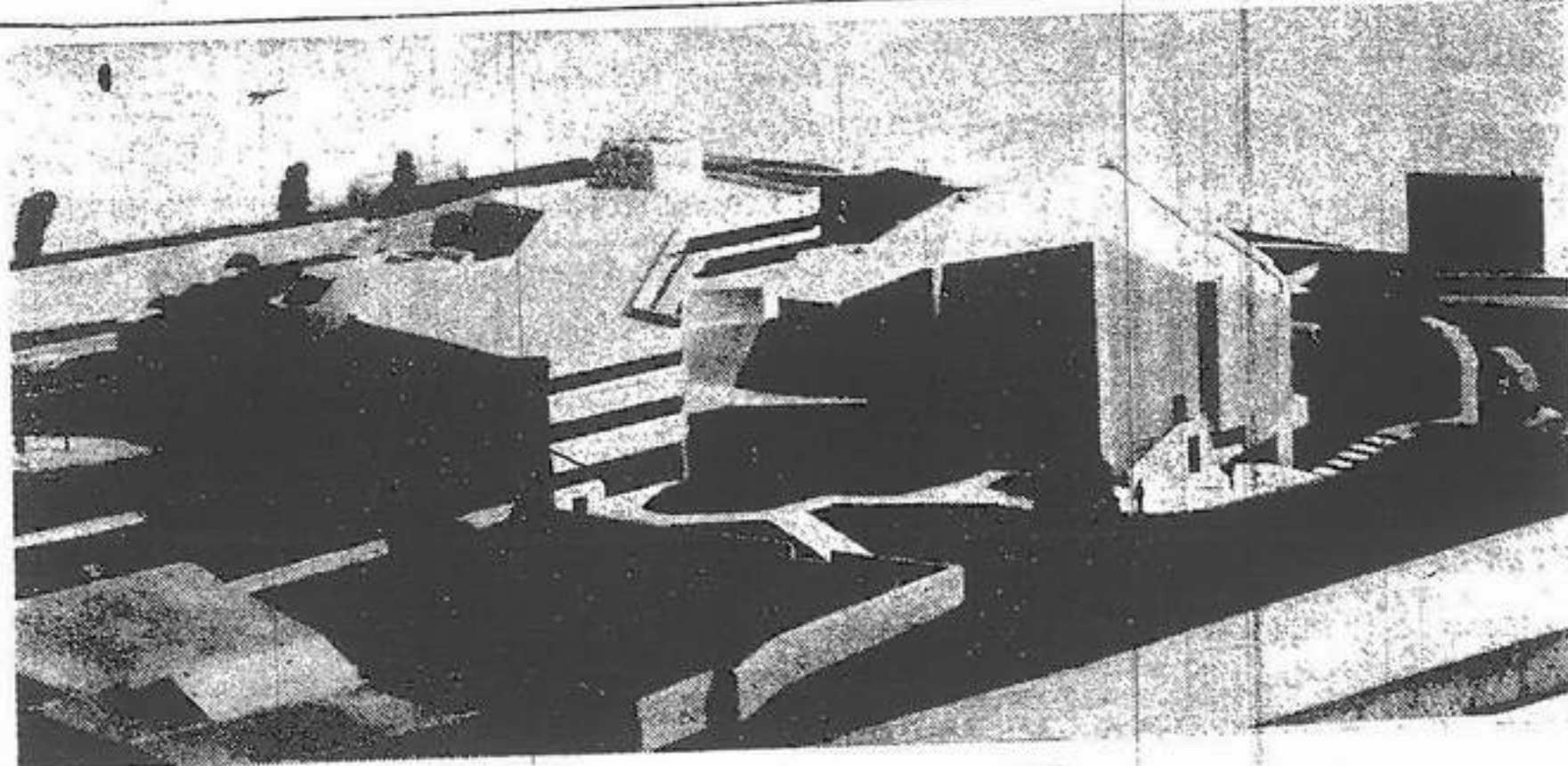




MODEL OF PROPOSED CITY HALL



The architect's model of the new City Hall.

THE PRELIMINARY design studies for the proposed million pound new city hall were made public to-day. The location for the new municipal headquarters will be at Charlotte Quay on the site of the present car park.

The city hall building will comprise of three main elements—the council chamber suite, an office building and an auditorium.

There will be a spacious forecourt for outdoor ceremonies; a public garden and a ceremonial hall with a terrace and seating base. There will also be ample car park facilities available in the new complex. The ancient graveyard of St. Michael's, which adjoins the proposed structure will be preserved. Also listed for preservation is the near-by bonded

warehouse. The design studies have been prepared by Messrs. Tyndall, Hogan and Hurley, architects, Dublin.

