



Little entertainers: Pupils from the Dalton school of music, winners of the O'Neill shield in 1975

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Anti-Internment Rally in city

THE 150,000-strong ITGWU is strongly opposed to any tripartite talks between the Dublin, Westminster and Stormont Governments while a single internee is kept in detention.

The warning was sounded by Mr Michael Mullins, General Secretary, yesterday when several hundred workers took part in an Anti-Internment rally in Limerick.

"We of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union will not allow the betrayal of our members and the other internees by permitting politicians with smooth voices and smoother public relations officials, whose intention is to save their skins and their parties, to talk while people who have not been charged with any offence are still detained in degrading circumstances. This is the least we can do," he said.

Speaking at the rally, which was organised by the Limerick council of Trade Unions, Mr Mullin said that nothing would lead to the betrayal of the people of the Six Counties.

"The proposals emanating from Mr Maudling, the British Prime Minister, for talks inside the Six Counties and tripartite talks to include our Taoiseach are being made on the assumption that the internment of hundreds of people would continue," he said.

Important Decision due on Water scheme

AN important decision on supplying more water to Limerick is likely to be made by the City Council tonight, when members will examine proposals for expanding the filter and treatment works at Clareville.

A detailed report, which includes a folder of large maps and graphs, has been circulated to each councillor.

The document states that the existing water works at Clareville were designed to treat four million gallons a day before circulation in the city water supply.

But in practice, the plant is working at five million gallons - 25 per cent more than it was designed for.

The proposed new extension scheme for Clareville, which will be examined and discussed by the council tonight, will increase the capacity by a massive 5.5 million gallons.

The Corporation intends to cut down the output of the present plant from 5 million gallons to its designed 4 million again soon as the new 5.5 million gallon extension is completed.

Thus, the new extension and the old plant combined, will treat 9.5 million gallons, nearly double the present output.

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Air crash disaster: Day of mourning at Shannon Airport

IT was a day of mourning at Shannon today as relatives of the 83 persons who were plunged to their deaths early on Sunday morning were arriving at the airport to identify their remains.

In the Shannon Estuary, at the Rineanna South side, over 20 workmen attached to the Board of Works were laying a narrow gauge rail line out to the wreckage of the plane, which is embedded in the mud midway between Beigh Castle on the Limerick side and Rineanna South on the Clare front.

The Limerick Harbour Board dredger, "The Curragower", which is moored alongside the remains of the aircraft, was being used today to recover the remaining 20 bodies.

Meanwhile, sightseers were wading to and from the scene of the disaster, reckoned to be over half a mile from the shore. Among those who braved the terrors of the knee-deep mud and slime were a honeymoon couple from Donegal.

This afternoon, Mrs Sarah Donlon, Rineanna South, was still recounting the moment of terror when she heard the ill-fated airliner flying directly over her yellow thatched cottage which, with the house of Mr and Mrs Thomas Donlon, is in line with the

flight paths of aircraft leaving the runway not far away.

Among those who flew into Shannon today was the president of President Air Limes, owners of the crashed plane, as well as its European manager, Mr Duncan Toimi.

About 100 yards away from where remnants of the crash were washing ashore, there were over 20 men from the Board of Works hurriedly laying the rail line before the coming of high tide this afternoon. Three tons of hay, which by a curious twist of fate had been saved off the land at the airport, were being used to put under the track to prevent it from sinking into the mud. Picks and shovels were being freely used to smoothen the line over which a trolley would run to ferry the wreckage ashore for expert examination.

Not far away in her snug home was Mrs Sarah Donlon, relating the dreaded seconds of Sunday's crash.

"He went over this house and the noise would remind you of chains rattling as my brother said. It was a wrong sound. With the help of God, I said, it will get in alright," she said.

Then in the height of the noise, I heard a big thud. I looked out that window there where you can see the dredger outside but all I could see was a tiny light. Of course there was a heavy fog there at the time. All my calves started to roar".

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