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# EMPLOYEES SAY 'NO' TO CLOVER

## City factory stays closed after talks fail

BY PADDY MORONEY

**EMPLOYEES AT CLOVER Meats, Lime-  
rick, this Friday rejected proposals  
to get the factory open again pending  
a settlement.**

"After six hours of discussion, proposals came

from management which were of so unhelpful a nature that we could not see their being accepted by the general body of the Pork Butchers' Society." This was the brief statement issued by workers' representatives after this Thursday's meeting between management and union officials.

Mr. Gerry O'Sullivan, chairman of the Pork Butchers' Society, told the Limerick Leader this Friday that they had little to offer the men.

It is learned, too, that there have been several offers of mediation — including one from the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, who is patron of the Pork Butchers' Society — but the unions want to try to settle the issue "in the usual way" if at all possible.

This is envisaged by Mr. Tom Joyce, president of the Limerick Council of Trade Unions, who was one of those at the six-hour talks at Jury's Hotel between management and unions.

Mr. Joyce would not be drawn on what the conditions to be put to the men this Friday happened to be, refusing to elaborate on a brief statement to the Trades Council this Thursday night.

### Points

It is learned, however, that they envisage that:

● UNOFFICIAL pickets be lifted.

● MANAGEMENT would decide to procure the maximum amount of pigs for next week.

● A MEETING be held as early as possible next week to discuss manning levels, and

● A TOP LEVEL meeting be held with a top Labour Court official, or top union official, to discuss the men's grievances.

The conditions are, therefore, simply intended to get Clover moving again pending talks.

In his statement to the Trades Council, Mr. Joyce said the meeting at Jury's Hotel, between management and union representatives, lasted six hours.

### Present

He said that those present were (for management) Mr. E. Power, group production manager, and Mr. P. Harrigan, Limerick manager, as well as (for the unions) Mr. J. Treacy, chairman of the Clover group of unions; Mr. G. O'Sullivan, chairman of the Limerick Pork Butchers' Society; Mr. J. Bashford, I.T.G.W.U.; plus observers from the various sections of the I.T.G.W.U. in Clover.

He added: "There are some difficulties which have to be surmounted: we would not like to see the closure.

"Several offers of mediation have been made but at present we are trying to settle it between the trade union group ourselves.

Clr. Jim Kemmy, joining goodwill wishes from Mr. Paddy King and others, said that one thing upset him in

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The Elvis Presley police  
Stapleton gets the Elvis  
Mr. Pat Stapleton—no  
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## Workers' to

There is every possibility that there will be a mass march of Corporation employees embracing roads section, sewage, maintenance, etc., for next Monday night's meeting of local City Council. The march will be held as a protest against the recent statements of Deputy Steve Coughlan in which he allegedly criticised Corporation staff for their "idiocy."

Mr. Patrick Kiely, union official, told the Limerick Leader at noon this Friday that the road section were the hardest workers in Limerick. They were strictly supervised but seemed to be the footstool of everybody. "To put it mildly, it is a reflection on the workers. People are dragging politics into our work and we don't want this," he said. Mr. Kiely added that the roads section was

## IN BRIEF

### Justice's comment

At this Friday's sitting of Limerick City Court, Justice M. de Burca referred to a matter which had arisen between himself and Mr. Gordon Hayes, solr., over a court case. He said he would like to correct one impression that might have arisen: it was only on reflection that he realised that Mr. Hayes had said to him that some things he had said to Mr. Hayes had reflected on Mr. Hayes' character as a solicitor.

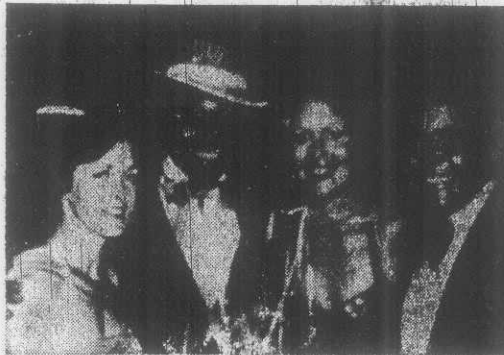
Justice de Burca continued: "They were not intended to; if they did I withdraw them unreservedly. I hope that nobody will take it that I made any reflection on your character as a solicitor," he told Mr. Hayes. Solicitor and Justice clash; page 12.

**£16,000  
an acre**

The old Shelbourne Lawn Tennis Club grounds at Farranshane, Limerick, with full planning permission for 10 semi-detached houses, have been sold by Limerick auctioneers, Corrie Ward Ltd, for "well in excess of £21,000" — representing £16,000 per acre. Mr. Corrie Ward, who negotiated the sale, stated that this was a highly satisfactory price, proving once again that there was an excellent market in Limerick for property with potential. The property was purchased by Mr. James Sexton, solicitor, Limerick, on behalf of a client.

### Girl, 16, in city jail

An attack was made on the Government in Limerick City Court this week by Mr. Gordon Hayes, solr., who said that they were failing in their duty and responsibility under the Children's Act of 1908, when a 16-year-old girl was detained in Limerick Prison. The girl was apprehended on charges alleging malicious damage to Limerick Greyhound Track, totalling £100, and £650 damages to another premises. At a previous hear-



**SOCCKER SUPERSTAR** Pele with his wife (centre) and Limerick couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Meaney, aboard the S.S. Rotterdam during a cruise of South America and the Caribbean. Mr. Meaney is cruise director on the liner which weighs almost 40,000 tons, one of the biggest in the world. He previously played soccer for Limerick and is well known in the entertainment world; he has appeared in many films and

his own T.V. show in Los Angeles for two years. He and his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Phelan, became very friendly with Pele and his wife and two children during the cruise, which lasted two weeks. Mr. Meaney, an accomplished golfer and a member of the Castletroy club, is as the moment on a three month's world cruise. The minimum cost of a two-week cruise is 700 dollars while the minimum for a World cruise is 10,000 dollars.

### Trades council nominations

There will be a contest for the presidency of the Limerick Council of Trade Unions, at next month's annual meeting, between outgoing president, Mr. Tom Joyce, and outgoing price president, Mr. Dan Millar, who were put forward at a nominations meeting this Thursday night.

Mr. Ger South was nominated to the vice-presidency unopposed. Secretary, Mr. John McLoughlin, was re-elected unopposed.

Proposed for the executive (who may now be taken as elected) are: Tom Joyce or Paddy Mackey; Mary Boggy (I.T.G.W.U.), Esther Dillon (I.U.D.W.C.), Mr. Barry (A.S.T.M.S.), Jim Kemmy (Stonemasons), Seamus Quinn (Plasterers), Paddy King (U.C.A.A.T.), Mr. Manahan (Commercial Travellers), Michael Corcoran (Bookbinders) and R. Hickey (T.U.L.). Hon. auditors: Michael Corcoran and Paddy Moloney.

### VAT plea

Local TD's are to be asked to press the Minister for Finance, Mr. Ryan, to reduce VAT on the sales of provincial newspapers. Mr. Joe Gleeson of Limerick — a member of the Provincial Newspapers Association of Ireland deputation which met Mr. Ryan on Tuesday last — announced this Friday.

"At the meeting Mr. Ryan said he was prohibited by EEC regulations from applying a zero rate of VAT to newspaper sales or, indeed, varying the rate without reference to the EEC," Mr. Gleeson stated. "It has since been confirmed by the EEC Information Office that whilst Mr. Ryan cannot zero-rate VAT he can, in fact, vary the rate."

### Weather

The weather in the Limerick city area this weekend will be showery, with strong winds at times and temperatures about normal, according to the Met Office in Shannon this Friday.

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