

Irish countries each week will not be able to slaughter them at the Limerick Abattoir. The co-operative, if they wish, can build their own premises from which the sheep could be slaughtered.

In an effort to keep the co-operative in Limerick, the Mayor, Senator Ted Russell, who is chairman of the Harbour Commissioners, said that if the co-operative wanted he could secure a suitable site at Limerick Docks on reasonable terms.

The following is an extract from the letter sent by Mr. Clinton to Deputy Coughlan:

"The position is that it has been the long established policy of my Department not to register municipal abattoirs for export trade purposes. Dublin Corporation abattoir is the only exception and it was granted a licence for the reason that a traditional export trade had developed there prior to the statutory registration requirements."

Mr. Clinton added: "This policy had been adopted on the grounds that the development of the meat export trade could be best achieved by requiring intending exporters to provide their own export premises, employing permanent skilled staff, operating production techniques suitable for the stringent requirements of the export trade."

"I have carefully considered the position of Limerick abattoir and I consider that a situation which would allow intermittent export by a variety of exporters would not ensure uniform high standards and would not be to the advantage of the meat export trade."

## Kennedy replies

"Instead of political sniping at me for officially announcing that the Minister for Health would receive a deputation regarding the opening of the Bawnmore Centre for the mentally handicapped, Alderman Coughlan would be better employed impressing upon the Minister the need for an early opening of the centre, even on a phased basis," said Limerick's Alderman Pat Kennedy in a statement this Friday.

"As usual, Alderman Coughlan is confused and muddled, for he was not at the last council meeting when the matter was discussed, even though he knew that the item was on the agenda and that a deputation would be received by the council from the Parents' and Friends' Association." Alderman Kennedy concluded by calling for "a united approach by all concerned in the interests of the handicapped and their families so that an early opening of the centre, even on a phased basis, would be achieved."



**Mrs. Kitty McGowan, chairman of the organising committee of the Limerick Peace Movement, at the peace meeting held in the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, this week. Story: page 18.**

## £10.66 rate?

The proposed rate in the financial year is £10.66p, an increase of £1.66p on the current rate. The City Council will meet shortly to consider the estimates.

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their own arrangements, then he thought multi-channel TV would be quite feasible.

This could be provided on a micro-wave link basis.

He stressed, however, that there was no way the State could provide a subvention for this kind of service.

Neither, he added, could it be financed through licence fees.

This Thursday night, the Minister, accompanied by Deputy Steve Coughlan, met delegates from the Limerick, Cork, Galway and Waterford multi-channel campaign committees to finalise plans for the "summit" meeting this Friday in the Chamber of Commerce buildings.

In a statement, the Limerick Multi-Channel Television Campaign Committee said they would announce, later this Friday, their plans to secure "a just and rightful television choice of stations."

Dr. O'Brien told the multi-channel committees that he would make a statement on RTE 2 in the Dail next week.

When asked by Limerick's Mr. Noel Browne if RTE 2 was definitely going ahead, the Minister replied that it would be premature to make a statement just now.

Mr. Browne said that Dr. O'Brien was most understand-

the national Press as inaccurate.

"It even reached the pages of the Sunday Times — the whole affair has left a sour taste and some people have been hurt by it."

Earlier this year an Englishman and a Scotsman were chosen for the posts by the interview board as being the best qualified.

## Unanimous

The recommendations were unanimously accepted by the V.E.C. and sent to the Minister for Education, Mr. Burke, to be sanctioned. After a lengthy delay the Minister informed the V.E.C. in a letter that the two men recommended did not have a sufficient knowledge of Irish and were therefore not suited to the posts.

The Minister decided that the position should be re-advertised and that it be made known that a knowledge of the Irish language was not necessary to qualify.

## On strike

There were no fresh developments in the official strike of part-time firemen in Shannon Town this Friday. They are objecting to the dismissal of three of their colleagues who sought time off for meals.

# Death of Dr. Jackson, former Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe

BY LEADER REPORTER

**RIGHT REV. Dr. Robert Wyse Jackson, former Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe, who retired due to ill-health in 1970, died this week in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The late Bishop was appointed to Corbally in Killiloe as curate-in-charge of the diocese in 1936. Later he served in Cashel and Dublin and was elected bishop in 1960. He was made a Freeman of Limerick shortly after his retirement. He was originally trained as a lawyer and had a keen legal and artistic mind.**

Dr. Jackson was the author of many books, including a history of Limerick. He was married twice, his first wife dying in 1949. He is survived by his widow, Lois, whom he married in 1952, and by his seven children, two from his first marriage.

The Mayor of Limerick, Senator G. E. Russell, this Friday said that he had learned of the death of Dr. Wyse Jackson "with deep regret."



Mr. Liddy: conferred Freedom.

"A Freeman of Limerick and a man widely respected and admired by all the citizens, he was a distinguished scholar and churchman, writer and painter and an

acknowledged expert on old Irish silver and Waterford glass," said Senator Russell.

He added: "The conferring of the Freedom of Limerick on him in 1970 by my predecessor, Cllr. J. P. Liddy, was then Mayor, was a fitting tribute to a man who had brought distinction to Limerick, and to Ireland, during the years he was Bishop of Limerick. May he rest in peace."

Mayor Russell has sent a telegram to the wife and family of the late Dr. Wyse Jackson expressing his own sympathy and that of the citizens.

Mr. J. P. Liddy said this Friday that the conferring of the Freedom of the City on the late Dr. Wyse Jackson had been one of the outstanding events of his term as Mayor.

In a tribute to the former bishop, Mr. Liddy said: "He was a tremendous Irishman and he endeared himself to all the people of Limerick. He also took a very active interest in all the affairs of the city."

conditions. To weaken the authority of our democratic State, to deprive it of effective means for its defence, is simply to widen the area where power is exercised without responsibility: the area, that is to say, of arbitrary

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