 295** 19 December 1947 Copy of a circular letter from MacEntee to each County Manager. With county council responsibility for turf production about to be handed over to Bord na Mona, the Minister reviews the history of county council involvement in this area since the fuel crisis of 1941, gives figures for turf production in the intervening years, and expresses Government appreciation and his personal thanks to county council staff who contributed to the successful operation of the turf production scheme. 1p
- 296** December 1947 **Arklow Pottery Ltd:** copies of two reports and related correspondence concerning the general management of the company with particular reference to costing (February 1942, 26pp; October 1941, 13pp); correspondence between E T Sheehy, Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, and William Cleary, under Main Street, Arklow, who had submitted the reports to the Minister (December 1947, 3pp). 10 items
- 297** 1947 **Health Bill, 1947:** typescript draft White Paper on the health services, dealing with the evolution and present scope of the services, reforms proposed under the Health bill, 1947, and official proposals for further reform. 29pp

- 298** 11 February [1948] Confidential letter from Erskine Childers referring to his previous letter on his position and lack of promotion.
‘There is no need for me to repeat the statements in the other letter. It is bad for the Party in the eyes of the waverers and bad for me to be relegated to a position where my work is unknown and where the pioneering is virtually finished... Since I saw you last Robert Barton (not to be quoted please to anyone) hinted to me that a Protestant was unlikely to be appointed to the Ministries of Justice, Health, External Affairs, Education, and probably Social Welfare... I cannot believe it but others in Fianna Fáil have hinted at this and I should be glad to know the truth’.
3pp
- 299** [February 1948] Confidential letter from Erskine Childers giving a summary of his views as to the cause of the Government’s defeat in the general election, with regard to both Government policy and party organisation. Enclosed is a copy letter from Childers to Tom Mullins, General Secretary, Fianna Fáil, containing a post mortem on the election, proposals for strengthening party discipline, and observations on the unsatisfactory nature of the present method of selecting election candidates (10 February 1948, 3pp); and a copy of an ‘absolutely confidential summary of the intelligent waverer’s view of education’, giving the general view as to the shortcomings of the present education system (1p). 9pp
- 300** February 1948 Formal acknowledgement by J J McElligott, Secretary, Department of Finance, of the receipt from An Taoiseach, Eamon de Valera and Seán MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and formerly Minister for Finance, of receipts exchanged between Harry J Boland TD and L K Martens, Representative of the Soviet Republic in the United States, 16 April 1920, concerning jewels [Russian Crown Jewels] accepted by Ireland as security for a loan of \$20,000 to the USSR; and the jewels referred to in the receipts.
1p

**E. MINISTER FOR HEALTH, 1957-65 AND
MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, 1957-61**

i. Fluoridation of water supplies

- 301** May 1958 **Report of the Fluorine Consultative Council**, established by the Minister for Health under the Health Act, 1947 (SO, Dublin); copy used by Donough O'Donovan, Chief State Solicitor, in the Supreme Court in the case of Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General, to decide on the constitutionality of certain sections of the Health Act, 1960.
18pp
- 302** 12 June 1958 Photocopy of the text of an address by MacEntee at a dinner given by him for the members of the Fluorine Consultative Council, to mark the presentation of the Council's report. 6pp
- 303** February 1960 **Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Bill, 1959**: copy of the Bill and Department of Health explanatory memorandum circulated with the Bill. 7pp
- 304** [1960] Chronological table of events leading to the introduction in the Dáil of the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Bill, 1959; covers the period from May 1956 when the then Minister, T.F. O'Higgins, decided to establish a consultative council, to February 1960, when the text of the Bill and explanatory memorandum were circulated to Deputies. 2pp
- 305** April-December 1960 Copies of published Dáil and Seanad debates containing reports on various stages of the Health Bill, 1959. The copies of Dáil Debates contain reports on only the Second and Fifth Stages of the Bill. 7 items
- 306** 1960 **Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960**: copy of the Act. 16pp

- 307** October 1962 **Memorandum on dental caries and fluoridation**, published by the Department of Health.
12pp
- 308** July 1963 Judgement delivered by Mr Justice Kenny in the High Court, 31 July 1963, in the case of Gladys Ryan v the Attorney General, challenging the constitutional validity of the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960. Judgement published by the Department of Health.
36pp
- 309** July 1964 Judgement of the Supreme Court on the appeal of Gladys Ryan against the judgement of Mr Justice Kenny on the constitutional validity of the Health Act, 1960; published by the Department of Health.
22pp
- 310** 1 December 1965 'Fluoridation of water supplies in Ireland'; text of a paper by Michael Stanley, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Health, read at a seminar on fluoridation in Rutgers university, New Jersey, USA.
13pp
- 311** June- August 1967 3 letters from P S O Muireadhaigh, Secretary, Department of Health, concerning plans for a book on fluoridation in Ireland, to be written by Professor Edwin A Bock, Professor of Political Science, University of Syracuse, new York, under the aegis of the Inter-University Case Programme Incorporated of which Professor Bock is President. O Muireadhaigh outlines the modus operandi for the preparation of the book and arranges an interview between MacEntee and Bock.
6pp
- 312** February 1969-
September 1973 File of newspaper cuttings concerning the fluoridation of public water supplies; includes a letter from MacEntee to the editors of Irish newspapers on the findings of F O'Carroll, Senior Dental Officer, Kildare County Council, in 'A study on first permanent molars following four years of fluoridation' [see P67/313], the effects of the delay in the implementation of the Health Act, 1960, in the light of these findings, and the responsibility of Richie Ryan TD in attempting to prevent its enactment; also includes cuttings from British

- 312 contd** newspapers and medical journals concerning the publication of the report of the Committee on Research into Fluoridation [see P67/314]. 13 items
- 313** March 1969-April 1970 Correspondence with Dr F O'Carroll, Senior Dental Officer, Kildare County Council, concerning O'Carroll's published studies on the effects of fluoridation on dental health in his area; includes copies of the published reports. 8 items
- 314** 1969 **Report of the Committee on Research into Fluoridation:** Fluoridation studies in the UK and results achieved after 11 years (HMSO). 50pp
- 315** April 1969 Copies of 5 parliamentary questions tabled by MacEntee for [C J Haughey] the Minister for Finance, for answer on 15 April 1969; questions relate to the recovery of costs in the case taken to the High and Supreme Courts seeking a declaration that the Health Act, 1960, was repugnant to the Constitution; to allowances payable to members of the Oireachtas; and to equivalent incomes for the years 1932 and 1969. 5pp
- 316** February 1971- June 1972 Correspondence, mainly with Walter C Allwright, editor, *Journal of the Irish Dental Association*, concerning a contribution by MacEntee to a special issue dealing with fluoridation in Ireland, to mark the golden jubilee of the Association; included are handwritten and typescript drafts, corrected galley, and offprints of MacEntee's article, 'Fluoridation Ireland: the spadework'. 15 items
- 317** June-July 1971 Correspondence with P S O Muireadhaigh, Secretary, Department of Health, concerning MacEntee's research for his article for the *Journal of the Irish Dental Association*, and his request for copies of relevant documents; included is a cutting from the *Cork Examiner* 10 April 1961, containing a Department of Health advertisement on fluoridation, and a copy of a press release from Erskine Childers, Minister for Health (July 1971, 1p) on the number of water supplies fluoridated to date and the total population served. 11 items

ii. Other health, social welfare and policy issues

- 318** 10 April 1957 Seán T O Ceallaigh, President of Ireland, to visit MacEntee, Minister for Health; refers to a visit from Seán McBride who had presented copies of a report he had prepared for the Inter-European Organisation at Strasbourg, making recommendations for the economic development of Italy; encloses a copy of the report [not present] for MacEntee. 1p
- 319** April 1959 European Social Charter: material relating to the drafting of the Social Charter and Ireland's adherence to it. Includes copy of the draft Charter (April 1964, 17pp); correspondence between MacEntee and Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs, and between officials of their Departments, concerning progress in the drafting of the Charter, External Affairs' view of the implications for Ireland of being perceived as obstructing the approval of the draft Charter, Social Welfare's opinion of the provisions of specific Articles and reservations on Ireland's adherence to the Charter, and the Taoiseach's suggestion for the formation of an Inter-Departmental group to consider objections from Departments to the draft (May-July 1961); correspondence and minutes between MacEntee and P J Keady, Secretary, and W A Honohan, Assistant Secretary, Social Welfare, concerning the formulation of Departmental policy towards the draft Charter and reservations about certain provisions (May-July 1961); memorandum by W A H[onohan] entitled 'Draft Social Charter – observations on the text' [c June 1961]; letter from Andrias O Caoimh, Attorney General, to MacEntee, concerning the legislative implications for Ireland of adherence to the Charter (25 July 1961, 1p); copies of External Affairs draft and final memoranda for Government concerning ratification of the Charter (May 1961- September 1964, 3 items); copy draft memorandum by MacEntee, circulated in draft form to members of the Government, critical of the draft Charter, examining individual Articles and recommending that it not be accepted by Government (August 1961, 24pp); copy of an Industry and Commerce memorandum for Government concerning Article 8 of the Charter relating to the rights of employed women to protection, the necessity for Ireland to enact special legislation before implementing all provisions of this Article, and recommending that such legislation not be enacted and that Government reconsider its decision to accept all provisions of article 8 (April 1964, 5pp). 192pp

- 320** 17 October 1959 Conn Ward, Swan Park, Monaghan, concerning the tactics of the Irish Medical Association in sending an open letter [to the Taoiseach, Seán Lemass] on their disagreement with the Minister for Health on local authority hospital posts, and on the delay in implementing a scheme for blood testing expectant mothers.
2pp
- 321** [c October 1959] Copy Departmental memorandum on the statutory responsibilities of the [Local Appointments] Commissioners to select and recommend to a local authority a person or persons to fill posts; memorandum prepared in the context of the refusal of the Irish Medical Association to cooperate in the procedures for the appointment of a County Physician.
3pp
- 322** 1 December 1959 Copy of a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau, at the request of the Minister for Health, concerning the ban being operated by the Irish Medical Association on posts in local authority hospitals and the circumstances surrounding the attendance by the Minister at the annual dinner of the Association.
6pp
- 323** 15 January 1960 **Social Insurance Scheme:** minute from [T J Brady, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health?], enclosing a brief relating to a previously submitted draft memorandum on the extension and improvement of the Social Insurance Scheme; the brief deals with the various proposals considered prior to the adoption of the scheme outlined in the draft memorandum.
13pp
- 324** 1 March 1960 Personal and confidential letter from Michael Moran, Minister for Lands, giving details of attempts by the Irish Medical Association to dissuade representatives of county physicians and county surgeons from entering into negotiations with county managers with regard to their pay and conditions of employment, in the context of the disagreement between the Association and the Minister for Health on local authority hospital posts.
1p

- 325** 14 January 1961 Handwritten note from Seán Lemass, Taoiseach, 'Yours letter to [Michael] McInerney seems to me to be quite a work of art. I have certainly no changes to suggest'. 1p
- 326** February 1961 **Senator John O'Donovan v the Attorney General:** material relating to the case in the High Court on the constitutionality of the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 1959, with particular reference to constituency revision. **Includes:** Minister for Health's copies of 3 memoranda for Government from [Neill Blaney] the Minister for Local Government, on the implications of the High Court decision, one memorandum containing a copy of the judgement in the case (58pp); observations on the judgement and draft and copy memorandum [by MacEntee?] on its implications. 7 items
- 327** [1960/1] **Census of population, 1961:** copy of a minute from [the Central Statistics Office] on the implications of the postponement of the Census from the previously designated date in April 1961. The minute considers the possibility of postponement to a date later in the same month and the alternative of postponement for a longer period. 5pp
- 328** 29 January 1962 Confidential letter from Conn Ward, Swan Park, Monaghan, in response to an enquiry from MacEntee concerning a Dr Flannery. Ward criticises 'the slick methods of which Lemass is now master' and his own treatment by Fianna Fáil; he refers to a proposed external treatment scheme for mental illness utilising family doctors, and his own contribution to the Mental Treatment Act. 2pp
- 329** April 1962, February 1963 **Delays in planning hospitals:** copy note from [W E O'Reilly, Private Secretary to the Minister] to T J Brady, Secretary, Department of Health requesting information on the Minister's behalf concerning progress on the planning of the new Coombe and St Vincent's hospitals (1 April, 1962); handwritten draft of the note by MacEntee; copy minute from MacEntee to [T J Brady] concerning the general problem of delay in the planning of hospitals (10 April 1962, 2pp); letter from Mrs T C Kingsmill Moore, Orchardton, Rathfarnham, county Dublin concerning the timing of tendering for work on the Coombe Hospital (16 February 1963, 2pp). 5 items

- 330** May-July 1962 **Social Welfare Bill, 1962:** Minister for Health's copies of memoranda from [Kevin Boland] the Minister for Social Welfare for the Government outlining the general scheme of a Bill (9 May 1962, 47pp) and containing the text of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1962 (5 July 1962, 27pp); includes a minute from P S O M[uireadhaigh, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health] to the Minister on the general scheme of the Bill (14 May 1962, 2pp) and a memorandum from the Minister for Health for the Government on the same subject (15 May 1962, 2pp).
6 items
- 331** 11 January 1963 Note from Seán Lemass, Taoiseach, thanking MacEntee for bringing to his attention an article by Dr Noel Browne in *Tribune*, 4 January 1963 [dealing with church/state relations]; he encloses a typescript extract from the article 'for you to have available for use sometime in Dublin South East'.
2pp
- 332** May-July 1963 **Social Welfare Bill, 1963:** Minister for Health's copies of memoranda from the Minister for Social Welfare for the Government outlining the general scheme of a Bill (18 May 1963, 45pp) and containing the text of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1963 (4 July 1963, 32pp); includes notes on the Health Act, 1953, costs of living increases, 1953-63, and photocopies of pages from Dáil Debates on the Bill.
8 items
- 333** 7 April 1964 **Belgian doctors' strike:** copy confidential report from Frank Biggar, Irish Ambassador, Brussels, [son-in-law of MacEntee] to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Dublin, concerning a strike by Belgian doctors opposed to Government attempts to reform the system of medical insurance.
3pp
- 334** August-September 1964 **Visit to Ireland of the US Surgeon General:** brief prepared for the Minister for the visit of Dr Luther Terry, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, includes details of assistance from the US Public Health Service in the High Court case on the constitutionality of the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960; also includes correspondence relating to the visit.
10 items

- 339** 1965 **Medico-Social Research Board:**
 typescript copy of the Medico-Social Research Board (Establishment) Order, 1965, establishing the Board under the Health (Corporate Bodies) Act, 1961, to conduct surveys and statistical research in relation to human disease and the provision and operation of health services and to advise the Minister for Health on health and vital statistics.
 5pp
- 340** 1965 **Blood Transfusion Service Board:**
 typescript copy of the Blood Transfusion Service Board (Establishment) Order, 1965, establishing the Board under the Health (Corporate Bodies) Act, 1961, in succession to the National Blood Transfusion Association.
 8pp
- 341** April 1978-March 1979 5 letters from Michael ffrench O'Carroll, 2 Woodlands, Grange Road, Douglas, Cork, concerning his efforts to have his period of service as part-time Chairman of the Hospitals Commission, a position to which he had been appointed by MacEntee as Minister for Health, considered for pension purposes; included are copies of a draft and final version of a memorandum by ffrench O'Carroll on the work of the Commission, his involvement with it and his career after its abolition; and a copy of a letter from MacEntee to Erskine Childers, minister for Health, promoting ffrench O'Carroll's case (25 March 1970, 2pp).
 8 items

F. MATERIAL RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA

i. Elections, 1918-77

- 342** 1918 **General election, 1918:** 2 election leaflets issued on behalf of MacEntee, Sinn Féin candidate in the Monaghan constituency. 'Sinn Féin the Policy ! MacEntee the Man !' c 20x15cms
- 343** March 1924 **County Dublin Bye-election, 1924:**
 copy of the election address from MacEntee, Republican candidate, to the electors of County Dublin
 1p

- 344** [1927] **General election, [June?] 1927:** 2
Fianna Fáil handbills containing
extracts from *Estimates for Public Services*, attacking Presidential,
Ministerial, and other salaries, and the level of expenditure on the
Governor General's establishment in the light of the
Government's proposed cuts in expenditure on old age pensions
and education. 25x20cms
- 345** 1927 **General elections, 1927:** press
cuttings mainly relating to the two
elections, with particular reference to the results of the June
election, the entry of Fianna Fáil into the Dáil, and the formation
of a minority Cumann na nGaedheal Government; the September
election campaign, including Cumann na nGaedheal and Fianna
Fáil newspaper advertisements; includes reports on the proposals
of the Banking Commission. 23 items
- 346** [September 1927] **General election, [September 1927]:**
Fianna Fáil election pamphlet attacking
the Public Safety Act and the Government's economic record.
4pp
- 347** 22 September 1928 **Senate elections, 1928:** 2 incomplete
copy letters from MacEntee to J F
Crowley D.Sc., Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London, and
James Brady, Princess Gardens, Belfast; enquires as to their
willingness to be nominated to the panel of candidates from
which the Dáil and Senate are to elect 17 senators; explains the
internal procedure to select the Fianna Fáil nominees.
1p each
- 348** 1932 **General election, 1932:** Fianna Fáil
election pamphlet entitled '*The greatest
failure in Irish History*', attacking the Government's record on
economic and social problems. 4pp
- 349** [1932?] **General election [1932?]:** poster
handbill for the Fianna Fáil candidates
MacEntee, Belton, Brady, Brennan and Morris.
'The five beats King and Knave. Vote straight for Fianna Fáil and
Ireland.' 29x22cms

- 350** 1932 **General election, 1932:** copy texts of speeches made by MacEntee in the course of the election campaign; drafts and copies of general Fianna Fáil publicity material dealing mainly with taxation, unemployment, the cost of living, and land annuities.
29 items
- 351** [1932?] **General election [1932?]:** Fianna Fáil election poster; cartoon of W T Cosgrave. 50x38cms
- 352** 1932 **General election, 1932:** cuttings from Irish and English newspapers mainly concerning the 1932 election campaign; analyses of results; speculation on the possibility of coalition; formation of the Fianna Fáil Government; MacEntee's first budget. 42 items
- 353** 1933 **General election, 1933:** bound soft-cover volume recording results by constituency; included for each constituency are handwritten totals of first preference votes for each candidate, gains or losses in these, and candidates elected; inserted are comparative figures for first preference votes cast for individual parties in each general election, 1927-37, and comparative figures for a number of individual constituencies. 33x20x0.5cms
- 354** May 1933 **General election, 1933:** Fianna Fáil county Dublin constituency general election receipts and payments account, January-May 1933.
2pp
- 355** 1934 **General election, 1933:** Fianna Fáil county Dublin constituency general election statement of accounts. 3pp
- 356** June 1937 **General election, 1937:** election publicity material for MacEntee; includes 2 addresses to electors, mainly concerning the Government's record and economic issues; copy of a letter from MacEntee to the *Irish Independent* analysing the Fine Gael manifesto; text of an election address by MacEntee at Ballygarret, attacking the candidature and policies of [Seán?] Hayes, Cumann na Poblachta candidate. 6pp

- 357** 1937 **General election, 1937:** handbill and publicity leaflet for Tom Mullen, Fianna Fáil candidate emphasising the Government's achievements under main policy headings. 21x27cms
- 358** August-September 1937 **General election, 1937:** material relating to Fianna Fáil election expenses in the Dublin Townships constituency including handwritten copy of the return of expenses made to the Returning Officer, and draft and copy letter from MacEntee to Gerry Boland, Minister for Lands, and Honorary Secretary, Fianna Fáil, analysing the expenses in the light of adverse press reaction to their high level. 7 items
- 359** 1938 **General election, 1938:** publicity material for MacEntee and William Black, Fianna Fáil candidates in the Dublin Townships constituency; includes handbills and addresses to electors, with drafts for printers; contain attacks on Fine Gale policies on proportional representation and national defence. 10 items
- 360** June 1938 **General election, 1938, Dublin Townships constituency:** routine appeals for donations to the constituency election fund; letters from supporters enclosing donations and offering assistance in canvassing; letters of acknowledgement from MacEntee; correspondence concerning printing stationery, and the rental of election rooms; correspondence between MacEntee and Seán Lemass, Director of Elections; letters to MacEntee congratulating him on his re-election; copy letters from MacEntee to the editors of Irish newspapers concerning election issues; draft election publicity material. 304 items
- 361** [1938?] **General election, [1938?]:** text of remarks by MacEntee, proposing the vote of thanks to the Returning Officer, Mr McCracken, in the Dublin Townships constituency. 3pp
- 362** 1943 **General election, 1943:** Fianna Fáil notes for speakers and canvassers; newspaper election advertisements; publicity pamphlets for MacEntee and Bernard Butler, candidates in the Dublin

