

# ANN FRANK DISPLAY IS OPENED AT CITY HALL

The exhibition recording the life of Anne Frank during World War two was opened in Limerick City Hall yesterday.

The executive Director of the Anne Frank educational trust, Gillian Walnes said that it was significant that the exhibition had come to Limerick where Jews had once been discriminated against. Ms Walnes said that one third of the 700 photos in the exhibition are from the Franks family album and they recount the atrocities of being a Jew during World War two. She said: "They are ordinary human beings no visible halos or horns."

Also present was Rabbi Avram Soetendorp who was born in the same neighbourhood as Anne Frank. He recalled how at three months old he was taken into hiding in a suit case. A Catholic woman took him in and protected him from the Gestapo. He added that his foster father had died protecting him.

Rabbi Soetendorp said that after the rise in fascism in Europe and the death of five Turks in Germany at the weekend, he did not want to see the mistakes of the past being repeated.

Opening the exhibition was best selling authoress, Christabel Bielenberg, whose lawyer husband Peter died in a concentration camp. Ms Bielenberg likened the Nazis of World War to those who planted the Warrington bomb and those who were killing Bosnian children.

Ms Bielenberg planted an acorn seed that came from a tree outside the Frank house in Amsterdam. The seed will be planted outside the City Hall.

Mayor John Quinn said that he was pleased that the exhibition would be seen by so many students, he added that there was no room for complacency when it comes to human life. He added that 30 people had volun-

teered to act as guides for the exhibition.

The Centre for International Co-operation arranged the 'Anne Frank in the World' exhibition to tour Ireland, the tour was grant aided by the Lawlor Foundation.

Ray Joyce, Director of the Centre for International co-operation thanked all those who had helped including Sheena Doyle who read extracts from Anne Frank's diary.

Anne Frank died from Typhoid in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp a few days before the camp was liberated.

The exhibition contains a model of the house in which the Franks hid from the Nazis, two show cases and about 700 photos. The exhibition will run daily until June 11 at City Hall from 9am to 5pm including next Saturday 5th (12pm to 5pm) and Sunday 6th (2pm to 5pm). Admission is free. For group bookings call 475352.

## Shannon traffic

OVERALL traffic through Shannon Airport, from January to April inclusive, was up 9% on the same period last year, according to figures released by Aer Rianta.

"Terminal traffic to date actually exceeded the figure set in 1992, Shannon's previous best performance," said a statement.

"Numbers travelling to/from the UK were up 19% while European traffic, with just one month's scheduled business, was down 6%.

"Transatlantic traffic remained at 1992 levels—a 4% rise in outbound traffic was cancelled out by a similar percentage fall in arriving passengers.

"Transit numbers at +12% have benefitted from an increase in passengers on Aeroflot flights and movements arising out of the Somalian and Bosnian crises."