Details

Outlining the details of the proposed civic suite the architects state that this will com-

THE COST

The building of the City Hall will be in two phases. The ordinary functional departments will take approximately two years to build at a cost estimated in the region of £1,000,000. The second phase, which will consist of an auditorium and other amenities, will take a further two years at a cost of a further £1,000,000. Half of the cost will be met from local funds and the balance will be borrowed on a 20 years loan. The overall cost to the ratepayer will be 30p in the £ for the first phase spread over a period.

prise the Mayor's suite, the councillors' suite, the council chamber and the functions room.

The structure of the building will be of re-inforced concrete, clad with special red clay bricks. The roof and floors will comprise re-inforced concrete clad with special red clay bricks. The roof and floors will comprise re-inforced concrete beams and two-way re-inforced concrete flat slabs.

The architects claim "our approach is to make the new city hall complex a place to enjoy being in, a place pleasant to work in, a place pleasant to visit and a place pleasant to walk around and beautiful to behold."

The new city hall will be constructed according to modern architectural styles.

Auditorium

Public access to the auditorium, which accommodates 878 people on two levels, will be from Charlotte's Quay. Facilities will include bars, snacking, with additional facilities for a wide range of cultural activities.

Ballynanty want playing fields for area

BALLYNANTY RESIDENTS and Development Association this week called on Limerick Corporation to ensure that the remaining unbuilt on lands at Ballynanty at the rear of Thomond Park and adjoining Shanabooley Road be retained and developed as a public park and playing fields for the residents of the area.

The deputation which was received by recently appointed Housing Officer, Mr. P. N. O'Neill, referred to previous Corporation promises that land in the immediate vicinity of Mongin Road and Roylish Road would be retained as playing

could also include a children's play area and a seated park for parents and the old folk. Another item which was thoroughly discussed was the question of house repairs and the apparently ever ending delay in having such repairs carried out.

Solemn Triduum in honour of new saint

A SOLEMN TRIDUUM in honour of the canonisation of Blessed John Macias, O.P., will begin in St. Saviour's Dominican Church on Thursday, September 28, at 7.15.

Solemn

The preacher will be Most Rev. Eamonn Casey, D.D., Bishop of Kerry.

The preacher on Friday, September 26th will be Very Rev. Brendan Clifford, O.P., Vicar Provincial, Irish Dominican Fathers, Trinidad, West Indies.

There will also be a special preacher on Saturday, and the day of canonisation will be Sunday.

The preacher will be Most Rev. Dr. Newman, Bishop of Limerick and the Mass will be concelebrated.

Beatified

Two Dominican Brothers, Martin de Porres and John Macias were solemnly beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in the year 1837. The coincidence was

recognition by the Church shows a similar coincidence down through the years. Little wonder that in Lima the names of Martin and John are always linked together giving a familiar ring, just as when we mention Peter and Paul. Given such coincidence in their lives and their progress towards the Altar of the Church, many believed that they would be canonized together, or at least when one was finally acknowledged with this highest honour of the Church, the other would not be far behind.

Tradition

This has been a long tradition, and while Blessed Martin was canonized in 1962, Blessed John will be canonized on 28 September 1975. After a lapse of almost three hundred and sixty years since their deaths, an interval of thirteen years in very insignificant.

Danus director hopes to be back this year

AS HIS successful suit sale continued over the weekend, Mr. Donal O'Donovan, managing director of Anthony O'Donovan Ltd., disclosed that he hopes to be back in the manufacturing of suits by the end of the year. He also plans to link up with a top Swedish manufacturer.

Pickets which had been placed outside the Danus factory at Dominick Street during last week have been lifted.

Mr. O'Donovan has paid tribute to the picketers in Limerick who, he said, behaved in a "most gentlemanly manner." But Mr. O'Donovan wondered why he had been singled out to be picketed for selling a limited number of imported suits when shops which imported suits had never been picketed when they went about selling them.

The idea behind the link with the Swedish manufacturer is to ensure that the Danus brand will

continue to be of the highest possible standard.

Mr. O'Donovan intends to resume the manufacture of suits with a staff of 50.

But before he can go back into the manufacturing business he must sort out a number of financial problems with the trade unions. He paid out £85,000 in redundancy money but he must pay another £25,000 if he resumes in the manufacturing business and there is also a clause whereby he must "buy out" the services of those workers whom he will not be taking back.

Four hundred to visit Limerick