- 362 contd** Townships constituency; typescript notes [for Fianna Fáil speakers] on unemployment assistance and communist control of the Dublin Constituencies Council of the Irish Labour Party; Fine Gael and Labour publicity pamphlets for their candidates in the Dublin Townships constituency. 11 items
- 363** April-June 1943 **General election, 1943:** correspondence with John Burke, 12 Rostrevor Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin, concerning subscriptions collected by Burke for the Fianna Fáil election campaign the electoral strategy of the party generally, and in the Townships Constituency in particular (April-May 1943, 4 items); letter from Seán O'Donovan, Director of Elections, Fianna Fáil, concerning subscriptions made to MacEntee's election campaign (10 June 1943, 1p); handwritten letter from Seán Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, expressing a view shared by other Ministers, that MacEntee should modify his attacks on the Labour Party (10 June 1943, 3pp); draft reply from MacEntee (10 June 1943, 2pp). 7 items
- 364** January-June 1943 **General election, 1943:** drafts and texts of speeches and election addresses made by MacEntee leading up to and during the course of the election campaign. Recurrent themes in the speeches are national security with particular reference to the ports and the Trade Union Act, 1943. 22 items
- 365** May-June 1943 **General election 1943:** news cuttings from national and provincial newspapers, mainly reporting speeches made by MacEntee in the course of the campaign; copy letters from MacEntee to the editors of various newspapers, reacting to editorial comment to the editors of various newspapers, reacting to editorial comment and other letters received; leading articles on the election results. Includes some earlier cuttings (October 1942-April 1943) reporting other parties' conventions and election programmes. 143 items
- 366** 28 June 1943 **General election, 1943:** handwritten and typescript drafts of a letter of resignation from MacEntee to the Taoiseach.
 'I have given anxious thought over the week-end to the strictures which at the meeting of Ministers on Friday evening last you passed upon me and upon the manner in which I had conducted the recent election campaign in the Dublin Townships constituency. I have come to the conclusion that you have left me

- 366 contd** not option but to retire from the Government.’
He refutes the charge ‘that my campaign in Dublin Townships occasioned the loss of Fianna Fáil seats in other constituencies’ by examining the results in each of the 11 constituencies in which Fianna Fáil had lost seats and by examining the result in his own constituency in the context of his campaign.
15pp
- 367** 1944 **General election, 1944:** copy of the address to electors from MacEntee and Bernard Butler, Fianna Fáil candidates in the Dublin Townships constituency; concentrates on Fianna Fáil’s record in Government.
4pp
- 368** March-June 1945 **Presidential election, 1945:** newscuttings, including candidates publicity material and reports on meetings and speeches.
31 items
- 369** May-June 1945 **Presidential election, 1945:** texts of speeches by MacEntee in support of the candidature of Seán T O Ceallaigh; speeches consist mainly of an assertion of O Ceallaigh’s pedigree and credentials for the Presidency and attacks on his opponents. 12 items
- 370** June 1945 **Municipal elections, 1945:** election leaflets for the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, and Labour candidates in the Dublin municipal elections.
5 items
- 371** June 1946 **Cork bye-election:** press cuttings reporting details of the bye-election campaign including speeches made in support of candidates; includes letter from Seán Moylan [Minister for Lands], Cork Borough constituency making arrangements for meetings (6 June 1946, 2pp).
6 items
- 372** October-November 1947 **Bye-elections, 1947:** material concerning the bye-election campaigns in Dublin, Tipperary, and Waterford, including letters from Fianna Fáil Headquarters concerning arrangements for meetings at which MacEntee is to speak; copies of minutes supplied by the Department of Local Government and

- 372 contd** Public Health, for use during the bye-election campaign, giving details of assistance from Government to local authorities for housing; details of water, sewage and housing schemes completed and in progress in Waterford (4 items); tables of British and Irish food rations and prices and the use of imported home-grown wheat (6 items); copy letter from MacEntee to the press concerning Seán MacBride, his background and connections with communism (20 October 1947, 5pp); press cuttings reporting speeches and the progress of campaigns, and giving results and analysis (25 items). 53 items
- 373** October 1947 **Bye-elections, 1947:** drafts and texts of speeches made by MacEntee in the course of the campaigns mainly in county Dublin; speeches are primarily concerned with connections between Labour, Clann na Phoblachta, and communism. 7 items
- 374** 21 October 1947 **Bye-elections, 1947:** copy of a letter from Christopher McGonagle, solicitor and election agent for Seán MacBride, 34 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, to Thomas Mullins [General Secretary, Fianna Fáil], 6 Haddington Terrace, Dún Laoghaire; McGonagle refers to 'false and misleading statements and innuendos' made by MacEntee about MacBride, said to be in contravention of section 11 of the Electoral Abuses Act, 1923. 1p
- 375** October 1947-
January 1948 **General election, 1948 – allegations of Government corruption:** press cuttings containing reports of Opposition accusations (October 1947, 5 items) and transcripts of extracts from earlier public statements (1944-6) by Opposition politicians concerning Government jobbery and corruption (3pp); typescript draft of an election leaflet for MacEntee and Michael Butler Yeats, Fianna Fáil candidates in the Dublin South-East constituency, consisting of an extract from the *Waterford Evening News*, 20 December 1947, reporting the findings of the Tribunal of Enquiry into the sale of Locke's Distillery as refuting allegations of misconduct by the Government in the matter (3pp); [article by MacEntee?] concerning allegations of Government misconduct of incompetence in three issues over the previous four years – dealings in Great Southern Railways stock (September 1944), the resignation of Dr Con Ward as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (July 1946), and the proposed sale of Locke's Distillery (December 1947) – vindicating the Government on all issues [January 1948] (8pp); attached is a copy of the report of the Tribunal of Enquiry into dealing in Great Southern Railways stock (September 1944, 51pp). 10 items

- 376** November 1947- February 1948 **General election, 1948:** press cuttings concerning the election campaign, including editorial comment on issues, and reports of conventions, meetings and speeches; letters from MacEntee to the papers concerning aspects of the campaign with particular reference to Clann na Poblachta and Labour Party communist sympathies; draft biographical notes on MacEntee for his election literature. 95 items
- 377** December 1947- January 1948 **General election, 1948 – greyhound industry:** material relating to the greyhound industry and greyhound racing as an election issue, with particular reference to agitation by the Irish Coursing Club with the support of Clann na Poblachta, for the abolition of entertainment tax on greyhound racing and the establishment of totalisators at racing tracks; consists mainly of press cuttings and draft and copy letters from MacEntee to the papers concerning the history of the issue since 1932. 24 items
- 378** December 1947- February 1948 **General election, 1948:** election publicity material including copies of Fianna Fáil pamphlets for national distribution; copies of handbills and newspaper advertisements for MacEntee and Michael Yeats; drafts and copies of pamphlets by MacEntee mainly consisting of attacks on Clann na Poblachta as a communist organisation; copy letters from MacEntee to the press mainly concerning statements by Seán MacBride. 36 items
- 379** January- February 1948 **General election, 1948 – ‘Our Country’:** material relating to a film of this title, produced by Irish Civic Films and sponsored by Clann na Poblachta as a public information film; includes copies and published versions of letters from MacEntee to the papers concerning the production and content of the film, particularly its alleged propagandist nature and the participation of Clann na Poblachta; also includes Irish Civic Films publicity matter for the film and letters from the Irish Film Society and the National Film Institute of Ireland to the papers, denying alleged involvement in the production of the film. 11 items

- 380** January- February 1948 **General election, 1948– tuberculosis:** Clann na Poblachta press advertisement consisting of the text of a letter from Dr Patrick J Galvin, Barrowmore Sanatorium, Chester, commenting upon the lack of provision in Ireland for tuberculosis sufferers and recommending Clann policies for the establishment of proper tuberculosis services (20 January 1948); text of a speech by MacEntee criticising Dr Galvin’s allegations and outlining present and proposed provision for tuberculosis sufferers under the Health Act, 1947 (30 January 1948, 4pp); copy of a Department of Health minute on the Government’s record on tuberculosis treatment [published as election publicity material, January 1948] (3pp); press cuttings containing letters to the press concerning Dr Galvin’s allegations (February 1948, 5 items).
- 381** January- February 1948 **General election, 1948:** press cuttings from the *Cork Examiner* containing 2 articles by Professor Alfred O’Rahilly, President, University College, Cork, concerning Fianna Fáil’s claims as to the cause of the forthcoming election and their policies on proportional representation and multi-party government; copy letter from MacEntee to the paper, concerning the O’Rahilly articles (22 January 1948, 20pp); report of a speech by MacEntee at a public meeting in Cork, criticising O’Rahilly; Clann na Poblachta handbill reproducing the text of O’Rahilly’s first article. 12 items
- 382** 1948 **General election, 1948:** copy of the Fianna Fáil election manifesto. 12pp
- 383** 1948 **General election, 1948:** publicity leaflet and typescript transcript, in favour of Dr Noel Browne and Donal O’Donoghue, Clann na Poblachta candidates in Dublin South-East [MacEntee’s constituency]; sets out party policy on health, employment, and education. 2 items
- 384** 1948 **General election, 1948:** handwritten note on the results of the election in terms of seats; indicates the number of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries from each of the parties which subsequently formed the Inter-Party Government.

- 385** 1951 **General election, 1951:** election addresses from the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Clann na Poblachta, and Independent candidates in the Dublin South-East constituency, in which MacEntee was a candidate and a voter. 12 items
- 386** 7 June [1952] **Mayo bye-election:** text of a speech by MacEntee at the Fianna Fáil convention in Ballina to select a candidate for the forthcoming bye-election; deals with Inter-Party Government budgetary incompetence; includes draft of the speech. 7pp; 13pp
- 387** May 1954 **General election, 1954:** election leaflets for the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, and Labour candidates in the Dublin South-East constituency; includes drafts of MacEntee's literature. 8 items
- 388** May 1954 **General election, 1954:** copy texts of speeches by MacEntee at constituency selection conventions and election meetings, concentrating upon Government achievements since 1951 and attacking Opposition policies. Included are 2 typescript addresses to electors. 15 items
- 389** 1954 **General election, 1954:** *Election results and transfer of votes in the general election (May 1954) and bye-elections (1951-4)* (Stationery Office, 1954). 62pp
- 390** January-February 1957 **General election, 1957:** file of newspaper cuttings mainly reporting policy statements at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis (February 1957, 3 items) with particular reference to proposals for the 1957 Budget; copies of statements issued by Clann na Poblachta concerning its withdrawal of support from the Government (January 1957, 2 items); newspaper cuttings reporting the progress of the election campaign (February 1957, 10 items). 17 items

- 391** 1957 **General election, 1957:** copies of election literature for all candidates, including MacEntee and Seán Moore, in the Dublin South-East constituency; includes some literature for candidates in Dublin North-Central, North-West, and Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown.
13 items
- 392** February-March 1957 **General election, 1957:** texts of speeches and broadcasts by MacEntee in the course of the election campaign; includes handwritten and typescript texts with amendments; speeches are mainly concerned with the record of the Inter-Party Government.
29 items
- 393** 1957 **General election, 1957:** *Election results and transfer of votes in the general election (March 1957) and bye-elections (1954-7)* (Stationery Office, 1957)
60pp
- 394** October 1957 **Dublin North-Central bye-election, 1957:** text of a speech by MacEntee at the Fianna Fáil convention to select a candidate; economic mismanagement of the Inter-Party Government and the need for remedial action and stable government.
16pp
- 395** May 1958 **South Galway bye-election, 1958:** text of a speech by MacEntee during the bye-election campaign; the failure of the Inter-Party Government and Fianna Fáil's achievements since the 1957 general election.
6pp
- 396** July 1959 **Clare bye-election, 1959:** text of a speech by MacEntee at Ennis; economic and industrial mismanagement of the Inter-Party Governments.
8pp
- 397** 19 July 1959 **Bye-elections, 1959:** text of a speech by MacEntee at Dunshaughlin, in favour of the Fianna Fáil candidates in the forthcoming bye-elections; the basis of Irish foreign policy and the disastrous policies of the previous Inter-Party Government.
6pp

- 398** 21 July 1959 **Bye-elections, 1959:** text of remarks at Ceannanus Mór [Kells, county Meath], in support of the Fianna Fáil candidates in the forthcoming bye-elections; lack of opposition policies. 3pp
- 399** February 1961 **Sligo-Leitrim bye-election, 1961:** texts of 2 speeches [1 incomplete] attacking Fine Gael policy. 6pp
- 400** 22 September 1961 **General election, 1961:** election broadcast on health and social welfare policy. 7pp
- 401** 1961 **General election, 1961:** *Election results and transfer of votes in the general election (October 1961) and bye-elections 1957-61* (Stationery Office, 1961). 60pp
- 402** March 1965 **General election, 1965:** 3 cuttings from the *Irish Times*, mainly concerning the decision to call the general election and the likelihood of older members of the Government, including MacEntee, not seeking re-election. 3 items
- 403** March 1965 **General election, 1965:** material relating to MacEntee's decision to seek re-election. Includes press cuttings from the *Irish Times* and *Cork Examiner* criticising his candidature and calling for his retirement on the grounds of his age; cuttings containing published letters from MacEntee to the two newspapers, further comment on the matter in the *Irish Times*, and published interview with MacEntee; text of a speech by MacEntee to a group of Fianna Fáil election workers in Rathfarnham, entitled 'The Tánaiste on Old Age', reacting to the initial *Irish Times* suggestion (22 March 1965, 5pp); handwritten notes by MacEntee (5pp) summarising reportage of his decision to seek re-election, and of alleged tension between himself and Mr Lemass as a result of this decision; letters from Gerry Boland and Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, congratulating him on his decision not to retire (19, 23 March 1965; 1p, 2pp). 11 items

- 404** March-April 1965 **General election, 1965:** file of newscuttings containing reports on the general election campaign; cuttings are arranged in categories relating mainly to the policies and speeches of the major parties; other categories include references to coalition and references to and speeches by MacEntee.
c 150 items
- 405** March-April 1965 **General election, 1965:** texts of speeches by MacEntee concentrating mainly on health policy and attacks on Opposition schemes for the health services. 11 items
- 406** [1965] **General election, [1965]:** typescript second draft of the Fianna Fáil election address; concentrates on attacking Opposition proposals on the health service. 9pp
- 407** 1965 **General election, 1965:** *Election results and transfer of votes in the general election (April 1965) and bye-elections (1961-5)* (Stationery Office, 1965). 60pp
- 408** February-May 1966 **Presidential election, 1966:** press cuttings reporting the election campaign of the Fine Gael Presidential candidate, Thomas F. O'Higgins. 21 items
- 409** May 1966 **Presidential election, 1966:** handwritten and typescript texts of speeches by MacEntee in the course of the election campaign; includes a copy of Fianna Fáil notes for speakers (1p) and press cuttings reporting meetings (2 items). 13 items
- 410** 26 May 1967 **Local elections:** text of a speech in support of Fianna Fáil candidates for the Dublin Corporation election areas 11 and 12; attack on the National Farmers Association campaign of civil disobedience. Includes 3 press cuttings reporting the substance of the address. 3pp

- 411** April-June 1969 **General election, 1969:** Fianna Fáil election publicity material for Dublin South-East; copy letter from MacEntee to the papers on aspects of Fine Gael policy with reference to health and industry, texts of election address by MacEntee; includes copy letters from MacEntee to the papers, from an earlier date (April-June 1968), on the possibility of a Fine Gael merger or coalition. 13 items
- 412** 1973 **Presidential election, 1973:** biographical notes for speakers on Erskine Childers, Fianna Fáil presidential candidate; concentrates on Ministerial achievements and experience. 1 item
- 413** 1977 **General election, 1977:** copy of the Fianna Fáil manifesto, 'Action plan for national reconstruction'. 47pp
- 414** April-June 1977 **General election, 1977:** election literature from candidates in the Dún Laoghaire constituency; includes leaflets from Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Labour and Independent candidates, and correspondence between MacEntee and the Constituency Fianna Fáil Party concerning a contribution to the Party's election fund. 14 items
- 415** 1977 **General election, 1977:** cuttings containing reports and analysis of the election results; cuttings concerning the Seanad elections. 25 items
- 416** 1977 **Seanad elections, 1977:** 2 election publicity leaflets for candidates in the Seanad elections Conor Cruise O'Brien in the Dublin University constituency, and Joe Dowling on the Industrial and Commercial Panel.

ii. Referenda on Proportional Representation

a. 1959

- 417** 1958 **Electoral law:** text of and commentary upon proposed amendments to the Constitution affecting electoral law and establishing a Constituency Commission. 9pp
- 418** September 1958-
June 1959 **Press cuttings relating to PR:** file of cuttings containing reports of public meetings; statements by members of the Government and Opposition; leading articles and letters to the press in connection with the referendum. c. 200 items
- 419** 1958-9 **Third Amendment of the Constitution Bill, 1958:** text of the Bill as introduced; copies of amendments tabled at Committee and Report stages; copy of the Bill as passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. 10 items
- 420** 1958-9 General file containing Ministerial Committee on PR documentation including Department of Local Government 'Notes on matters that would arise in the event of a change in the present PR system for Dáil elections' (4 October 1958, 27pp); letter from Ernest Blythe, 50 Kenilworth Square, Dublin, to MacEntee, supporting the abolition of PR but proposing specific transitional arrangements for the first general election after abolition, to prevent the electoral annihilation of the Labour Party (4 December 1958, 5pp); copy letters from MacEntee to the press concerning the referendum and statements by Opposition politicians on PR (December 1958); extracts from published works, mainly analyses of the operation of PR and other electoral systems in various European countries. 23 items
- 421** December 1958-
February 1959 General file containing material supplied by the Department of External Affairs concerning electoral systems in Sweden, the Netherlands, and Belgium, with particular reference to political uncertainty arising from indecisive election results in the first two countries; includes material relating to the

- 421 contd** Commission on Parliamentary and Electoral Systems in Sweden (December 1958-January 1959); copy of a memorandum for members of the Government from the Department of the Taoiseach, concerning revisions to the draft summary of the Third Amendment to the Constitution Bill (26 January 1959, 3pp); copy extracts from Seanad Debates on the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 1947; copy letters from MacEntee to the press on aspects of the PR campaign (January 1959); handwritten transcripts of newspaper reports of statements on PR by Fine Gael politicians since 1927. 57 items
- 422** [1959] **Extracts relating to electoral systems, particularly PR, from various treatises and publications:** file containing extracts from published works (c 1910-58), including official publications, concerned mainly with the operation of systems of PR in various European countries. 81pp
- 423** [1959] **Views on electoral systems expressed by various writers:** file of extracts from published works dealing mainly with PR and its operation in individual countries. Marked 'Copy no.1'. 55pp
- 424** [1959] Handwritten tables recording various aspects of general election results, including total votes for each party at each general election, 1927-57; votes for each party in 13 constituencies, 1932; votes for each party in 21 constituencies at each general election, 1948-57, and the average over the period. 9pp
- 425** [1959] Handwritten and typescript notes by MacEntee entitled 'How PR destroyed the First German Republic', commenting upon and quoting from Karl Spiecker, *Germany from defeat to defeat*. 5pp
- 426** [1959] Handwritten lists of candidates elected without a quota in the general election, 1951, and instances in the general elections, 1951 and 1957, where candidates were elected without quota and where the next candidate would have reached the quota with the aid of non-transferable votes. 5pp

- 427** December 1958-
June 1959 **Minister's speeches:** copy texts of speeches by MacEntee during the campaign leading up to the referendum; includes pages from Dáil Debates containing reports of speeches by MacEntee on the various stages of the Third Amendment to the Constitution Bill, and a typescript copy of his speech on the second reading of the Bill (12 December 1958, 62pp); drafts and copy of a broadcast address (8 June 1959, 6 items). 24 items
- 428** December 1958 File containing texts of statements relating to PR, made by various politicians including MacEntee, de Valera, John A Costello, and Patrick McGilligan; includes a letter from Donogh O'Malley TD, enclosing material on PR and referring critically to recent conduct on the part of the Ceann Comhairle.
- 429** 1958 Pamphlet, *'L'évolution des idées en matière de représentation proportionnelle'* by Adrian Robinet de Clery, university of Geneva (1958, 16pp); typescript translation of the text (28pp); handwritten notes by MacEntee (5pp). 3 items
- 430** 24 January 1959 **Referendum (Amendment) Bill, 1958:** copy of amendments tabled by John A Costello at the Committee Stage of the Bill. 2pp
- 431** January-
February 1959 **Letter to the papers:** file of copy letters from MacEntee to the editors of various Irish papers concerning aspects of PR and the Fianna Fáil policy on it, in response to leading articles and letters from critics of Fianna Fáil policy. 13 items
- 432** January-
May 1959 Copies of Irish journals and pamphlets containing articles concerned with PR and the referendum campaign. 6 items

- 433** February, **Seanad debate:** material relating to the
June 1959 debate in the Seanad on the Third
Amendment of the Constitution Bill,
with particular reference to the speech by Professor P M Quinlan
[Professor of Mathematical Physics, University College Cork];
includes press cuttings containing reports on the debate;
typescript summary of points made by Professor Quinlan during
his speech; 4 typescript drafts with handwritten amendments of a
speech [by MacEntee] refuting Senator Quinlan's points.
10 items
- 434** February- Correspondence with C J Haughey TD,
March 1959 332 Howth Road, Dublin, concerning
points being used by Seán MacBride in
the referendum campaign, in relation to the number of votes
needed to elect a TD and the relative fairness of the Irish as
opposed to the British electoral system; related press cutting from
the *Irish Times* (February-March 1959, 4 items); transcripts of
statements by John A Costello, James Dillon and Eamon de
Valera on PR and single-member constituencies (1937-51, 10pp);
press cuttings containing reports of meetings on PR at which
James Dillon spoke (March 1959, 2 items).
- 435** February 1959 Correspondence with Dermot Bouchier-
Hayes, Auditor, Law Society, University
College Dublin, inviting MacEntee to the Auditor's inaugural
address; précis and text of the address dealing with the effects of
PR on the electoral system; text of MacEntee's reply.
10 items
- 436** March-June 1959 Presidential election publicity material;
text of speeches by MacEntee in
support of de Valera's candidacy and the abolition of PR; press
cuttings; circular letter from the Honorary Secretaries, Fianna
Fáil, to the Honorary Secretary of each Comhairle Dáilcheantair,
concerning the organisation and financing of the election.
17 items
- 437** March-May 1959 **Cabinet crisis in the Netherlands:**
material relating to difficulties over a
three month period in the formation of a Government after a
general election in the Netherlands; includes copies of weekly
press bulletins and monthly magazines issued by the Royal
Netherlands Embassy, London, and 2 drafts of [a speech or
article by MacEntee?] on PR as a major contributory factor to the
Dutch crisis.
19 items

- 438** [c May 1959] **Party publicity material:** 'The straight vote. Some questions and answers'. Published by Fianna Fáil, county Louth Executive (8pp); Fine Gael handbill supporting the candidacy of Seán MacEoin in the presidential election and the retention of PR in the referendum.
2 items

b. 1968

- 439** December 1967-
June 1968 Copy letter from MacEntee to An Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, proposing that progress in the Dáil on the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bill be halted to allow a plebiscite to be held on the issues of multi-seat versus single-seat constituencies and the non-transferable versus the transferable vote; enclosed is the draft scheme of a Bill to allow such a plebiscite (14 June 1968, 4pp). Copy letter from MacEntee to Kevin Boland, Minister for Local Government, enclosing a copy of his letter to the Taoiseach (14 June 1968, 1p). Handwritten draft of a speech by MacEntee and notes on PR election rules (17pp). Copies of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution Bill, 1968, as introduced, as passed by the Dáil, and as passed by both Houses. Press cuttings on reform of the Constitution and the electoral system (December 1967–June 1968, 8 items).
17 items
- 440** 1968 Copies of the Third and Fourth Amendment of the Constitution Bills, 1968, as introduced; text of speech by MacEntee on the Second reading of the Fourth Amendment Bill; notes by MacEntee on his Dáil speech on the 1958 referendum. 4 items
- 441** [1968] 2 copy texts with amendments, of a speech in the Shelbourne Hotel on the inequity of the transferable vote system. 2pp each
- 442** [1968] Address to a meeting of Fianna Fáil workers in Dublin South-East; 'Fine Gael's No', concerning Fine Gael's historically negative attitudes and positions. 3pp

G. Fianna Fáil, 1926-82

- 443** January- November 1926 Photocopies of 23 documents relating to the foundation of Fianna Fáil. Included are news cuttings, press releases, and circular letters concerning the extraordinary Ard Fheis of Sinn Féin, March 1926, and early meetings of the General Organising Committee and General Policy Committee of Fianna Fáil; copy of de Valera's address to the foundation meeting at La Scala Theatre, 16 May 1926; copy of the constitution of Fianna Fáil. [Handwritten list attached; documents appear to have originated from P J Brennan, foundation member of Fianna Fáil].
- 444** June 1926 **Frank Aiken TD on Fianna Fáil:** published text of a 'memorandum on Republican Policy', written originally for the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, March 1926. 4pp
- 445** 1926 **A national policy outlined by Eamon de Valera:** Fianna Fáil pamphlet no.1 containing the text of the speech to the inaugural meeting of the Party, May 1926, amplified and with complementary matter. 24pp
- 446** 1926 Agenda for the first Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, The Rotunda, Dublin, 1926. 8pp
- 447** [1926] Fianna Fáil handbill publicising points in the Party's programme of action with particular reference to the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance, emigration, and unemployment. 1p
- 448** [1926/7] **King and Constitution:** Fianna Fáil pamphlet no.2 by Frank Gallagher, dealing with the Free State Constitution and the Oath of Allegiance. 32pp

- 449** [1927] **What Fianna Fáil stands for:**
published transcript of a speech by
Eamon de Valera in Blackrock Town Hall, 22 August [1927].
4pp
- 450** [1927] **The Free State Government's secret
financial agreement with Britain:**
Fianna Fáil pamphlet condemning the terms of the Ultimate
Financial Settlement of March 1926 between the two
Governments. 4pp
- 451** 1932 **The Land Annuities:** Fianna Fáil
pamphlet containing the text of
Counsel's opinion, requested by the National Executive of the
Party, on the previous Government's arguments in favour of its
payments to the UK of a sum equivalent to the Land Annuities.
24pp
- 452** 1934 **The Way to Peace:** pamphlet
containing a verbatim report of de
Valera's speech in Dáil Éireann during the second reading of the
Wearing of Uniforms (Restriction) Bill, 1934. 40pp
- 453** December 1935- Correspondence between MacEntee
and the Honorary Secretary, Fianna
Fáil, concerning a letter from Brian Hartnett, Brian Road,
Clontarf, and a resolution brought before the National Executive,
Fianna Fáil, by the Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity College, Dublin.
Hartnett's letter and the resolution relate to statements by
MacEntee in Dáil Éireann during the debates on the Guarantee
Fund Act, that W T Cosgrave's Party had established the principle
of majority rule. 12 items
- 454** **Fianna Fáil Bulletin:** 2 copies of the
monthly Party Journal.
(1) October 1936 8pp
(2) June 1937 16pp
- 455** September 1937 Circular letter from Seamus Ó
Daimhín, Secretary, Fianna Fáil, to
each member of the national Executive, enclosing draft
amendments to Party rules, to be considered at a meeting of the

- 455 contd** National Executive before submission to the Ard Fheis (17 September 1937, 5pp); copy letter from MacEntee suggesting changes to the draft amendments (20 September 1937, 4pp).
- 456** [1942] Boxed illuminated address to MacEntee from the Fianna Fáil Dublin Townships Constituency Organisation, to mark the 25th anniversary of his election to Dáil Éireann; address consists of a summary of his parliamentary career and achievements. 25x37cms
- 457** 1943 **Dr James Ryan:** souvenir booklet marking the presentation of his portrait to Dr Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his election to Dáil Éireann. 16pp
- 458** [c 1943] **Wage control policy:** copy of a statement by [Seán Lemass] the Minister for Industry and Commerce, concerning the proposed establishment of a Wage Control Board (3pp); circulated to all members of the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party by P Smith, Chief Whip. 4pp
- 459** 1944 Report of proceedings of the 16th Fianna Fail Ard Fheis, Mansion House, Dublin, 10-11 October 1944. 4pp
- 460** May 1945 Text of the Taoiseach's broadcast to the nation on the conclusion of the war in Europe. 8pp
- 461** [1945/6] Carbon typescript of the *Fianna Fáil Handbook*, mainly dealing with the origins of the Party and its achievements since 1932. 104pp
- 462** 31 March 1946 Letter from M F Dollard, Oxford Road, Ranelagh, Secretary, Tomás Ó Laighaire Cumann, Dublin Townships Comhairle Ceanntair, Fianna Fáil. He encloses handwritten copy documents refuting alleged irregularities in the procedure at the Cumann Annual

- 462 contd** Reorganising Meeting, with regard to membership and the election of officers. 22pp
- 463** 1946 Agenda for the 18th Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, Mansion House, Dublin, 8-9 October 1946. 18pp
- 464** May 1947 Copy of the souvenir programme for the concert commemorating the 21st anniversary of the foundation of Fianna Fáil. 14pp
- 465** 1948 **Republic of Ireland Act, 1948:** typescript memorandum by MacEntee with additional handwritten comment, concerning the Republic of Ireland Bill, 1948, with particular reference to the policy to be adopted towards the Bill by Fianna Fáil. 4pp
- 466** June 1948 MacEntee's delegates papers for the Ard Fheis, 1948, including copies of the Clár and of the Honorary Secretary's and Honorary Treasurer's reports. 6 items
- 467** June 1952 *Gleas*, no.3, monthly bulletin issued by Fianna Fáil; three and a half years of Coalition 'ineptitude'. 4pp
- 468** 15 April 1955 **Budgetary policy:** copy of a memorandum by Seán Lemass outlining proposals for Fianna Fáil financial policy, rejecting the view that the sole aim of such policy should be to keep expenditure at the lowest possible level; memorandum circulated to all members of the Central Committee; copy extensively annotated by MacEntee. 4pp
- 469** 13 February 1957 Copy letter from MacEntee to Neil Blaney, Letterkenny, county Donegal, and Joseph Kennedy, Castlepollard, county Westmeath; urges them to attend the forthcoming meeting of the National Executive. 'A determined canvass is being made to have a third name added to our panel [in the Dublin South-East Constituency for the

- 469 contd forthcoming general election]. My feeling is that the time is opportune to rid FF of the Jonah whom we took on board in 1954 [Dr Noel Browne] ... The invidious task of standing up against him has fallen to me and the usual suggestions are being made about my personal motives in the matter'. 2 items
- 470 1950s-70s **Dublin South-East Constituency Executive:** material relating mainly to the Dublin South-East Comhairle Dáil cheanntair, including draft electoral addresses (1950s-60s); copies of Secretary's reports (1970-1, 1971-2); lists of members; notification of meetings; and routine correspondence between the Constituency Executive and MacEntee. Also includes general Party material including a copy of the Constitution of Fianna Fáil (1970s, 13pp); routine recurrent correspondence between Head Office, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. and MacEntee, concerning his nomination for the position of Vice-President in the election of a National Executive; copy letter from MacEntee retiring from the Vice-Presidency (December 1977, 2pp); copy of an interim report on constituency conventions, annotated by MacEntee (c 1974, 7pp); invitations to social and commemorative events; appeals for donations and letters of thanks and acknowledgement. Copy letter from MacEntee to An Taoiseach Jack Lynch, urging an investigation into the provision of VIP facilities at Dublin Airport to Mr Joe Cahill who was leaving for the US 'to procure arms and money for a campaign of violence which has been repudiated by all parties in the Oireachtas and which you as Taoiseach have declared to be positively harmful to the cause of a united Ireland'. (2 September 1971, 3pp). 66 items
- 471 25 January 1965 Confidential letter from James Ryan, Vice-President, Fianna Fáil, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, informing MacEntee of reported dissatisfaction within Dublin South-East Constituency organisation and the intention of the Honorary Secretary of the Constituency Party to resign. 2pp
- 472 November 1966 **Leadership election, 1966:** 5 letters from Fianna Fáil members to MacEntee, supporting the candidature of George Colley; press release, 'Notes on George Colley'. 6 items
- 473 June 1967 *Gleas*, no.99, monthly bulletin issued by Fianna Fáil. 4pp

- 474 31 March 1969 Letter from Kevin Boland, Minister for Local Government, concerning the investigation by himself, MacEntee, and Paddy Smith, at the request of the National Executive, into irregularities in the ballot papers at the Ard Fheis, in elections for the position of Treasurer and membership of the Committee of Fifteen. Boland reports his analysis of the ballot papers and proposes to interview the most important witness as soon as she is available. 1p
- 475 June-July 1970 **Resignation of Kevin Boland from Fianna Fáil:** material relating to the resignation of Boland, former Minister for Local Government, over disagreements with the Government's policy on Northern Ireland. Includes copy of a handwritten draft letter from MacEntee to Michael Ó Cléirigh [member of the National Executive?] containing suggestions for a public statement by Boland which would reconcile him to the Party leadership (18 June 1970, 5pp); press cuttings reporting Boland's resignation after a meeting of the Party Executive (23,24 June 1970, 3 items); handwritten notes for a speech by MacEntee at the meeting of the Executive (11pp); press cuttings containing a letter from MacEntee critical of Boland's statements on Northern Ireland, and further correspondence provoked by the letter (30 June-3 July 1970, 5 items). 13 items
- 476 June 1970 **Resignation of Kevin Boland:** notification of a special meeting of the Fianna Fáil National Executive, 22 June 1970, to consider the motion that Kevin Boland be removed from the office of joint Honorary Secretary, and that Dermot Ryan be expelled from the National Executive; handwritten text of a speech by MacEntee at the meeting (3pp). 6pp
- 477 June 1970- February 1971 **Arms Trial, 1970:** cuttings relating to the resignation of Kevin Boland from Fianna Fáil and subsequent statements by him critical of An Taoiseach Jack Lynch and Government policy on Northern Ireland (June 1970); the trial of Charles J Haughey, former Minister for Finance, and others, on charges of conspiracy to import arms (October 1970); and challenges to the leadership of Jack Lynch and disruption of the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, including reports of MacEntee's speech (February 1971). 15 items

- 478** 1971 Agenda for the 41st Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, RDS, Dublin, 20-21 February 1971; annotated by MacEntee. 32pp
- 479** 1973, 1975 **Retirement and death of de Valera:** includes press cuttings reporting retirement ceremonies and copy of a public tribute by MacEntee (June 1973); copies of tributes by MacEntee on de Valera's death, including draft and published version of 'de Valera, the man I knew' in *Iris Fianna Fáil*, Winter 1975; copy letters to members of the de Valera family. 22 items
- 480** 30 November 1974 **Office of the President:** draft handwritten letter to the Secretary, Dublin South-East Comhairle Dáilcheanntair, thanking him for notification of a meeting of the Comhairle to discuss, inter alia, arrangements for a Presidential election; MacEntee considers the significance of the Presidency in constitutional terms, the critical nature of the constitutional functions exercised by the President, and the characteristics and experience required for the office. 4pp
- Iris Fianna Fáil*, biannual Party Journal.
- 481 (1)** Winter 1974 no.1 16pp
- 481 (2)** Summer 1976 no.6 24pp
- 482** 1975 Handwritten drafts and published version of 'deValera, the man I knew' by MacEntee in *Iris Fianna Fáil*, Winter 1975. 10 items
- 483** July 1975 2 discussion documents on the future role of women in Irish society, and worker participation in Irish industry, prepared by the Labour Committee of the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party. 13pp

- 484** November 1975- **Fiftieth anniversary:** material relating to the fiftieth anniversary commemorative concert (22 May 1976) including copy of the concert souvenir programme containing an appreciation of de Valera by MacEntee; draft of the appreciation (10pp); text of remarks by MacEntee at the concert, introducing Jack Lynch, President of Fianna Fáil (10pp); copy of Lynch's address (6pp); copies of minutes of meetings of the Organising Committee.
30 items
- 485** 1975 Agenda for the 44th Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, RDS, Dublin, 14-16 February 1975. 16pp
- 486** [1976] Handwritten drafts and carbon copies of an [unpublished?] retrospective article by MacEntee on fifty years of Fianna Fáil, tracing the origins of the Party from the Treaty negotiations.
10 items
- 487** 26 May 1976 *Irish Press* commemorative supplement marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Fianna Fáil. Includes 'MacEntee's fruitful career', a profile by Michael Mills. 12pp
- 488** December 1976 Programme for the Dublin South-East Constituency Jubilee Dinner Dance; includes a message from MacEntee, former constituency TD.
8pp
- 489 (1)** 1977 *Iris Fianna Fáil*, [annual?] Party Journal. no.8 24pp
- 489 (2)** 1980 no.16 20pp
- 490** February 1978 MacEntee's delegate's ticket and clár for the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis, RDS, Dublin, 17-19 February 1978. 3 items

- 491 1982 *Eamon de Valera. Comóradh Céad Bliain, 1882-1982*. Booklet published to commemorate the centenary of the birth of de Valera. Includes a tribute by MacEntee (2pp), first written for *An Iubhaile Ógra Fianna Fáil*, 22 May 1976 32pp

G. PARTITION, NORTHERN IRELAND AND ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS, 1924-78

- 492 1924-5 Press Cuttings reporting the end of the Boundary Commission tour; the resignation of Eoin MacNeill from the Commission and from the Government; and the enactment of the Treaty (Confirmation of Amending Agreement) Bill, 1925, in the Dáil, and the Ireland Confirmation of Agreement Bill at Westminster. 5 items
- 493 April 1937- January 1942 General file of documents relating to Northern Ireland and the partition question. Includes copy letter from MacEntee to de Valera enclosing a copy of a letter from Peter Murney, Killowen, Newry, county Down, concerning aspects of NI affairs, with particular reference to the re-arming of the B Special Constabulary (April-May 1937, 4 items); Letter from Cahir Healy MP, 44 Belmore Street, Enniskillen, concerning six men imprisoned in NI for failing to account for their movements and the likelihood of their being interned in Éire when their sentences expire (6 April 1940, 1p); Correspondence with Dr Edward F MacEntee [brother], 89 King Street, Belfast, arranging for a deputation of medical personnel from NI to be received by the Taoiseach, to explain the position of the medical profession in NI in relation to ARP work and associated medical services (October 1940, 4 items); 3 copies of *War News*, issued by the Republican Publicity Bureau, Belfast, with copy transcripts of extracts sent by MacEntee to the Taoiseach, (November-December 1940, 6 items); press cuttings reporting the arrival of US troops in the UK and statements by the Taoiseach protesting at their deployment in NI (January 1942, 6 items); copy letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, and correspondence between MacEntee and David Gray, Legation of the USA, concerning corruption and discrimination in Belfast civic administration with particular reference to the refusal of the NI Government to sanction the appointment as Town Clerk of Belfast, of Lawrence Allen, Town Clerk of Barrow-on-Furness, whose wife is an English Catholic (January 1942, 3 items). 45 items

1938-42 15 volumes of press cuttings from Irish and British newspapers concerning aspects of partition and Anglo-Irish relations. Recurrent throughout the volumes are reports of the anti-partition campaign, including meetings, speeches, and proposals put forward by the Government of Éire. Major subjects include the Anglo-Irish negotiations and Agreements, 1938 [494-498]; the NI general election, 1938, [495]; the general election in Éire [499-500]; the British withdrawal from the Treaty Ports [500-502]; World War II and Irish neutrality [502-508]; the IRA campaign in England and NI [504-507]; the campaign against conscription in NI [505-508]; emergency legislation in Éire [505-507]; gerrymandering and discrimination in NI with particular reference to education [501-508]. One volume [495] is divided into two sections, the first consisting of letters to the press concerning partition, the second of reports on the NI general election.

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494 12 January-26 February 1938

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25 February-10 March 1938

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- 503** 28 October–12 December 1938
- 504** 12 December 1938–4 February 1939
- 505** 4 February–19 March 1939
- 506** 27 March–13 December 1939
- 507** 13 December 1939–6 July 1940
- 508** 8 July 1940–16 January 1942
- 509** 25 April 1938–
8 August 1941 **Northern Ireland Publicity Service**
News: 75 copies of a news bulletin issued by the Northern Ireland Publicity Service, 34 Dame Street, Dublin, ‘formed ... as a bureau of information on the partition of Ireland. It has for its single purpose the presentation of facts about the partition of Ireland; how it was effected; how it has been operated and how it is being maintained and administered today’. Recurrent items in the bulletins concern gerrymandering; discrimination in employment; public disturbances; trials of nationalists; anti-partition political activity and speeches by British and Irish politicians; NI economic issues and subsidies from the UK Exchequer; the favourable position of minorities in Éire; events in Europe analogous to the position in NI. Includes a letter from Noel Hartnett, Manager, Northern Ireland Publicity Service, to MacEntee, Minister for Industry and Commerce (18 December 1939, 1p) enclosing a copy of a letter to all British MPs (13 December 1939, 3pp) concerning unjust and undemocratic Government in NI.
84 items
- 510** [1938] Copy unsigned letter [from a nationalist] counselling against a boycott of the present general election in NI; urges the formulation of a policy for the formation of a common nationalist front to maximise their vote, focus international attention on gerrymandering, secure the repeal of the Northern Ireland Electoral Act, 1934, and inaugurate a world-wide campaign against partition.
9pp

- 511** November 1938- February 1939 Page from *The New Statesman and Nation* (26 November 1938) containing a letter from A Wilson Hungerford, Unionist Headquarters, Glengall Street, Belfast, defending the NI Government from charges made by previous correspondents concerning the abolition of proportional representation, gerrymandering, the Special Powers Act, and the composition of the NI police force; copy correspondence between MacEntee and Dr L Fairfield concerning the drafting of a rebuttal to Hungerford's letter; background documentation on the origins of partition, on gerrymandering, and on sectarianism, to be used in drafting the reply; copy of the reply. 7 items
- 512** March-June 1939 **Framework for a Government of Ireland:** letter from Louis J Walsh, District Court Justice, Letterkenny, county Donegal, enclosing a page from *The Kerryman* (11 March 1939) containing an article by him entitled 'Ireland and Ulster' (18 March 1939, 1p); handwritten notes with typescript copy entitled 'Summary of framework for a Government of Ireland', suggesting opposition to Imperial candidates in the forthcoming general election in NI, and subsequent development of relations between the Dáil and NI Parliament (2pp); copy reply from MacEntee to Walsh (8 June 1939, 1p).
- 513** 1939 Henry Harrison, *The Partition of Ireland. How Britain is responsible* (London, 1939). 16pp
- 514** July 1945- March 1947 **Northern Ireland elections:** file of cuttings relating mainly to the NI general election (July 1945, 4 items), county Down bye-election (June 1945, 2 items), and Belfast Corporation elections (September 1946, 4 items); includes drafts and copy of a Department of Local Government and Public Health memorandum analysing the results of the Belfast elections (October 1946, 2pp); also includes reports of public statements by unionist and Fianna Fáil politicians, including MacEntee, on partition. 24 items
- 515** January- November 1947 Cuttings from NI newspapers including transcript of an extract from the *Irish News* (24 September 1947) containing a statement from the Irish Anti-Partition League critical of the British Labour Government's policy on NI and its failure to end partition (2Pp); cutting from the *Belfast Newsletter* (7 November

- 515 contd** 1947) of a map of NI showing the proposed constituency boundaries for Westminster Parliamentary elections.
4 items
- 516** June 1947 **Northern Ireland Bill, 1947:** cuttings from NI newspapers reporting the debate in Westminster on the Bill, transferring to the Government and Parliament of NI certain powers, mainly in respect of health, transport, agriculture, and law and order; debate centres on the Special Powers Act and proposals for its annual review.
7 items
- 517** July 1947 Copies of Seanad Debates reporting the Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill, 1947; passages containing statements relating to partition and Northern Ireland made during the debate are marked.
2 items
- 518** *United Ireland*, monthly bulletin of the London Area Council of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League.
- (1)** November 1947 vol.1, no.3 12pp
- (2)** December 1947-
January 1948 vol.1, no.4 16pp
- 519** [1950s] **Under the Orange Lily:** typescript and handwritten draft of an account by MacEntee, based largely upon contemporaneous accounts in NI newspapers, of the origin, nature, and purpose of sectarian attacks upon Catholics in 1920, with particular reference to Belfast, Lisburn, Banbridge, Newtownards, and Dromore, leading Dáil Éireann to place these areas under an economic boycott (c70pp); unsigned, undated typescript copy of MacEntee's statement no.2 [to the Bureau of Military History] consisting of a fair copy of Under the Orange Lily. c.200pp
- 520** November 1969 Copy letters from MacEntee to An Taoiseach Jack Lynch, and Dr P J Hillery, Minister for External Affairs, commenting upon events in NI and urging a new approach by the Government towards reconciliation; encloses a transcript of extracts from his speech during the Treaty Debates in Dáil Éireann, 22 December 1921,

- 520 contd** dealing mainly with partition; letters of acknowledgement from An Taoiseach and the Minister. 5 items
- 521** June 1972- **Social Democratic and Labour Party:**
June 1978 notices and correspondence concerning fundraising events in Dublin for the SDLP; appeals from Dr John Kelly, 6 Marlborough Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Chairman, SDLP Dublin Fund; also contains material relating to the activities of the Antrim and Down Association, including correspondence between MacEntee and Casilda McCorley, Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6, Honorary Secretary of the ADA and an SDLP fundraiser. 27 items

J. REVOLUTIONARY AND SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS, 1930-60

- 522** 1930-44 **Revolutionary organisations in the Saorstát:** file of documents relating to revolutionary and subversive organisations operating in Ireland. **Includes:** notes on revolutionary organisations listing each organisation and details of its officers, committee members, leading activists (1930, 11pp); attached is a copy of the objectives of the Workers Revolutionary Party of Ireland (5pp); letter from R[obert] Stewart, *Workers' Voice*, Workers Revolutionary Party, Batchelors Walk, Dublin, to M O'Doherty, Roscommon, seeking his support in the formation of the Party and in arranging meetings with interested workers in Roscommon (3 June 1930, 1p); typescript copy of an article and extracts from the article in *Workers' Voice*, 26 April 1930, entitled 'Jim Larkin Jnr sends greetings from Moscow' (4pp); report on a lecture given by Seán Murray under the auspices of the Central Communist Committee for Ireland, Jury's Hotel, Dublin, 7 November 1943 (2pp); copy of a record of Communist activities in Ireland, January 1942-February 1943, mainly relating to meetings of Communist Party committees and members (12pp); copy of a summary of the record (6pp); extracts from *Could Ireland become Communist?*, pamphlet by James Hogan [Professor of History, University College, Cork], 1935 (19pp); *Explanations please! They say they are not Communists*, pamphlet published by Michael I. Neary, solicitor, D'Olier Street, Dublin, concerning the allegedly communist activities of various organisations [after 1944] (14pp). 8 items

- 523** 1935, 1936 **Communism in Ireland:** transcripts, some annotated, from James Hogan *Could Ireland become Communist?* (1935, c50pp); *Notes on Communism in Saorstát Éireann* prepared by the Department of Justice; copy no.5, marked 'secret' (November 1936, 42pp); transcripts of sections of the notes (12pp).
- 524** March 1933 **IRA:** typescript copy of the published text of the Constitution of the Republic of Ireland and the Constitution of Óglaigh na hÉireann as adopted by a General Army Convention, March 1933.
14pp
- 525** 17 March 1934 **IRA:** bound handwritten minutes of the General Army Convention [of the IRA].
20x16x2cms
- 526** November 1935-
April 1936 **Communist activities:** Garda Síochána Special Branch reports on Communist Party of Ireland meetings and lectures, including reports of a visit to Dublin at the invitation of the CPI of William Gallacher MP (January-April 1936); press cuttings containing reports of CPI meetings; *Trade Union Information Bulletin*, no.1, November 1935.
10 items
- 527** [1936] **Notes on the Republican Congress Movement, 1934-6:** copy no. 5, prepared in the Office of the Minister for Justice; printed for ease of reference, not for publication or distribution.
28pp
- 528** [1937] **Notes on Communism in Saorstát Éireann (Supplement):** copy no.5, secret, prepared by the Department of Justice; consists of notes on individuals and organisations with alleged Communist sympathies; typescript copy attached.
16pp, 10pp
- 529** [1939] **IRA bomb outrages:** copy memorandum by MacEntee for the Taoiseach concerning IRA bomb outrages in Britain; memorandum consists of a number of points to be made

- 529 contd** highlighting the difficulties created by partition and emphasising the Government's stand against the IRA, and its determination to maintain good relations with Britain. 5pp
- 530** 1939-40 [-48] **IRA:** material, mainly press cuttings, relating to aspects of IRA activities.
Includes: copy of *The Week*, 8 February 1939, [edited by Claud Cockburn] containing an article on the IRA bombing campaign in London, links between the IRA and the Nazis, and plans to supply the IRA through German engineers working on the Shannon Scheme; copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach and to Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, Finance, concerning the article (February-April 1939, 9 items); press cuttings reporting condemnation of the IRA by the Taoiseach; letters and telegrams to MacEntee concerning Republican hunger strikers and the proposed execution of IRA prisoners sentenced to death (February-September 1940, 13 items). 34 items
- 531** 29 January 1940 **Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry into the raid on the Magazine Fort:** Minister for Industry and Commerce's copy no.13 of the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry at McKee Barracks, Dublin, 29 December 1939, into the raid on the Magazine Fort, Phoenix Park, 25 December 1939, resulting in the loss of a large quantity of ammunition. 120pp
- 532** March-December 1940 *War News*, issued by the Republican Publicity Bureau, Belfast, containing IRA propaganda on the progress of the war in Europe and on IRA military activity including incendiarism in the UK. 10 items
- 533** June-July 1940 **Hunger strikers:** handwritten draft and typescript notes [by MacEntee] on the general principles governing advice to the President on the commutation of death sentences; handwritten draft is headed 'Statement relating to [the] case of Thomas MacCurtain as read to Government on 10 July 1940. S MacE[ntee]'; copies of handbills publicising the case of MacCurtain and the five other hunger strikers. 9 items

- 534 1941 **Departmental notes on events, 1931-40:** copy issued to himself by S A Roche, Secretary, Department of Justice, of the confidential printed notes prepared in the Office of the Minister for Justice, mainly concerning the activities of subversive organisations.
217pp
- 535 [1923-7] 1943-4 **James Larkin and Communist infiltration of the Labour Party:** material relating to the admission of James Larkin to membership of the Labour Party; his recognition as an official Labour candidate for election to the Dáil; and the disaffiliation of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union from the Party in protest; includes earlier printed material concerning the expulsion of Larkin from the ITGWU.
Includes: 3 ITGWU annual reports (1923-5), with sections highlighted by MacEntee, concerning the expulsion of Larkin from the union, subsequent attempts by Larkin and his supporters to disrupt union activity and the foundation by Larkin of the Workers' Union of Ireland;
The attempt to smash the ITGWU, published by the national Executive Council of the union; consists of a report of legal actions (February 1924) arising from Larkin's dispute with the union after his return from the US, an account of the background to this, and an appendix of relevant documents (170pp);
P T Daly's libel action, published by the National Executive Council of the ITGWU, containing a report of the legal proceedings against the *Voice of Labour* and the union, arising from Daly's failure to be re-elected as Acting General Secretary of the union, a position he had held during Larkin's absence in the US (1925, 36pp); copy of a circular letter from William O'Brien, General Secretary, ITGWU, to each branch secretary (15 January 1944, 2pp) informing them of the union's disaffiliation from the Labour party as a result of Larkin's admission to the Party, his recognition as an official Party candidate for election to the Dáil, and the admission and influence with the Party of 'well-known propagandists for the Communist Party' including Larkin's son; three pamphlets entitled *The Communist Front and the attack on Irish Labour* (4pp), *Comrade John Ireland* (2pp), and *Communist Victory over Irish Labour* (4pp), alleging Communist infiltration and influence with the Party; published by the National Labour Party, South Frederick Street, Dublin (March 1944);
ITGWU and the Labour Party: the Union's reply to the Labour Party's statement: pamphlet dealing with a Labour Party statement attempting to refute union allegations that the Party was now Communist controlled; describes the history of Communist infiltration of the Party and the role of James Larkin (1944, 8pp).

- 536** December 1943-
January 1948 **Communism in the Labour Party:** file of cuttings from the *Standard* dealing with Communist activity with particular reference to infiltration of the Labour Party.
10 items
- 537** 1943 [1948] **Communist activities:** copy draft (3pp) and report (2pp) of a lecture delivered by Seán Murray, under the auspices of the Central Communist Committee for Ireland, 7 November 1943; copy memorandum (3pp) based on the report, with copy letter from MacEntee to the Taoiseach highlighting the salient points (10 November 1943, 1p); 2 copy memoranda (12pp, 6pp) on Communist activities during the period January 1942–December 1943, with copy letters from MacEntee circulating copies to other Government Ministers (5 January 1943, 3 items).
9 items
- 538** April-May 1944 **Labour Party and Communism:** copy of the *Standard*, 28 April 1944, containing a report on the expulsion of Communists from the Labour party including the text of the report of the Labour Party Committee of Enquiry [into Communist infiltration], alleging that information collected by *agents provocateurs* was made freely available to MacEntee and others; copy letters from MacEntee to John Burke, his solicitor, to Gerry Boland, Minister for Justice, to Kevin Dixon, Attorney-General, with replies from Burke and Dixon, concerning the libellous nature of the implication that MacEntee had employed or associated with *agents provocateurs*.
14 items
- 539** [c April 1946] **Seán MacBride:** documents relating to MacBride's involvement with the IRA, including a synopsis of his political career, 1918-44 (2pp); annotated copy of 'Notes for the Minister for Justice in connection with Deputy Donnellan's motion' concerning the operation of special courts, offences committed by Seán McCaughey, Adjutant General, IRA, his trial, imprisonment, and death by hunger strike, prison conditions generally with reference to IRA prisoners, and the present state of IRA organisation (35pp).
2 items
- 540** [1941-2] 1946 **Death of Seán McCaughey:** notes for and typescript copy of a speech by MacEntee on the motion of Deputy Donnellan that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the events surrounding

- 540 contd** the trial by military court, the imprisonment and death in custody of Seán McCaughey, convicted of kidnapping Stephen Hayes, Chief of Staff, IRA, and sentenced to penal servitude for life, September 1941 (1946, 26pp); newspaper cuttings containing reports on the inquest on McCaughey (May 1946); copy of notes for [G Boland], Minister for Justice, in connection with Donnellan's motion; notes concern the operation of military courts, prison conditions, and the Government's handling of the IRA; attached are case histories of a number of prisoners including Tomas MacCurtain (1946, 31pp); newspaper cuttings containing reports of the trials of McCaughey (September 1941) and Hayes (June 1942). 23 items
- 541** May 1947- File of cuttings from *Review* and the *Irish People*, official organ of the Labour Party, dealing with general trade union and political activity, with particular reference to criticism of Government policy such as anti-strike legislation, and statements by MacEntee; includes copy letter from E T Sheehy, Private Secretary to MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to the editor, the *Irish People*, concerning allegations in the paper that the Minister had rejected proposals from Dublin Corporation to end evictions by private landlords (October 1947, 3 items). 16 items
- 542** 1947 **Seán MacBride:** material relating to the county Dublin bye-election campaign, October 1947, including exchange of letters in the press between MacBride and MacEntee on the election issues and MacBride's political antecedents (October-November 1947, 23 items); material relating to MacBride's earlier activities, including a report (2pp) on his arrest, 28 May 1940, and notes (3pp) on his connection with the IRA in the context of his acting as defence counsel in the trial of Charles Kerins for the murder of Detective Sergeant O'Brien, October 1944. 36 items
- 543** 1947 **Clann na Poblachta:** minute on the formation of Clann na Poblachta, July 1946 (1p); notes on leading members (2pp); cutting from the *Irish Times*, 1 December 1947, reporting the election of the National Executive 3 items

- 544** [file constructed 1947] **Coras na Poblachta and People's National Party:** material relating to Córás na Poblachta including a report on the foundation meeting, March 1940, with notes on membership and activities until its demise in 1943 (2pp); paper cuttings on the foundation meeting; summary of policy (8pp); copy of *Penapa*, vol.1, no.1, December 1940, organ of the Peoples' National Party. 6 items
- 545** [file constructed 1947] **Saor Éire:** typescript copy of the Constitution and Rules (1931, 8pp); transcripts of press reports of the foundation of Saor Éire (September 1931, 7pp) and of the Bishops' pastoral letter condemning the organisation (October 1931, 2pp); typescript copy of a Saor Éire statement on agricultural policy and the establishment of Working Farmers Committees of Action (3pp). 12 items
- 546** [July 1942-] **Communism:** file of cuttings on aspects of Communist activity including Communism in France and Italy, Communist infiltration of the British Labour Party, and attempts to infiltrate the Irish trade union movement. 25 items
- 547** [September 1944-] **Peadar Cowan:** material, mainly press cuttings, relating to the political activities of Peadar Cowan including the foundation of Vanguard, a socialist republican movement (September 1944); copies of articles and letters to the press from Cowan; copy letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Press*, concerning Cowan's political antecedents in the context of his appointment as Director of Finance for Clann na Poblachta (15 July 1947, 8pp); list of questions [by MacEntee] concerning Cowan and Seán MacBride's involvement with organisations such as Saor Éire and the IRA. 26 items
- 548** December 1947 **Communism in Ireland:** copy typescript Department of Justice memorandum (c120pp) containing an analysis of Communist Party of Ireland organisation and activities including penetration of the Labour Party and trade union movement; consists mainly of biographical notes on individual activists; file also contains typescript appendix (15pp) from an unidentified pamphlet containing biographical notes, generally more detailed than in the departmental memorandum. 2 items

- 549** 1947-8 **Clann na Poblachta:** 2 press cuttings reporting and commenting upon statements by MacEntee, mainly concerning Clann na Poblachta, its antecedents and policies. 2 items
- 550** [1948] **Notes on IRA activities, 1941-7:** copy no.5, issued to the Minister for Local Government, of the confidential printed notes prepared in the Office of the Minister for Justice, for official use only. 173pp
- 551** February 1948 **Notes on activists:** biographical details and notes on the political careers and activities of a number of trade unionists and left-wing political activists. 16 items
- 552** [c1948] *Foundations for what? The Soviet Republic of Ireland.* Typescript text with handwritten amendments, of a pamphlet dealing with 'the activities of International Communism in Ireland' with reference to the Labour Party, Clann na Poblachta, and the trade union movement; copy with additional amendments. 64pp each
- 553** May 1958-
February 1959 **Gearóid Ó Laighleis:** copies of submissions and judgements relating to the complaint and claim by Gearóid Ó Laighleis against the Government of the Republic of Ireland, before the Council of Europe Commission on Human Rights, that his imprisonment, July- December 1957, without charge or trial, under the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act, 1940, constituted a violation of the Convention of Human Rights; included is a copy of returns for the Oireachtas under Section 9 of the Act, of persons detained under the Act, July 1957-June 1958. 23pp
- 554** [c1960] Typescript notes on the infiltration of the Dublin Council of Trade Unions by members of the Irish Workers' League; list of members of the executive committee of the Northern Ireland Communist Party. 1p

K. SPEECHES AND RELATED MATTER, 1921-79

- 555** 22 December 1921 Typescript extract from the official report of the debate on the Treaty in Dáil Éireann, containing MacEntee's speech against the motion of approval. 4pp
- 556** [c January 1922] Text of a speech on the theme that partition is too high a price to pay for peace; traces continual rejection of partition by the Irish people and urges rejection of the Treaty. 4pp
- 557** 1930 Text of speech at Waterford advocating a spirit of reconciliation and realism, and urging 'all men of good will to forget their differences and to come together to examine and consider the present plight of our people'. 1p
- 558** [1931] Typescript text of a speech by MacEntee on the Manchester Martyrs and the origins of the Fenian Brotherhood. 11pp
- 559** February 1937 Typescript text of a speech [by MacEntee] in Dáil Éireann during the debate on the Spanish Civil War (Non-Intervention) Bill; argues that the Bill is designed to help prevent another world war and to maintain internal peace and order in Ireland. 9pp
- 560** 13 June 1937 Address at the Fianna Fáil Wolfe Tone Commemoration. 11pp
- 561** 1937 Summary of a speech in Leix-Offaly concerning the draft Constitution, with particular reference to the office of the President. 2pp

- 562** February 1938 Copy of a lecture given under the auspices of the Beggars Bush Cumann, Fianna Fáil, in the Mansion House, dealing with the events of Easter Week, 1916 (37pp); correspondence concerning arrangements for the lecture. 8 items
- 563** September-
November 1938 Material relating to a paper entitled 'Finance in War Time', read by MacEntee to a meeting of the Economics Society, Queen's University, Belfast, 28 October 1938; includes correspondence with John T Esdale, honorary secretary of the society, concerning arrangements for the meeting; research material for the paper including correspondence with Dr Per Jacobsson, Bank for International Settlements, Basle, Switzerland; drafts and final version (27pp) of the paper. 37 items
- 564** [c1938] Copy scheme of points [for a speech by MacEntee?] on the necessity for 'a well-considered and judicious plan, consistently pursued and authoritatively directed' to secure a solution to the problem of partition; underlines the wholeheartedness of government policy in suppressing subversion while maintaining democracy and ensuring the fair trial of accused persons; emphasises the necessity for the maintenance of good commercial relations with Britain. 5pp
- 565** [1939] Speech by MacEntee to a general audience, in support of the Government's proposals to convert the First National Loan to a 4% Conversion Loan; urges his audience to take up the loan. 6pp
- 566** [1930s] Text of a speech concerning partition and the need 'to awaken that feeling of reciprocal affection, that sense of common loyalty to our common country, that mutual trust between the people of North and South, that all the energies of those who control the Twenty-six Counties should be devoted'. 3pp
- 567** [1930s] Incomplete annotated text of an address at a dinner in honour of a visiting German international soccer team. 9pp

- 568** September 1941 Material relating to an address by MacEntee at the unveiling of a memorial to James Lawless and John Gibbons, shot dead during the 'Sack of Balbriggan', 20 September 1920; includes correspondence concerning arrangements for the ceremony, copy of the address (5pp), and cuttings reporting MacEntee's remarks with particular reference to inevitable hardship during the forthcoming winter. 30 items
- 569** December 1944- April 1945 Correspondence between MacEntee and Walter Treanor, auditor, Literary and Historical Society, University College, Dublin, concerning an invitation to the Minister to speak at Mr Treanor's inaugural address entitled 'Ulster was Right'; the Minister declines the invitation but offers his comments on the content of the address; copy of the draft address and the Minister's comments are included. 12 items
- 570** May 1945 Material relating to a paper by MacEntee entitled 'Should Éire plan for full employment?', at the inaugural meeting of the UCD Commerce Society, proposing a vote of thanks for the auditor's address on the topic; includes copy of the auditor's address (11pp); draft (14pp) and final version (26pp) of MacEntee's paper; newspaper cuttings reporting the substance of the Minister's paper (3 items); text of an earlier speech by MacEntee on the Beveridge Scheme for Full Employment (13 March 194, 16pp). 11 items
- 571** 1945-6 Material relating to a talk by MacEntee entitled 'A Century of Local Government' under the auspices of the National Executive of Fianna Fáil, in the Mansion House, 26 January 1946; includes background material relating to the history and development of local government in Ireland, supplied by Local Government and Public Health (5 items); draft and copy of a summary of the talk, issued as a press release (8pp); copy text of the talk (27pp); letter from the MacGillycuddy of the Reeks, Beaufort, county Kerry (24 January 1946, 2pp) enclosing a copy of an article he had written in 1934 dealing with the inadequacies of the local government system and suggesting remedies. 28 items
- 572** February 1946 Draft (14pp) and copy text (7pp) of a speech proposing the toast at the annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland; typescript notes (4pp) on the history and development of the

- 572 contd.** institution as background information for the speech.
3 items
- 573** February 1946 Draft and copy (24pp) of an address by MacEntee entitled 'Some memories of Easter Week, 1916', given under the auspices of the Newbridge Fianna Fáil Cumann; 2 press cuttings reporting the talk.
4 items
- 574** May 1946 Material relating to a paper by MacEntee at the inaugural meeting of the Architectural Society, UCD, proposing a vote of thanks for the auditor's address on the topic 'Planning and a national policy'; includes copy of the auditor's address (17pp) annotated by MacEntee and a copy of MacEntee's remarks (7pp).
9 items
- 575** June 1946 Annotated text of a speech to the Irish Medical Association on the future development of Irish health services and the establishment of a separate Department of Health.
6pp
- 576** November 1946 5 press cuttings reporting a speech by MacEntee at a dinner given by the Royal Liver Friendly Society to mark the retirement of Senator P T Kelly from the Resident Secretaryship for Ireland; Minister's speech deals with partition and the need for closer Anglo-Irish cooperation; includes letters of congratulation and dissent on the speech (November 1946–February 1947, 7 items).
15 items
- 577** November 1946 Extract from Dáil Debates containing the text of a speech by MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, concerning proposals for the establishment of separate Departments of Health and Social Welfare.
3pp
- 578** December 1946-
January 1947 Correspondence with the Irish Film Society, North Earl Street, Dublin, concerning an invitation to MacEntee to introduce Paul Botha, documentary film maker, giving a lecture on 'The documentary film' in the Mansion House, 27

- 578 contd** January 1947; includes copy of MacEntee's introductory remarks (4pp); synopsis of Botha's talk (5pp); copy of an article on 'Films in the Public Service' (4pp) by C V Whelan, Secretary, Irish Film Society, and an officer in Local Government and Public Health; notes on Botha's career (2pp) and his films (5pp).
11 items
- 579** February 1947 Material relating to a speech by MacEntee at the foundation meeting of the Pembroke Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society; includes background information on the development and activities of the Society in Ireland and a draft of the Minister's remarks (4pp); also includes the text of a speech from an earlier date (c 1945, 3pp) to raise funds for the Society, dealing with Government policy in general.
9 items
- 580** March 1947 Material relating to a speech by MacEntee at a Town Planning Institute Dinner, Gresham Hotel, 11 March 1947; includes copy of the Minister's speech (6pp); memorandum from the Planning Section, Local Government (March 1947, 4pp & appendices), supplied as background information for the speech, concerning town planning in Ireland and the extent of the adoption of planning schemes by district planning authorities; appendices mainly concern the progress of the Dublin City Planning Scheme.
16 items
- 581** April 1947 Material relating to a paper by MacEntee at the inaugural meeting of the Law Society, UCD, proposing a vote of thanks for the auditor's address on the topic 'Peace through UNO'; includes a copy of the auditor's address (13pp); copy of MacEntee's remarks (12pp); and correspondence with F H Boland, Secretary, External Affairs, concerning background information on the United Nations for the talk.
9 items
- 582** April-June 1947 4 press cuttings reporting remarks by MacEntee at the conference banquet of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Gresham Hotel, Dublin; correspondence concerning arrangements for the banquet, including copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach concerning the propriety of accepting the invitation should there be a royal toast.
12 items

- 583** May-October 1947 Text of remarks by MacEntee opening an international bridge congress in Dún Laoghaire; correspondence with Dr P J Brennan, Dublin County Coroner and organiser of the event. 19 items
- 584** September 1947 Copy of a speech by MacEntee at a dinner given by the Arklow Tourist Association during the annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland; Minister's remarks concern aspects of local administration with particular reference to the need for closer cooperation concerning arrangements for the dinner and press cuttings reporting the substance of the Minister's remarks. 17 items
- 585** October 1947 Text of an address by MacEntee to the Irish Tourist Association, at a lunch in the Gresham Hotel (8pp); notes on the origin, development and activities of the ITA, supplied for the speaker's information. 2 items
- 586** March 1949 Pages from *The Echo*, containing the text of an address by MacEntee at a Fianna Fáil concert in Carnew, county Wexford, on his personal recollections of Easter 1916.
- 587** August 1949 Text of a speech by MacEntee to the United Nations General Assembly, Strasbourg, on those aspects of the recently completed Universal Declaration of Human Rights which apply to Ireland, particularly with regard to partition. 12pp
- 588** 1940s-60s 4 press cuttings reporting and commenting upon speeches by MacEntee concerning reconciliation and initiatives towards the ending of partition.
- 589** [January 1950] 2 fragmentary handwritten drafts (21pp, 12pp), typescript draft (29pp) and copy (20pp) of a lecture by MacEntee on the careers of Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey. 4 items

- 590** June 1952 Annotated text of a speech at Dungarvan; necessity for the Government to increase taxation to pay for the previous Government's 'orgy of spending and borrowing'.
10pp
- 591** December [1952] Text of a speech to a Fianna Fáil cumann at Belturbet; success of the recent National Loan in contrast to the Marshall Aid Loan taken up by the previous Government – 'the most expensive borrowing operation that the State had indulged in up to then'.
2pp
- 592** [December 1952] Text of a speech at the annual meeting of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce; steps taken to deal with the budgetary and balance of payments deficits; success of the recent National Loan. 5pp
- 593** [1952] Text of a speech at Limerick dealing with the previous Government's economic and legislative policies; in particular the need to borrow under Marshall Aid to sustain the shift from arable farming to beef production.
15pp
- 594** [1952] Press release (4pp) and text of a speech (7pp) at the annual reunion of the Fianna Fáil Wolfe Tone Cumann, Athlone; price rises and the balance of payments deficit caused by the previous Government's economic policies.
2 items
- 595** [1952] Text of a speech at Manor Street in support of the Lord Mayor, Senator Clerkin [in local authority elections?]; effects of economic mismanagement by the Inter-Party Government and aspects of present Government economic policy; deals particularly with increases in the cost-of-living.
5pp
- 596** [1952] Text of a speech at the annual Fianna Fáil reunion in Tuam, concerning the abuse of Dáil privilege by Opposition deputies.

- 597** January 1953 Text of a speech at Dún Laoghaire criticising the actions of dairy farmers in withholding milk supplies from urban areas in an effort to have the prices of milk and butter raised. 7pp
- 598** March 1953 Text of a speech at a St Patrick's Day dinner in Liverpool responding to the toast; Anglo-Irish relations in general. 6pp
- 599** [1954] Text of an unidentified speech by MacEntee touching on the salient points of the 1954 Budget and general economic progress since 1951. 7pp
- 600** April 1957 Speech at the opening of Hospital XI, St Kevin's Hospital, Dublin. 11p
- 601** July 1957 Annual dinner of the Irish Medical Association in Cork; includes annotated text as delivered (16pp) and typescript copy draft (7pp).
- 602** July 1957 Irish Junior Red Cross Summer Course for Teachers. 9pp
- 603** October 1957 Formal opening of the offices of the Voluntary Health Insurance Board. 3pp
- 604** October 1957 Opening a sale of work, St Anne's Hospital, Northbrook Road, Dublin. 9pp
- 605** November 1957 Opening a meeting of the Dublin University Biological Association. 17pp

- 606** November 1957 Opening a new health centre and dispensary, Finglas, Dublin.
7pp
- 607** November 1957 Speech at his first meeting as Minister for Health with the National Health Council.
3pp
- 608** November 1957 Address at the opening of the new premises of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers, 9 Ely Place, Dublin; deputising for the Tánaiste, Mr Lemass.
6pp
- 609** November 1957 Meeting with members of the Cancer Association of Ireland.
9pp
- 610** November 1957 Opening of the annual sale of patients' work at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin.
7pp
- 611** February 1958 Annual meeting of the National Mass-Radiography Association.
4pp
- 612** March 1958 St Patrick's Day dinner, Manchester; the achievements of independent Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations in general. 15pp
- 613** April 1958 Lunch given by the National Blood Transfusion Association. 11pp
- 614** April 1958 Fianna Fáil Convention, Cork City; current year's Budget the first step in recovery from the economic mismanagement of the Inter-Party Government.
5pp

- 615** May 1958 Annual dinner of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, the Airport, Collinstown. 14pp
- 616** May 1958 Irish Nurses' Organisation annual general meeting, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. 3pp
- 617** June [1958] Opening of workshops for the blind, Baggotrath House, Baggot Street, Dublin. 7pp
- 618** June 1958 Press release reporting a speech by MacEntee concerning the anti-polio vaccination service for children which had been provided for the first time the previous year and extended in scope in the present year; defends the scheme against criticism in relation to charges for it. 3pp
- 619** August 1958 Address of welcome to the newly-appointed Swedish Ambassador [Ohrvall] to Ireland, at a dinner in his honour; deputising as Tánaiste for the Minister for External Affairs. 11pp
- 620** March 1959 National University of Ireland Club St Patrick's Day banquet and dance, London; the problem of emigration (5pp); includes typescript amended draft (11pp).
- 621** July 1959 Irish Medical Association annual dinner, Killarney. 7pp
- 622** September 1959 Presentation of awards at the closing ceremony of the Cork Film Festival. 4pp

- 623** October 1959 Society of Medical Officers of Health annual dinner, the Airport, Collinstown. 5pp
- 624** October 1959 Irish Red Cross World Refugee Year; appeal by the Tánaiste on behalf of the Taoiseach and Government in support of the Irish Red Cross campaign. 12pp
- 625** November 1959 National University of Ireland Graduates Association, Dublin Regional Branch annual dinner. 10pp
- 626** November 1959 Cancer Association annual general meeting, St Luke's Hospital, Dublin. 13pp
- 627** April 1960 Irish Association of Advertising Agencies dinner. 11pp
- 628** May 1960 Éire Society of Boston annual dinner, Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston; copy first draft (9pp) and annotated text (24pp).
- 629** May 1960 Health and welfare programmes and problems in Ireland; text of remarks at a press and television reception at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel, Washington. 11pp
- 630** June 1960 Limerick Branch of Cairde Fáil; balance of payments position and Fianna Fáil economic policy. 8pp
- 631** July 1960 Blackrock College centenary celebrations; reply by the Tánaiste to the toast of the guests at a lunch in the College. 11pp

- 632** July 1960 Opening of a conference on rehabilitation in Trinity College, Dublin. 11pp
- 633** September 1960 Dinner in honour of John Boyd-Carpenter, UK Minister for Pensions and National Insurance, at Iveagh house. 8pp
- 634** September 1960 Address of welcome to the newly-appointed French Ambassador to Ireland at a dinner in his honour deputising for the Minister for External Affairs. 9pp
- 635** October 1960 Publicity Club of Ireland meeting; annotated text of remarks concerning mental handicap. 17pp
- 636** November 1960 Opening of the Regional Maternity Hospital Limerick. 15pp
- 637** November 1960 Opening of the new County Hospital, Dundalk. 8pp
- 638** December 1960 World Health Organisation Mental Health Year Symposium, St Brendan's Hospital, Dublin. 14pp
- 639** [1960] Dublin North-East Comhairle Ceanntair, Fianna Fáil; operation of the health services and the obstruction of the Irish Medical Association. 14pp
- 640** [c1960] Radioactivity Consultative Council dinner. 5pp

- 650** June 1961 Laying of the foundation stone for the new hospital building, Erinville Hospital, Cork. 18pp
- 651** July 1961 Opening of the new County Hospital Letterkenny, county Donegal. 19pp
- 652** July 1961 First meeting of the Commission on Mental Illness. 6pp
- 653** [c August 1961] Opening of an extension to the regional orthopaedic unit at Our Lady's Hospital, An Uaimh. 8pp
- 654** September 1961 International Cardiovascular Society, Fifth Congress, inaugural meeting, opening address, University College Dublin. 4pp
- 655** September 1961 Opening a seminar on rehabilitation, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dún Laoghaire. 13pp
- 656** October 1961 Opening of a World Health Organisation symposium on planning national environmental sanitation programmes, University College Dublin. 11pp
- 657** October 1961 Opening of a new unit at St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. 9pp
- 658** October 1961 Opening the annual general meeting of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. 6pp

- 659** October 1961 Speech by Donogh O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, deputising for MacEntee at the annual dinner of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
5pp
- 660** November 1961 Central Council of the Federation of Dublin Voluntary Hospitals inaugural meeting. 10pp
- 661** November 1961 Institute of Hospital Administrators annual dinner. 12pp
- 662** December 1961 Laying the corner stone for an extension to the Immaculate Conception Home and School, Cregg House, Sligo.
16pp
- 663** December 1961 Meeting of managers and resident medical superintendents of district mental hospitals. 23pp
- 664** [1961?] Proposing the toast of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland; 2 annotated copies of the Minister's remarks. 15pp
- 665** January 1962 Freedom from Hunger Campaign; conference organised by the Irish Red Cross Society; deputising for the Taoiseach. 12pp
- 666** January 1962 Dublin South-East Constituency Party annual dinner; speech concerning the general election results; handwritten introduction and typescript text. 12pp
- 667** February 1962 Film premier in aid of St Declan's School and Child Guidance Centre, Ballsbridge. 7pp

- 668** February 1962 Opening new headquarters of the Rehabilitation Institute, Leeson Park, Dublin. 9pp
- 669** February 1962 Dublin North-East Constituency Party presentation to Oscar Traynor and Harry Colley; reply on behalf of the guests. Annotated text (7pp) and copy (4pp) prepared as a press release. 2 items
- 670** March 1962 Thomas Russell Cumann Fianna Fáil, Dún Laoghaire, annual dinner; Ireland's application for membership of the European Economic Community. 16pp
- 671** March 1962 Inaugural meeting of the Cancer Consultative Council. 8pp
- 672** April 1962 Official opening of St Michael's House, Finglas, county Dublin, for the Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Handicapped Children. 12pp
- 673** May 1962 Opening a Congress on Mental Handicap, St Augustine's, Blackrock. 11pp
- 674** May 1962 Inaugural meeting of Comhairle na Nimheanna; functions of the Comhairle in advising the Minister on the regulation and control of poisonous substances. 10pp
- 675** June 1962 Proposing the toast to the Faculty of Anaesthetists [Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland?]; 2 copies annotated. 13pp each
- 676** June 1962 Opening of the Cheshire Home, Shillelagh, county Wicklow. 10pp

- 677** July 1962 Tenth International Congress of Catholic Doctors dinner and ball; reply by the Minister to the toast of the guests; text as delivered (10pp), press release (3pp), programme (1p). 3 items
- 678** July 1962 Opening a new unit at Our Lady's Hospice, Dublin. 8pp
- 679** September 1962 Irish Dental Association, Midland Branch, and Public Dental Officers Group joint annual dinner, Athlone; incomplete third draft of speech on the responsibility of sanitary authorities for fluoridation. 9pp
- 680** September 1962 Meeting in the Cumberland Hotel; progress and findings to date of the survey by the Medical Research Council of Ireland of the teeth of children attending full-time day schools. 10pp
- 681** October 1962 Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland Pharmacy Week dinner, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. 11pp
- 682** October 1962 Presentation dinner to mark the fortieth anniversary of the election to Dáil Éireann of An Taoiseach Seán Lemass. 15pp
- 683** December 1962 Medical Society, University College, Dublin; replying to a paper on the development of the speciality of paediatrics. 5pp
- 684** December 1962 Address at the opening of the Tercentenary Celebrations of the Regius Chair of Physic in Trinity College, Dublin. 9pp

- 685** [1962] Speech on the importance of an independent judiciary in the light of attacks in Dáil Éireann on Government proposals for an increase in judges' salaries. 8pp
- 686** [1962] Wexford Chamber of Commerce annual dinner; necessity to apply for membership of the EEC. 17pp
- 687** January 1963 Dublin South-East Comhairle Ceanntair annual dinner; advantages to Ireland of membership of the EEC. 3pp
- 688** February 1963 Opening the National Medical Lourdes Hospital, Dún Laoghaire. Rehabilitation Centre, our Lady of 16pp
- 689** February 1963 Opening of the Cobalt Therapy Unit and the Radio Isotope Department at St Luke's Hospital, Dublin. 11pp
- 690** March 1963 Opening of St Elizabeth's Training Centre, Cork. 14pp
- 691** [March 1963] Proposing the adoption of the annual report of Peamount Hospital for 1962, the Hospital's centenary year; the Hospital's history and role in combating tuberculosis. 16pp
- 692** May 1963 Typescript text with manuscript amendments of MacEntee's speech in Dáil Éireann on the Budget proposals. 29pp
- 693** May 1963 Irish Dental Association annual dinner, toast of the Association. Bray, county Wicklow; proposing the 16pp

- 694** May 1963 Presentation of prizes at the Caltex Art Competition for Schoolchildren.
7pp
- 695** July 1963 Irish Medical Association annual dinner, Drogheda, county Louth; reply to the Presidential address.
17pp
- 696** July 1963 Opening an extension to the Immaculate Conception Home and School, Cregg House, Sligo.
14pp
- 697** July 1963 Address to a meeting of Dublin South-East Comhairle Ceanntair, attacking Opposition budget proposals.
18pp
- 698** October 1963 Address of welcome to the newly-appointed Swedish ambassador to Ireland, Nils-Eric Ekblad, at a dinner in his honour; deputising for the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
15pp
- 699** November 1963 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Faculty of Dentistry annual dinner; proposing the toast to the Faculty.
14pp
- 700** December 1963 Opening an extension to the School of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Glanmire, Cork, and the silver jubilee of the brothers of Charity in Cork.
18pp
- 701** 1963 'More carrots – more donkeys'. Text of an address at an election meeting in support of Stan O'Brien, Fianna Fáil candidate in the forthcoming Dublin North-East bye-election.
8pp
- 702** February 1964 First meeting of An Bord Altranais, responsible for the supervision of the nursing profession.
7pp

- 703** February 1964 Speech at the annual dinner of the Liam Lynch Cumann, Dublin South-East Constituency Party (9pp); attack on Fine Gael policy, particularly with regard to taxation; cuttings from daily and Sunday newspapers, reporting the substance of the speech.
5 items
- 704** February 1964 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Charter Day dinner. 13pp
- 705** March 1964 Proposing the toast to the guest of honour, George Brown, at a St Patrick's Day dinner in London.
14pp
- 706** April 1964 Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom annual dinner, Trinity College, Dublin. 10pp
- 707** April 1964 Opening a new admission unit at Our Lady's Hospital, Cork; annotated text and copy. 10pp; 6pp
- 708** May 1964 College of General Practitioners annual dinner, Gresham Hotel, Dublin.
13pp
- 709** May 1964 Laying the foundation stone for the new Coombe Hospital; history of maternity care in Ireland.
16pp
- 710** June 1964 Opening meeting of the National Health Council. 4pp
- 711** July 1964 Irish Medical Association annual dinner. 12pp

- 712** July 1964 [Fianna Fáil meeting], Mohill, county Leitrim; attack on Fine Gael's political philosophy. 11pp
- 713** July 1964 Opening St Mary's Special Residential School for Mentally handicapped Children, Delvin. 11pp
- 714** September 1964 International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine, Dublin. 7pp
- 715** September 1964 Royal Society of Health meeting, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. 12pp
- 716** October 1964 Opening a new workshop and occupational therapy department at the Central Remedial Clinic, Goatstown. 11pp
- 717** October 1964 Address at the presentation of diplomas at the Institute of Public Administration. 12pp
- 718** November 1964 Opening a surgical unit in memory of Dr Kathleen Lynn at St Ultan's Hospital, Dublin. 13pp
- 719** November 1964 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Faculty of Dentistry, annual dinner; address by the Minister. 15pp
- 720** December 1964 Address of welcome to the newly appointed Danish Ambassador to Ireland [Kristiansen], at a dinner in his honour; deputising for the Minister for External Affairs. 8pp

- 721** January 1965 Dublin South-East Comhairle
Ceanntair annual dinner; review of the
Government's achievements in 1964. 8pp
- 722** January 1965 Inaugural meeting of the Hospitals
Sterile Supplies Board. 5pp
- 723** January 1965 Annual general meeting of Fianna Fáil
in Cork; attack on Fine Gael economic
and industrial policy, with particular reference to its alleged
attitude to investment from abroad. 17pp
- 724** January 1965 Reply to the address of the auditor, 'A
nation once', at the inaugural meeting
of the UCD Law Society. 15pp
- 725** February 1965 First draft of a speech to the Liam
Lynch Cumann, Fianna Fáil Dublin
South-East Constituency; criticises proposals by James Dillon
and T F O'Higgins for the abolition of poverty and the expansion
of the health services (7pp); annotated text (12pp).
- 726** February 1965 Address at the graveside of the late M J
Kennedy TD, Castlepollard [formerly
Parliamentary Secretary to MacEntee as Minister for Social
Welfare, 1957-61]. 5pp
- 727** February 1965 Lunch given by the Variety Club of
Ireland to mark the presentation of a
coach to the National Rehabilitation Centre. 7pp
- 728** February 1965 Dinner in honour of Seán Brady TD,
South County Hotel, Dublin. 7pp

- 729** April 1965 Dinner for members of the Commission of Enquiry into Mental handicap; text as delivered (8pp) and as issued to the press (14pp).
- 730** [1965] Draft and copy of a speech by MacEntee accepting Honorary Life Membership of the Irish Dental Association (7pp each); copy of the speech by the President of the Association in conferring the award.
- 731** [1965] Fédération Dentaire Internationale Banquet, Dublin. 14pp
- 732** [early 1960s] Address at a dinner of Public Health Officers; consists of a review of developments in public health in Ireland. 17pp
- 733** [early 1960s] Irish Ophthalmological Society Joint Congress; toast at the Congress dinner. 10pp
- 734** [November 1966] Handwritten text of a speech [intended for a meeting of the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party, [11 November 1966], critical of An Taoiseach Seán Lemass, his policies, and his decision to resign at that particular time.
‘Mr de Valera left Lemass with a great heritage in Fianna Fáil; and he has squandered it. Ours was a unique organisation, built up by the self-sacrifice of patriotic citizens; and the force which animated it and made it effective and powerful was selflessness and not ambition.
Sometimes in recent years it has seemed as though it were being dealt with like a personal property’. 6pp
- 735** [1966] Handwritten text of an address to the 1916 commemorative lunch of Cairde Fáil; protest at the inaccuracy of RTE’s portrayal of the Rising in its series ‘Insurrection’. 5pp

- 736** January- February 1967 Text of a speech to the agm of Loughrea Fianna Fáil Cumann (29 January 1967) criticising the leadership of the National Farmers' Association and its current campaign against Government agricultural policy; letter from M Carty, Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach, to MacEntee (28 January 1967, 1p) relaying a request from P J Finnegan, that MacEntee's forthcoming speech should contain no reference to the NFA; 3 press cuttings reporting and commenting upon the farmers' campaign and MacEntee's speech (30 January-4 February 1967). 5 items
- 737** February 1967 Text of a paper entitled 'Five curious years', given by MacEntee to the Dublin University History Society; deals with political events during the period 1934-8, with particular reference to elections and the controversy surrounding the sale of Locke's Distillery; correspondence concerning arrangements for the paper (3 items, December 1966-February 1967); press cutting from the *Irish Times* containing a report of the paper. 15pp
- 738** November 1967 Copy of *Dáil Éireann Parliamentary Debates* reporting the debate on the vote for the Office of the Minister for Finance; contains annotations by MacEntee to statements by Opposition spokesmen referring to previous economic measures, particularly measures introduced by MacEntee as Minister for Finance; rough handwritten draft speech and notes (c40pp) by MacEntee in response to points raised in Opposition statements. 5 items
- 739** November 1968 3 press cuttings reporting the substance of speeches by MacEntee and Erskine Childers, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, at the annual dinner of the South Monaghan Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fáil; MacEntee's remarks concentrate on the origins of partition and responsibility for the present situation in Northern Ireland.
- 740** January 1969 Dublin South-East Constituency Party annual dinner; the significance of the 1918 general election. 2pp

- 741** February 1969 Dinner in honour of Dr James Ryan, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of his election to the First Dáil; handwritten text.
7pp
- 742** March 1969 Joint meeting of cumainn in the Donnybrook, Ranelagh, and Sandford districts; Fine Gael trade union policy. 2pp
- 743** March 1969 Handwritten text of a speech to the Dublin South-East Constituency Party concerning the Criminal Justice Bill, 1969, and the maintenance of order and the rule of law with particular reference to the National Farmers' Association campaign of destruction (14 March 1969, 12pp); 4 press cuttings reporting and commenting upon the speech (15 March 1969). 5 items
- 744** [1969] Election meeting in Ranelagh; attack upon Fine Gael and Labour social policy. 2pp
- 745** 1960s-70s Handwritten texts of 4 speeches to annual dinners of the Dublin South-East Constituency Party; topics of the speeches concern general Party and political matters; includes organisational material relating to the 1969 annual dinner at which a presentation was made to MacEntee by An Taoiseach Jack Lynch to mark his retirement from politics, and MacEntee's address to the dinner, consisting of an account of his early political career.
1 items
- 746** [1960s] Annual dinner of the Rory O'Connor Cumann; the significance of the 1918 general election. 5pp
- 747** [1960] Annotated text of a lecture to the Beggars Bush Cumann, giving a detailed account of his experience of the fighting in Dublin after Easter Wednesday, 1916. 22pp

- 748** [1960] Address to a meeting of the Dublin South-East Constituency Party; concerns a recent motion of no confidence in the Fianna Fáil Government on the issue of price rises. 3pp
- 749** [1960s] Address at the opening of the Dublin Theatre Festival. 2pp
- 750** [1971] Incomplete handwritten carbon copy of a speech or article by MacEntee on the historical background to partition, and the character of Northern Protestantism. 5pp
- 751** [1973] Incomplete handwritten carbon copy of a speech by MacEntee on the occasion of a presentation of a portrait bust to An Taoiseach Jack Lynch; remarks concentrate upon recent events in Northern Ireland. 8pp
- 752** November 1979 Address to the annual dinner of the 1916-21 Club on the diamond jubilee commemoration of the founding of Dáil Éireann; copy handwritten text concerning the events preceding the founding and the circumstances of its first meeting. 13pp

L. COUNCIL OF STATE, 1948-83

- 753** 1948-83 **Membership of the Council of State:**
7 warrants of appointment of MacEntee to the Council, the first 5 framed; letters from successive Secretaries to the President enclosing the warrants, and informing MacEntee of new appointments to the Council; lists of members of the Council. 32 items

- 754** 1973-6 **Inauguration of the President:**
material relating to the inauguration of Presidents Childers (1973), Ó Dálaigh (1974), and Hillery (1976); includes letters of congratulation from MacEntee and acknowledgements and invitations and related documentation to the formal inauguration ceremonies as a member of the Council of State. 21 items
- 755** December 1968 Notice convening a meeting of the Council of State to allow the President to consult the Council on his address to both Houses of the Oireachtas, 21 January 1969, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann. 2pp
- 756** 1976 **Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill, 1975:** notice convening a meeting of the Council of State to allow the President to consult the Council on whether the Bill should be referred to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality; copy of the Bill; letter from M Ó Flathartaigh, Secretary to the President, informing MacEntee that the President has decided to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court (10 March 1976, 1p); letter from President Ó Dálaigh informing him that he has signed the Bill after the Supreme Court decision that it was not repugnant to the Constitution. 6 items
- 757** 1976 **Criminal Law Bill, 1976:** notice convening a meeting of the Council to allow the President to consult it on whether the Bill should be referred to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality; copy of the Bill. 4 items
- 758** 1976 **Emergency Powers Bill, 1976, and the resignation of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh:** notice convening a meeting of the Council to allow the President to consult it on whether the Bill should be referred to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality; copy of the Bill; notes by MacEntee on its provisions; press cuttings concerning the decision to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court, criticism by the Minister for Defence, Patrick Donegan, of President Ó Dálaigh for the decision, and the subsequent resignation of the President. [see also: P67/867] 25 items

- 759** December 1981 **Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) Bill, 1981:** notice convening a meeting of the Council of State to allow the President to consult it on whether the Bill should be referred to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality; copy of the Bill; letter from M Ó Modhráin, Secretary to the President, informing the members of the Council that the President has decided to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court. 7 items
- 760** December 1983 **Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 1983:** notice convening a meeting of the Council of State to allow the President to consult it on whether the Bill should be referred to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality; copy of the Bill; copy of Bunreacht na hÉireann; copies of Dáil and Seanad Debates reporting the passage of the Bill. 9 items

M. COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 1950-68

- 761** 1950s-60s Material relating to speeches by MacEntee to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe; includes drafts and text of a speech on the draft convention on human rights (1950, 3 items); text of a speech and press cutting reporting the speech, on Ireland's wish to join the EEC (1960s, 2 items); and handwritten drafts and texts of speeches on the report of the Political Affairs Committee on the situation in Greece, with 2 copy letters to the editors of Irish newspapers concerning public misunderstanding of his position on the matter as a result of press reporting of the speech (1968, 5 items). 10 items
- 762** 14 July 1950 Copy of the report of the Committee of Ministers to the Consultative Assembly; deals with amendments to the structure and organisation of the Council, the admission of new members, and action taken by the Committee towards the achievement of the Council's aims. 39pp

- 763** 24 July 1950 Copy of the interim report of the Committee on Legal and Administrative Questions, for submission to the Consultative Assembly; deals with the legal status of foreigners in member states, and the status of refugees. 24pp
- 764** 1968-9 Material relating to the Council of Europe report on Greece including press cuttings on the Greek situation and the referendum on the proposed constitution (1968, 9 items); unofficial translation of the draft constitution (August 1968, 56pp); telegram from the Clerk of the Consultative Assembly to MacEntee, concerning Greek Government objections to Mr van der Stoel, member of the Dutch Parliament, acting as rapporteur in Greece to the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the Council, on the basis of alleged previous anti-Greek conduct (28 December 1968, 3pp); text of an amendment proposed by MacEntee to the report of Mr van der Stoel (29 January, 19069); handwritten notes and typescript drafts of remarks by MacEntee to the Assembly on the Greek question and the van der Stoel report [January 1969] (5 items).
19 items
- 765** September 1968 Material relating to a report by Deputy Richie Ryan to a Council of Europe Symposium on Human Rights and Mass Communications, containing adverse comment upon alleged Government attacks upon individual freedoms and upon the media and legal professions in Ireland; includes press cuttings reporting the comments, and draft handwritten letter from MacEntee to the newspapers concerning Deputy Ryan's status at the symposium and the effect of his remarks. 3 items

N. RESEARCH MATERIAL, HISTORICAL ENQUIRIES, REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS, 1948-82

- 766** September- December 1948 Minute book of the Dublin 1798 Committee, formed to organise events for the 1798 Commemoration Week, 14-21 November 1948; meetings are generally held on a weekly basis and receive progress reports from sub-committees responsible for finance, publicity and lectures, and the erection of a memorial to Wolfe Tone; included is a memorandum (3pp) from Lieutenant Colonel M Feehan, Chief Marshall for events on 21 November, concerning the refusal of Mr Norton, Taniste, to speak on the same platform as MacEntee at a public ceremony arranged for that day, after an account of a speech by MacEntee the previous week had been published in the press; Mr Norton's exception to MacEntee's remarks and events surrounding his refusal to speak are also recorded extensively in the minutes.
17x22x1cms
- 767** 1949-52 Chronology of events, prepared by the Bureau of Military History, Department of Defence, recording on a daily basis the principal national events and developments of the period 1913-21, as recorded in the press and other publications. 4 vols, c 1100pp
- 768** [1950] Chronology of significant events, 1917-20, handwritten by MacEntee. Includes his own activities in the 1918 general election and his arrest; also includes bye-elections and military operations.
4pp
- 769** 6 April 1964 Draft and copy letter from MacEntee to President Eamon de Valera (4pp) enclosing copies of Dáil Debates, 28 April 1922, containing questions from MacEntee to Richard Mulcahy Minister for Defence, and MacEntee's reply to the Minister's report on the recent proclamation of the Volunteer Convention; the questions, the reply, and MacEntee's letter relate to the relationship between the Volunteers and the Minister for Defence; that the relationship was governed by the oath of allegiance to the Republic; that since the Dáil had failed to support the Republic, the Army of the Republic is released from obedience to the Dáil. Also includes draft letter on the same subject to Joseph O'Doherty (3pp)
4 items

- 770** August 1964 List of critical dates in the Blueshirt movement, such as the removal of General O'Duffy from the post of Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, and the introduction of the Uniforms Bill; included is correspondence with D Coakley, Secretary, Department of Justice, requesting information on dates. 4 items
- 771** 1964,1966 Correspondence between R D Smith, Drama Producer, Hugh Greene, Director General BBC, and P W Flanagan, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health, concerning a request for an interview with MacEntee in connection with a BBC radio programme on Easter Week, 1916 (June-October 1964, 10 items); correspondence between MacEntee and Philips Records Ltd. concerning a request for his permission to include his contribution to the BBC programme on a recording to be issued by Philips (January-February 1966, 4 items). 15 items
- 772** March 1966 Correspondence between MacEntee and Revd L Marron PP, Latton, Castleblayney, county Monaghan, concerning a luncheon meeting between MacEntee, Count Plunkett, Dr McKenna, Bishop of Clogher, and other Monaghan priests including Fr Marron, during the anti-conscription campaign in early 1918, after which Dr McKenna expressed support for the campaign. Includes reminiscence by MacEntee of political acquaintances in Monaghan during the period. 2 items
- 773** September 1969- October 1982 Letters from researchers requesting points of information, responses to general questions, and interviews; letters generally have handwritten copy replies or are annotated by MacEntee, giving the substance of any interview; recurrent themes are 1916, the origin and development of Fianna Fáil, Eamon de Valera, and the Emergency and Irish neutrality. 53 items
- 774** [c1970] Handwritten notes by MacEntee, mainly on the Free State Constitution and amending legislation such as the Removal of the Oath Bill, 1932, and the External Relations Act, 1936; also included are notes on the Land Purchase Annuities. Notes are based on the texts of the legislation and on Dáil Debates. c 40pp

- 775** [1970s] Notebook containing handwritten notes by MacEntee, mainly relating to the tribunals of enquiry into the shooting of Timothy Coughlan (January 1928), allegations against Dr Conn Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (June 1946), and the sale of Locke's Distillery (November 1947); also contains brief notes from Dáil Debates and published secondary works on other topics including de Valera and the Free State Constitution. c 50pp
- 776** June 1972- July 1975 Correspondence with Howard Smith, Further Education Department, BBC Television, concerning the recording of an interview with MacEntee for inclusion in a programme on Irish history, 1913-21; included is a transcript of the interview (39pp). 22 items
- 777** November 1972- May 1983 Correspondence with RTÉ production and presentation staff concerning participation by MacEntee in programmes on a variety of topics such as the fortieth anniversary of the 1938 Anglo-Irish Agreements; the conventions of Cabinet government; and 'The Age of de Valera', to mark the centenary of his birth; includes extracts from a draft script for a programme on the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Industrial Credit Corporation (23pp) and letters from friends congratulating him on television appearances. 45 items
- 778** July- September 1974 Correspondence with Leon Ó Broin, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4, concerning Ó Broin's research for a book on the IRB; includes a critique by MacEntee of an extract from a memoir by Gerard Sweetman (2pp) concerning de Valera's return from the United States, the success of his mission there, and the Dáil meeting, 25 January 1921. 5 items
- 779** December 1974 Handwritten draft of a letter to Eoin [?] mainly concerning Conn Ward, his contribution to the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, and his subsequent resignation. 'He would have been a magnificent Minister for Health, a post on which his ambition was fixed and for which, indeed, he would have been a natural' (17 December 1974, 3pp); handwritten note by MacEntee on Ward's career and achievements, with particular reference to the establishment of a separate Department of Health. (4pp)

- 780** [c1975] Handwritten account by MacEntee of Liam Lynch's activities during the Civil War, from his appointment as Chief of Staff, April 1922, to his shooting and death, April 1923. 7pp
- 781** June 1975- January 1979 Correspondence between MacEntee and Liam Cosgrave, Taoiseach (June-December 1975, 7 items), Richie Ryan, Minister for Finance (July-August 1975, 3 items), and Jack Lynch, Taoiseach (October 1978-January 1979, 5 items) concerning his request for copies of documents prepared and submitted to Government by him as Minister for Finance, Industry and Commerce, and Local Government and Public Health; correspondence with Breandan Mac Giolla Choille, Keeper of State Papers concerning access to Cabinet Papers (June 1976, 2 items); copy of the State Paper Office list of 'S' files transferred from the Department of the Taoiseach and available for public consultation (64pp). 18 items
- 782** 1975-6 Transcript of an interview by Cian Ó hÉigearthaigh on 'The World this Week' dealing with Easter 1916 (Easter 1976, 7pp); letter from John O'Donoghue, RTÉ, outlining areas for discussion in an interview on the following day (January 1976, 2pp); letters of congratulation on two recent television appearances (January, March 1975, 5 items). 10 items
- 783** May 1976 5 press cuttings containing reviews of a Thames Television 'This Week' programme subtitled 'Men of Easter', which included an interview with MacEntee (April-May 1976); correspondence with Peter Taylor, reporter for the programme (May 1976, 2 items). 7 items
- 784** 27 July 1976 Letter from Seán MacCormac, Blackrock, county Dublin, requesting guidance in the preparation of a biography of Thomas Johnson; encloses a summary of Johnson's life and a note of the points on which he wishes to consult MacEntee. 12pp
- 785** [c 1976] List of questions entitled 'Guidelines for interview by W P Feeney with Seán MacEntee for television series "The Age of de Valera" '; questions relate to both policy issues and de Valera's handling of Cabinet

- 785 contd** Government generally (3pp); handwritten draft replies by MacEntee to a number of the questions (1p). 4pp
- 786** November 1980- October 1982 Correspondence with Dr Deirdre McMahon concerning her requests for interviews in connection with a book on the Economic War (*Republicans and Imperialists: Anglo-Irish relations in the 1930s* Yale University Press 1984) and a biography of de Valera; includes a list of queries from Dr McMahon and an offprint of a paper, *Ireland, the Dominions and the Munich Crisis*, read to the Irish National Committee for the Study of International Affairs, January 1978. 10 items
- 787** 1980-2 Correspondence with John Bowman, RTÉ, mainly concerning an interview in connection with a programme on de Valera; includes an offprint of a paper by Bowman, *de Valera on Ulster, 1919-20: what he told America*, read to the Irish National Committee for the Study of International Affairs, November 1977. 5 items
- 788** 1981 Copy of Brian Farrell, *Chairman or Chief? The role of the Taoiseach in Irish Government* (Dublin, 1971) annotated by MacEntee with particular reference to those sections dealing with the relationship between Lemass and himself; correspondence arising from Farrell's request for an interview in connection with a biography he is writing of Lemass (January-February 1981, 3 items); MacEntee refuses the request because of Farrell's allegations in *Chairman or Chief?* of an antipathy between himself and Lemass; Farrell describes the research which formed the basis for his conclusions in the book and encloses two earlier drafts (1p each) of the section of the book to which MacEntee objects; also includes letter from Tim Pat Coogan, editor, *Irish Press*, regretting that Farrell's book 'should have caused you some pain' and accepting that a review of the book by MacEntee would, in the circumstances be 'inappropriate' (3 November 1971, 1pp); handwritten rough notes by MacEntee (11pp) consisting of those sections of the book dealing with the relationship between himself and Lemass, his own account of events immediately preceding the calling of the March 1965 general election, an interview with Lemass in which he intimated his decision to retire from political life, and his change of mind in deciding to seek re-election, and press reportage of this decision. [see also P90; small collections index] 7 items

O. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL, 1924-80

- 789** 1924-80 Newscuttings and commemorative publications, mainly from 1966, concerning the Easter Rising. Includes *Waterford News*, April 1943, with an article by MacEntee entitled 'Easter Fires: some pages from a record of Easter Week, 1916'; and cuttings from the *Sunday Press*, March 1966, containing extracts from *Episode at Easter*. 12 items
- 790** February-March 1943 Copy of an article by MacEntee entitled 'Easter Fires' (11pp) for inclusion in the Easter number of a magazine for distribution to soldiers; correspondence with E A Downey, Tramore, county Waterford, concerning the article (February-March 1943, 2 items).
- 791** September 1946 *Peoples Weekly* vol. 9 no. 372, September 1946, featuring a profile of MacEntee (1p) by Paddy Hogan.
- 792** [1947], 1962 Typescript copy extract from Liam C Skinner, *Politicians by Accident* (Dublin 1946) containing a profile of MacEntee dealing mainly with his 1916-22 activities and his achievements in Government (22pp); correspondence between P P Kelly, Head of News, RTE, and J A Robins, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health; Kelly seeks biographical information on MacEntee as part of the station's effort to establish a library of information on public figures. Robins sends a copy of the extract from Skinner's book (March-April 1962, 4 items).
- 793** April 1952 Copy letter from MacEntee to Seamus McCall [journalist], consisting of an account of his education, early employment, involvement in the 1916 Rising, imprisonment and release, subsequent internment and election to Dáil Éireann, his marriage and political work for the Department of Home Affairs, and the work of the Belfast Boycott Department (20pp); supplied at McCall's request as background for a series of articles in the *Express*; includes handwritten draft on Department of Finance headed notepaper (3 April 1952, 34pp).

- 794** 1964-81 File of cuttings, many containing photographs, relating mainly to public and social occasions honouring MacEntee; as a survivor of the First Dáil on its anniversary; on his retirement from politics; on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Fianna Fáil; and on his ninetieth birthday. Includes an interview with MacEntee in the *Sunday Press* (26 August 1979, 1p). 23 items
- 795** 1968-71 Cutting and transcript of an interview given by MacEntee to the *Kerryman*, 29 March 1969, dealing with his career and contemporary Ireland generally; related correspondence and corrected draft (September 1968–April 1969, 13 items); copy of a special supplement, 'Ireland since the Truce', published by the *Kerryman* on the fiftieth anniversary of the Truce (10 July 1971). 17 items
- 796** November 1969 Profile of MacEntee by Mary Kenny in the *Irish Press* (27 November 1969); draft handwritten letter to the editor of the newspaper commenting upon and correcting statements in the article (9pp). 2 items
- 797** [1960s] Handwritten draft notes (6pp) by MacEntee, with typescript copy (8pp), dealing with his formative political influences in Belfast after 1906; his move to Dundalk; his application for a commission at the outbreak of WW1; his subsequent loss of faith in Redmond's policies; and his rejoining the Volunteers in 1915. 2 items
- 798** [1960s] Handwritten transcripts by MacEntee of two brief references to himself in T M Healy, *Letters and Leaders of my Day* (London, 1928); references relate to MacEntee's part in the Rising. 1p
- 799** [1970s-80s] Resumés of MacEntee's career, mainly in the form of copies of entries from reference books and biographical dictionaries such as *Thom's Directory*, *The International Who's Who*, and *The International Yearbook and Statesman's Who's Who*. 8 items

- 800** 1972, 1974 Correspondence with Michael McInerney, *Irish Times*, concerning a four part profile by him of MacEntee; includes drafts of parts of the profile and copies of handwritten comments and amendments by MacEntee; also includes a letter from McInerney from an earlier date posing questions in relation to the period 1945-53 (6 June 1972, 3pp), and newspaper cuttings containing two articles by McInerney from later dates, one on the Irish Sugar Company (October 1976), and one containing an interview with MacEntee (December 1979). 37 items
- 801** July 1974 Cuttings from the *Irish Times* containing the four part profile of MacEntee by Michael McInerney, annotated by MacEntee (July 1974); letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Times*, correcting some errors of fact in the profile (31 July 1974); published appreciation of McInerney marking his retirement from the newspaper (27 July 1974). 6 items
- 802** [c 1975] Copy handwritten autobiographical note by MacEntee highlighting points in his public career since 1916. 6pp
- 803** April-May 1976 Copy of an *Irish Times* Fianna Fáil Fiftieth Anniversary Supplement including an interview with MacEntee by Terence de Vere White (19 May 1976, 4pp); copy draft of the interview (26 April 1976, 3pp); letter from MacEntee suggesting changes to the draft, largely concerned with Dr Conn Ward, his former Parliamentary Secretary (3 May 1976, 6pp). 3 items
- 804** May 1976 Copy of an *Irish Press* Fianna Fáil Fiftieth Anniversary Supplement including a profile of MacEntee by Michael Mills (26 May 1976, 12pp); correspondence between MacEntee and Mills concerning the profile (May 1976, 4 items) and copy list of changes suggested by MacEntee to the draft of the profile (12pp). 6 items
- 805** January 1978 Handwritten account by MacEntee of his early career and political influences including experience of sectarianism in Belfast, membership of the Socialist Party of Ireland, and imprisonment in Dartmoor. Annotated 'opening passages of a proposed lecture to the Friends of Old Kilmainham'. 12pp

- 806** 1979 Copy typescript draft with amendments by MacEntee, of an interview with him by Michael McNerney for the *Irish Times*, on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. 15pp

**P. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS AND MEMORABILIA,
1924-70**

- 807** 4 May 1921 Note from H J Murray, Administrator, St Mary's Presbytery, New King Street, Belfast, certifying that John Francis MacEntee is single and free to marry. 1p
- 808** 20-21 May 1921 Receipted hotel bill from the Bray Head Hotel, Bray, county Wicklow, to T Graham [pseudonym used by MacEntee on his honeymoon]. 1p
- 809** [May 1921] Cutting from an unidentified newspaper reporting the wedding of Seán and Margaret MacEntee. 1 item
- 810** 25 July 1921 Note from Austin [Stack] to Margaret and Seán [MacEntee], enclosing a belated [wedding] gift. 1p
- 811** 1931-83 Incomplete sequence of 36 pocket appointments diaries recording personal and family occasions, public engagements and party meetings; included are occasional brief notes, details of expenditure and a record of motor car mileage and petrol consumption. 10x6x1cms

- 812** 1933-82 Invitations, commemorative cards, programmes, and dinner menus, relating mainly to formal State occasions, Fianna Fáil dinners, and 1916, War of Independence and Civil War commemorative events. 26 items
- 813** 1930; [1960/70s] 3 address books, the first most extensively used, with details of constituency workers and subscribers to campaign funds, as well as colleagues and acquaintances.
- 814** [1945] Pen and ink cartoon by J Burke entitled 'A last request'; depicts Douglas Hyde asking de Valera 'Can I keep the hair shirt or do you want it for Seán T ?' [O Ceallaigh, successor to Hyde as President of Ireland]. 12x20cms
- 815** 1949-50; 1956-7; 1962; 1972-4 8 desk diaries recording occasional details of business meetings and family events. Political engagements are recorded rarely, but one diary [P67/815(4)] has a note of a meeting with de Valera (8 March 1957) concerning the composition of his new Government and the offer of a portfolio to MacEntee.
- 816** January 1949 Certified copies of the birth certificates of Seán MacEntee (b.23 August 1889) and Margaret Browne (b. 18 April 1893) and of their marriage certificate (m.19 May 1921).
- 817** 11 July 1963 Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred by the National University of Ireland.
- 818** [1970s] Handwritten list, partly compiled by MacEntee, of his papers, indicating their location in his study. 12pp

Q. MACENTEE v MacAONGHUSA, 1963-6

- 819** November 1963- January 1964 Material relating to a speech by MacEntee at the annual dinner of the Brothers Pearse Cumann, Fianna Fáil, in the Orwell Lodge Hotel, Dublin (7 December 1963), concerning the acceptance of the Labour Party whip by Deputies Noel Browne and Jack McQuillan; includes press cuttings reporting the admission of the Deputies to membership of the Labour Party, particularly articles by Michael McNerney in the *Irish Times* and *Sunday Review* (November 1963) analysing the future prospects of the Party; drafts and copy of MacEntee's speech and related notes; copy of a press release containing the text of the speech and referring extensively to the McNerney articles; press cuttings reporting the speech; correspondence between MacEntee and fellow Ministers concerning the content of the speech; correspondence between Maurice Hickey, Branch Chairman, National Union of Journalists, and the Taoiseach, Seán Lemass, between Lemass and MacEntee, and between MacEntee and McNerney, concerning possible reflections on McNerney's journalistic integrity in MacEntee's speech. 41 items
- 820** 20 December 1963 Cuttings from the *Northern Standard* and *Kilkenny People* containing an article by Proinsias MacAonghusa commenting upon MacEntee's speech to the Brothers Pearse Cumann; his 'vicious attack' upon Noel Browne; and commenting upon MacEntee's defence at his courtmartial in 1916. 4 items
- 821** January- November 1964 Correspondence, mainly between MacEntee and fellow Ministers, concerning aspects of his case against MacAonghusa for libel; with Aindriás Ó Caoimh, Attorney-General, enquiring as to whether a private case against MacAonghusa would be compatible with his own position in Government and enclosing copies of documents germane to the action (March 1964); with Brian Lenihan, Minister for Justice concerning aspects of the libel laws and recommending changes in the light of his own experience, 'to protect public men against flagrant defamation' (November 1964); with the Taoiseach Seán Lemass, and Minister for Agriculture, Michael Moran, concerning the case against MacAonghusa in general (April-November 1964). 19 items

- 822** February 1964-
September 1965
[February 1967] Correspondence between MacEntee and Michael T Neary, his solicitor, concerning the progress of the case for libel against MacAonghusa, the *Northern Standard* and *Kilkenny People*, arising from the article by MacAonghusa in the two papers; includes copies of counsel's opinion in the case; copy correspondence between Neary and the editors and legal representatives of the papers; copy of a statement of claim by MacEntee; copy of MacAonghusa's defence; drafts of a retraction and apology by the defendants. Also includes correspondence from a later date between MacEntee and Neary concerning an article in the *Irish Times* (18 February 1967) containing reference to MacEntee. 77 items
- 823** 1964-5 Reference material relating to MacEntee's activities with the Volunteers in Louth during Easter Week 1916, and particularly his subsequent courtmartial, for use in refuting allegations by MacAonghusa with reference to MacEntee's defence at his courtmartial. Includes typescript extracts from newspaper reports of the courtmartial (June 1916); extracts from *Hansard* (May, June 1916); correspondence with former colleagues in the Volunteers in Louth, seeking copies of statements made by them to the Bureau of Military history concerning the events of Easter Week 1916 and the participation of the Louth Volunteers (July 1964, March 1965); list of such statements [see P67/25-45]. 22 items
- 824** November 1964 Material relating to alleged libels on Frank Sherwin TD in the *Irish Times* and *Sunday Review* (July 1963), including press cuttings of reports of the alleged libels and of proceedings in the case; copy of the judgement in the case (7pp); drafts and copy letter from MacEntee to Brian Lenihan, Minister for Justice, referring to the case to support 'my contention that the law should be amended to protect public men against flagrant defamation' (November 1964, 2pp) 13 items
- 825** March 1966 Press cuttings reporting the terms of the out-of-court settlement in MacEntee's action and publishing the agreed apology and retraction on the part of MacAonghusa and the two newspapers; letters of congratulation; correspondence between MacEntee and members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy concerning the nomination of charities for the disbursement of the sum of money included in the settlement. 18 items

R. PRINTED MATTER**i. Newspapers and journals**

- 826** August 1924 *Tomorrow*: first issue of a literary review with contributions from W B Yeats, Lennox Robinson, and Liam O'Flaherty.
- 827** August 1924-
April 1925 *The Irish Statesman*: 18 issues of the weekly newspaper edited by George Russell [AE]; incomplete run, vol.2, no.21-vol.4, no.7.
- 828** October 1924-
March 1925 *The Nation*: weekly journal edited by Seán Milroy; incomplete run of 7 issues, vol.1, no.1 – vol.1, no.21.
- 829** December 1924-
May 1927 *Irish Truth*: weekly newspaper edited by Henry Harrison; 5 issues.
- 830** April 1926-
October 1931 *An Phoblacht*: 7 issues of the weekly newspaper.
- 831** April 1927-
September 1931 *The Nation*: a new weekly review; 6 issues.
- 832** 5 September 1931 Copy of the first issue of the *Irish Press*; autographed by Eamon de Valera.
- 833** January 1932 *The Irish Worker*, journal of the Irish Workers' League; 2 issues, vol.3, nos. 4 and 5.

- 834** April 1932 *Dublin Opinion*: new Government number, vol.11, no.122.
- 835** October 1932-
July 1936 *G.K.'s Weekly*: a weekly political journal edited by G K Chesterton, including occasional comment on Irish affairs; 12 issues.
- 836** August 1942-
August 1945 *News and Views*: weekly digest of articles, mainly from British newspapers, concerning aspects of the War with particular reference to its implications for Ireland and IRA activity in Northern Ireland; edited by John Brennan, Strand Road, Merrion, Dublin; average size is 6pp; 145 issues.
- 837** April-July 1947 *Republican News*: weekly newspaper, 'The Voice of Republican Ulster'; incomplete run of 13 issues, vol.4, nos. 14-28.

ii. Press cuttings, 1925-82

- 838** [1925]-78 **Letters to the press**: copies of letters from MacEntee to the editors of Irish national and provincial newspapers. Includes typescript and handwritten copies and cuttings containing published texts; letters concern a wide range of subjects including financial issues, Opposition proposals, partition, unlawful organisations and activities; most of the later correspondence concerns events in Northern Ireland after 1969; some letters comment upon topical issues by referring back to relevant precedents for which MacEntee had primary responsibility, such as the Trade Union Act, 1941, and the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960. 64 items
- 839** 1930s-70s Copies of tributes by MacEntee to deceased colleagues including James Ryan [Minister for Agriculture, Health and Social Welfare, and Finance, d.1970] (4pp) together with a copy of the text of remarks made at Ryan's graveside (4pp); Joseph Devlin [Nationalist MP for West Belfast, d.1934] (4pp); Andy Clarkin [former Lord Mayor of Dublin] (4pp); Conor Maguire [former Chief Justice, d.1971] (3pp);

- 839 Tom Mullins [former General Secretary of Fianna Fáil, d.1978] (4pp), together with a profile of Mullins by Michael McNerney in the *Irish Times*, February 1974; and text and cutting of an appreciation of Seán Lemass in the *Irish Press*, May 1971.
17 items
- 840 April 1941- February 1948 File entitled **Miscellaneous press cuttings** containing cuttings from Irish and British newspapers and journals; includes comment and reportage on Irish health and local government issues such as rating, housing, and transport; Irish labour and Communism; neutrality and the war-time economy; aspects of Anglo-Irish relations including trade; Northern Ireland affairs including elections, health, housing, education, and the withdrawal of residence permits from citizens of Éire working in NI; British economic and social issues including land policy, unemployment, social insurance, and post-war reconstruction; the post-war European economy.
206 items
- 841 1944-6 File of cuttings from *The Times*, mainly concerning British economic issues such as health insurance and social security costs, unemployment, taxation, and Government policy on the control of the use of land; cuttings also relate to a number of international issues including post-war reparations and the Dumbarton Oaks Conference on the formation of the United Nations.
27 items
- 842 September 1945- February 1947 **Cork Examiner:** file of cuttings from the newspaper relating primarily to local government affairs in Cork.
6 items
- 843 December 1945- February 1948 **Hostile articles:** file of cuttings, mainly from the *Irish People*, official weekly organ of the Labour Party, and other weekly and monthly socialist journals, containing articles critical of the failure of Government policy on matters such as wages, employment, emigration, and the regulation of trade union activity.
17 items
- 844 April 1946 **British Budget, 1946:** file of cuttings from the *Economist* dealing with aspects of the UK Budget.
3 items

- 845** January-
June 1947

index of retail prices. **UK cost of living index:** press cuttings concerning the revision of the cost of living index and its replacement by an index of retail prices. 5 items
- 846** August-
September 1947

activities. **Dr Herman Goertz:** cuttings of a series of eight articles by Dr Goertz, German Intelligence officer, in the *Irish Times*, entitled 'Mission to Ireland', describing his wartime intelligence activities. 8 items
- 847** [1947]

October 1946, dealing with the growth in the volume of money in the immediate post-war period and the significance of this for the gilt-edged market. **Gilt-edged and the volume of money:** typescript extract from *The Banker*, 14pp
- 848** 1948

Inter-Party Government and proposals to repeal the External Relations Act; includes copies of Irish-American newspapers, *The Advocate* and *Irish Echo*. **Inter-Party Government:** cuttings relating mainly to the formation of the 7 items
- 849** August 1960-
October 1963

reference to United Nations military action in Katanga, September 1961; newspapers are mainly British and Irish. **The Congo:** file of cuttings and transcripts of newspaper reports on events in the Congo with particular 40 items
- 850** April 1961

relating to his circulating copies of the article to them. **The Congo:** cutting from *The Times* containing an article entitled 'Veiled Partisanship' concerning military action by UN troops in Katanga and the political background to the unrest (14 April 1961); routine correspondence between MacEntee and other ministers 10 items
- 851** August 1961-
July 1964

transcripts of newspaper articles and letters to the press on the **The Congo:** copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach, Seán Lemass, and other ministers, enclosing

- 851 contd** situation in the Congo (August-December 1961); copy of a Department of External Affairs memorandum for the information of Government, containing a report on the situation in the Congo (September 1962, 6pp); press cuttings on events in the Congo.
27 items
- 852** January- February 1963 **'Ireland-my country' by Dr Noel Browne:** photocopy of an article by Noel Browne in *Tribune*, an English weekly journal, on Irish Government policy with particular reference to the United Nations, neutrality, and prospective membership of the EEC (4 January 1963); copy letter from MacEntee to the editors of Irish newspapers, concerning the article (10 January 1963, 3pp); copy letters from MacEntee to the Taoiseach Seán Lemass, and fellow ministers, drawing attention to the article (January 1963); 2 cuttings from the *Roscommon Herald* containing letters to the editor concerning the Browne article (26 January, 2 February 1963); copy letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Roscommon Herald*, in response to a letter from Noel Browne.
12 items
- 853** July 1963 **Allegations of bribery of Deputies:** cuttings containing reports of and comment upon proceedings in Dáil Éireann, 17 July 1963, during Oliver J Flanagan's speech on the Finance Bill, with particular reference to allegations of bribery of Deputies; copy letter from MacEntee to the editors of Irish newspapers concerning the Flanagan speech and subsequent uproar in the Dáil (18 July 1963, 3pp); *Irish Times* editorial on the affair (19 July 1963); copy letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Irish Times*, concerning reference to MacEntee in the paper's editorial, and its failure to print his earlier letter on the Flanagan speech (19 July 1963, 3pp); correspondence and related documents between MacEntee and Michael T Neary, his solicitor, concerning the *Irish Times* references to himself and that newspaper's campaign 'over a period of years to blacken him [MacEntee] and make him out to be a scurrilous type' (20-24 July 1963); 2 copies of Dáil Debates (17 July 1963) annotated by MacEntee.
19 items
- 854** 29 March 1964 Cuttings of reviews of Max Caulfield, *The Easter Rebellion*, including a review by Desmond Ryan in the *Sunday Press*.
4 items
- 855** December 1964 2 cuttings from *The Times* containing articles by Enoch Powell on an incomes policy.

- 856** March 1965 **Fine Gael policy for a Just Society:**
newscuttings reporting the publication
and content of the Fine Gael policy document on economic and
social reform. 8 items
- 857** April 1965 Cutting from the *Irish Times* containing
an article by Garret FitzGerald on
'Politics and power'; also includes an article from the *Guardian* by
Peter Preston, 'The Irish stew', giving the writer's view of the
idiosyncrasies of the Irish political system. 2 items
- 858** July 1966- April 1967 3 cuttings from *Business and Finance*
magazine containing references to
MacEntee, one in the context of the
election of Jack Lynch as leader of Fianna Fáil and Taoiseach,
November 1966, annotated by MacEntee. 4 items
- 859** 1966-78 **de Valera, Collins, Griffith:**
commemorative material relating
mainly to de Valera, particularly on his ninetieth birthday (1972)
and death (1975). 7 items
- 860** April 1967 **Mental illness:** cutting from the
Sunday Independent critical of public
expenditure by the Commission on Higher Education and by the
Commission of Enquiry into Mental Illness; draft letter from
MacEntee to the editor of the paper, describing the background to
the appointment of the Commission by him as Minister for
Health, the membership and procedure of the Commission, and
the problem in general of mental illness in Ireland (12pp).
2 items
- 861** 1967-76 **The Emergency:** cuttings containing
reports of public lectures and analyses
of recently released British public records concerning aspects of
Irish neutrality including de Valera's opposition to a National
Government; British demands for access to Irish naval bases; and
the possibility of conscription in Northern Ireland.
7 items

- 862** January 1970 **Boundary Commission:** cuttings from the *Irish Press* containing a three part review by MacEntee of Geoffrey Hand (ed.) *The Report of the Irish boundary Commission 1925* (Dublin IUP 1970); typescript text of the review with handwritten amendments (15pp).
5 items
- 863** November 1972-September 1978 **Neil Blayney:** cuttings and correspondence concerning Blayney and his Independent Fianna Fáil Party; includes cutting reporting Blayney's decision to stand as a candidate for the Northern Ireland Assembly (March 1973, 2 items); handwritten draft and printed version of a letter from MacEntee to the editor, *Sunday Press*, concerning Blayney's electoral strength in Donegal North-East and its dependence upon Fine Gael votes, based upon an analysis of transfers in the 1973 general election result in the constituency (15 April 1973); correspondence arising from the letter (April 1973, 6 items); press cuttings concerning the June 1976 bye-election in Donegal North-East and the victory of the Blayney candidate (3 items).
25 items
- 864** 1973, 1978, 1980 **Kenneth Whitaker:** profiles of Dr Whitaker [Secretary of the Department of Finance, 1956-89] from the *Irish Times* and *Sunday Independent*.
4 items
- 865** April 1975 **Frank Ryan:** first four parts of a profile of Ryan by Michael McNerney in the *Irish Times*.
4 items
- 866** March-April 1976 **Cabinet records, 1922-44:** articles based upon analyses of newly released Irish Cabinet records; topics covered in the articles include the Civil War; the formation of the Fianna Fáil Government in 1932; the Irish Government attitude to the abdication crisis in Britain; Ireland during the Emergency; included is a copy of *Cabinet Papers-North and South*, a supplement to the *Irish Times* (21 April 1976).
10 items
- 867** September-November 1976 **Resignation of President Ó Dálaigh:** cuttings from Irish daily and Sunday newspapers concerning the controversy surrounding the resignation of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh from the

- 867 contd** Presidency of Ireland; includes reports, comment and analysis of the implications the Criminal Law Bill, 1976, and its referral to the Supreme Court; criticism of the President's actions by Patrick Donegan, Minister for Defence, and the President's subsequent resignation; demands for Mr Donegan's resignation and a motion of no confidence in the Taoiseach; the nomination of Patrick Hillery to the Presidency; the operation of the Criminal Law Act; obituary of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh (1977).
[see also P67/758] 60 items
- 868** April-May 1977 **P H Pearse:** cuttings consisting mainly of reviews of and extracts from Ruth Dudley Edwards, *Patrick Pearse: the triumph of failure*.
5 items
- 869** May 1977 **In the service of the State:** three part series of this title by Conor Brady in the *Irish Times*, dealing mainly with piecemeal reforms in the Civil Service since the Devlin Report (1969).
- 870** April 1979 **Land League:** *Irish Times* supplement commemorating the centenary of the foundation of the Land League. 6pp
- 871** 1979-80 **Partition:** draft handwritten letter from MacEntee to the editors of Irish newspapers concerning a speech by Sile de Valera on partition and Republicanism (September 1979, 5pp); press cuttings concerning the bye-election in Donegal with particular reference to speeches by Miss de Valera on Britain's handling of the H Block issue (October-November 1980). 3 items
- 872** October 1982 **de Valera centenary:** press cuttings of commemorative articles on the centenary of de Valera's birth; includes *Irish Press* special supplement including an interview with MacEntee, and a four part series from the *Irish Times*. 6 items

iii. Political and economic publications, 1922-72

- 873** [1922] *The Anglo-Irish Treaty and Mr de Valera's alternative*: pamphlet setting out for comparison, clauses in the Treaty and in Document no.2, to illustrate the alleged inconsistencies of de Valera's attacks on those clauses in the Treaty relating to Ulster and the financial settlement. 12pp
- 874** 1923 Valuation Department, Dublin, *Statutes relating to the general valuation of Ireland* (Stationery Office). 92pp
- 875** 1924 *Three years hard labour*; pamphlet containing the text of an address by Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, to the Irish Society of Oxford University, 31 October 1924. 16pp
- 876** 1924 *The Ulster Review*, a progressive monthly of individuality, vol. 1, no. 6.
- 877** 1926 Walter Leaf, *Banking* (London, Home University Library of Modern Knowledge). 255pp
- 878** January 1927 *The National Advocate*, a weekly tariff reform publication, vol.1, no.25. 4pp
- 879** April 1927 Sir Ernest Harvey, Comptroller of the Bank of England, *Central banks*, text of an address to the Economic Society of Australia. 23pp
- 880** 1928 G D Rokeling, *A British Index of National Prosperity, 1920-7* (London, *The Economist*). 40pp

- 881** 1928 Arthur L Bowley, *Official Statistics. What they contain and how to use them* (Oxford). 72pp
- 882** 1929 C Marshall Hattersley, *This age of plenty – its problems and their solution* (London), annotated by MacEntee. 300pp
- 883** [c1930] Roy Hopkins, *The control and reform of the Bank of England* (London). 23pp
- 884** 1931 John P Colbert, 'The Free State currency problem', *Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland*; text of a paper read to the Society. 19pp
- 885** 1931 The League of Nations, *The course and phases of the world economic depression* (Geneva, 1931). 337pp
- 886** 1931 Edwin Cannan, *Modern currency and the regulation of its value* (London). 112pp
- 887** 1931 Frederick Soddy, *Money versus man, a statement of the world problem from the standpoint of the new economics* (London). 121pp
- 888** 1933 Michael Hogan SJ, *The ecclesiastical view on morality of hunger-strike* (reprinted from the *Irish World*). 32pp
- 889** 1933 John Maynard Keynes, *The means to prosperity* (London). 37pp

- 890** 1934 J B O'Connell, *The financial administration of Saorstát Éireann* (Dublin). 228pp
- 891** 11 July 1938 Souvenir booklet commemorating the breaking of the Irish flag over Spike Island with the withdrawal of British naval personnel. 8pp
- 892** 1938 James Hogan, *Modern Democracy* (Cork, University and Labour series, no.2). 96pp
- 893** 1938 W Paschal Larkin, *Economics and the worker* (Cork, University and Labour series no.3). 72pp
- 894** 1938 James E O'Mahony, *Reform or Revolution?* (Cork, University and Labour series, no.1). 60pp
- 895** February 1939 *The Irish Monthly* containing E J Coyne, 'The Papal Encyclicals and the Banking Commission', pp. 75-90.
- 896** September 1939 *The Irish Monthly* containing J P Colbert, 'The Banking Commission in general', pp.603-623.
- 897** 1939 Sir George Paish, *The world danger. Can it be averted?* Compendium of articles and correspondence from *The Statist*. 75pp
- 898** [1940] Typescript extract from D Black, *The incidence of income taxes* (Macmillan, 1939) dealing with the effects of income tax upon family size and birth rate among rich and poor. 5pp

- 899** 1941 Sir Ernest J P Benn, *The political method* (London). 36pp
- 900** 1941 Michael Cronin, *Primer of the principles of social science* (Dublin). 134pp
- 901** 1941 E J Sheehy and K O'Sullivan, *Food supplies and dietetics* (Dublin, Catholic Truth Society). 48pp
- 902** 1942 Reginald McKenna, 'What is banking?', *The Bankers' Magazine*. 24pp
- 903** 1943 Carleton Kemp Allen, *Democracy and the individual* (London); copy autographed by Monteagle [Charles Spring Rice, Baron Monteagle of Brandon]. 110pp
- 904** 1943 Lever Brothers and Unilever Ltd., *The problem of unemployment* (London). 40pp
- 905** December 1943 *Justice for Ireland*, published text of an address by Michael J Quill, president, Transport Workers' Union of America, and member, New York City Council, to an Irish Conference, Hotel Capitol, New York City. 5pp
- 906** February 1945 Photocopy of Gwendolen M Carter, 'Éire – its neutrality and post-war prospects', in *Foreign Policy Reports* (New York, Foreign Policy Association). 12pp
- 907** 1947-8 *Records and statistics*, issued as a weekly supplement to *The Economist*. 51 items

- 908** November 1970 Photocopy of David Harkness, 'Mr de Valera's Dominion: Irish relations with Britain and the Commonwealth, 1932-8', in *Journal of Commonwealth Political Studies*, vol. 3, no. 1. 23pp
- 909** 1971-2 Cuttings and commemorative publications mainly concerning the Treaty; includes the Truce memorial number of *An tOglach*.
8 items

iv. Engineering publications

- 910** 1919 Laurence J Kettle, *Back to the land* (Dublin); text of a paper read to the Engineering and Scientific Association of Ireland.
12pp
- 911** 1920 Laurence J Kettle, *Irish coal and coalfields* (Dublin, Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland).
43pp
- 912** 1929 Michael J Buckley, *Useful applications of energy from the national hydro-electric supply* (Dublin, Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland).
48pp
- 913** 1937 V D Harty, *The new cooling water system at Pigeon House Power Station* (Dublin, Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland).
54pp

S. PHOTOGRAPHS, 1914-81

- 914** [c.1914] 2 studio portraits of MacEntee.
8x6ins
- 915** May 1916 Head and shoulders prison photograph
of MacEntee, taken on his arrival in
Dartmoor Prison. 2x1½ins
- 916** 13 July 1917 Group returning from the East Clare
bye-election, photographed outside the
Imperial Hotel, Lisdoonvarna; includes MacEntee, Arthur Griffith
and Seán Milroy. 5x3ins
- 917** [1918] MacEntee addressing [a church gate
election meeting?]. 5½x3½ins
- 918** 5 September 1920 Speakers and organising committee at
the Archbishop Mannix Protest
Meeting, Cardiff; MacEntee front row centre. 5½x3½ins
- 919** [1922] Studio portrait of MacEntee.
8x6ins
- 920** [early 1920s] Studio portrait of MacEntee and his
wife. 5½x3½ins
- 921** 1927 Group photograph of 42 Fianna Fáil
TDs returned at the 1927 general
election; MacEntee centre rear; mounted. 8x6ins
- 922** [1930s] GPO Easter Week 1916 Garrison
photographed at Croke Park; MacEntee
third row centre. 46x10ins

- 923** [1944?] Photograph of the platform party at the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis; includes Seán T Ó Ceallaigh [Tánaiste and Minister for Finance], Chairman, MacEntee [Minister for Local Government and Public Health], and Dr Conn Ward and Erskine Childers [his Parliamentary Secretaries]. 8x6ins
- 924** [1944?] MacEntee addressing [the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis?]; seated is [Dr Conn Ward, his Parliamentary Secretary?]. 8x6ins
- 925** 1947 Group photograph of the Fianna Fáil Government seated outside [Dáil Éireann?]; mounted. 8x6ins
- 926** 1949 2 group photographs of members of the first Irish delegation to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg; pictured in one or both of the photographs are MacEntee, William Norton [Tánaiste and Minister for Social Welfare], James Everett [Minister for Posts and Telegraphs], and Frank Aiken. 9x7ins
- 927** 1949 Photograph of the first session of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg. 9x7ins
- 928** 1952 3 studio portraits of MacEntee, one reproduced in the history of the Revenue Commissioners by Seán Reamonn; covering letter from Reamonn returning the photograph. 8x6ins
- 929** [1957-9] 2 photographs of the Fianna Fáil Government seated at the Cabinet table; mounted. 8x6ins
- 930** [1958?] View of the congregation [in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, for the accession of Pope John XXIII?]; includes MacEntee and President Seán T Ó Ceallaigh. 9x7ins

- 931** [c1950] Group photograph of an unidentified formal occasion at the Department of External Affairs, Iveagh House, Dublin; includes Seán MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, seated, exchanging documents; group consists of three other men. 8x6ins
- 932** [1950s] 2 photographs of MacEntee at home in his sitting room. 10x8ins
- 933** [1950s] 2 studio portraits of MacEntee. 6½x5ins
- 934** 1950s-60s 4 unidentified group photographs, all including MacEntee, taken at social or semi-formal occasions [such as retirement presentations?]. from 8x6ins to 12x9ins
- 935** [1916?] 2 photographs of MacEntee in the Assembly Hall of the Council of Europe. 10x7ins
- 936** [1961?] Group photograph of MacEntee [with other members of the Irish delegation?] outside the Assembly Hall of the Council of Europe. 7x5ins
- 937** 1962 Rear view photograph from the President's Box, Irish Sweeps Derby Day; attendance includes MacEntee, An Taoiseach Seán Lemass, Frank Aiken and Neil Blayney. 10x8ins
- 938** 28 June 1963 John F Kennedy, President of the United States, being presented with the freedom of the City of Dublin by Alderman Seán Moore, Lord Mayor, in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle; cabinet in the background with MacEntee centre front. 8x6ins

- 939** [early 1960s?] Group photograph outside the United States Medical Centre, Washington DC; includes MacEntee, 3 naval officers and 3 civilians.
10x8ins
- 940** [1960s] Studio portrait of MacEntee; taken by Leo Rosenthal, West 102 Street, New York.
10x8ins
- 941** 7 April 1966 MacEntee, his wife, and 2 grandsons with president Eamon de Valera at Áras an Uachtaráin, for the presentation of a copy of *Episode at Easter* to the President.
8x6ins
- 942** 22 November 1969 3 group photographs taken on the occasion of a presentation to MacEntee by the Dublin South-East Constituency Party, Fianna Fáil, to mark his retirement from politics; 2 photographs feature MacEntee, An Taoiseach Jack Lynch, and David Harris, Chairman of the Constituency Party; the third includes Mrs MacEntee.
8x6ins
- 943** [1960s] Head and shoulders photograph of MacEntee in evening dress.
8x6ins
- 944** August 1972 MacEntee with 2 other men at a reception to mark the retirement of Dr [James Patrick] Beddy [Chairman and Managing Director] from the Industrial Credit Company [established by MacEntee as Minister for Finance 1933]; covering letter from F A Casey, General Manager, ICC, Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
- 945** 12 June 1973 3 group photographs, each including Eamon de Valera, 2 as President of Ireland at ceremonial or diplomatic occasions; covering letter from Marie O'Kelly, Personal Assistant to the President, enclosing the photos. (12 June 1973,1p).
8x6ins (2)
6x4½ins

- 946** 1 December 1977 Photograph of MacEntee seated with Sarsfield Hogan at the opening of the Irish Life Centre. 8x6ins
- 947** [1970s] Head and shoulders photograph of MacEntee wearing military service medals. 12x5ins
- 948** [1970s] Informal head and shoulders photograph of MacEntee. 8x6ins
- 949** [1970s] Studio portrait of MacEntee; mounted 3x3ins
- 950** 22 December 1981 Photograph of a meeting of the Council of State; includes President P J Hillery, MacEntee, Garrett FitzGerald, Jack Lynch, Liam Cosgrave, Charles Haughey, Tom O'Higgins, John O'Connell, Barry Desmond, and Siobhan McKenna; covering letter from M Ó Modhrain, Office of the Secretary to the President, enclosing the photograph (20 January 1982, 1p). 10x8ins