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World is a poorer place as Brian dies

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DESCRIBED as the "quintessential Irish gentleman", Brian Cleeve, broadcaster and commentator with RTE, died last week.

Mr Cleeve was from the famous Cleeve family that once employed over 1,000 people at their manufacturing facility at Lansdowne on the Northside of the city.

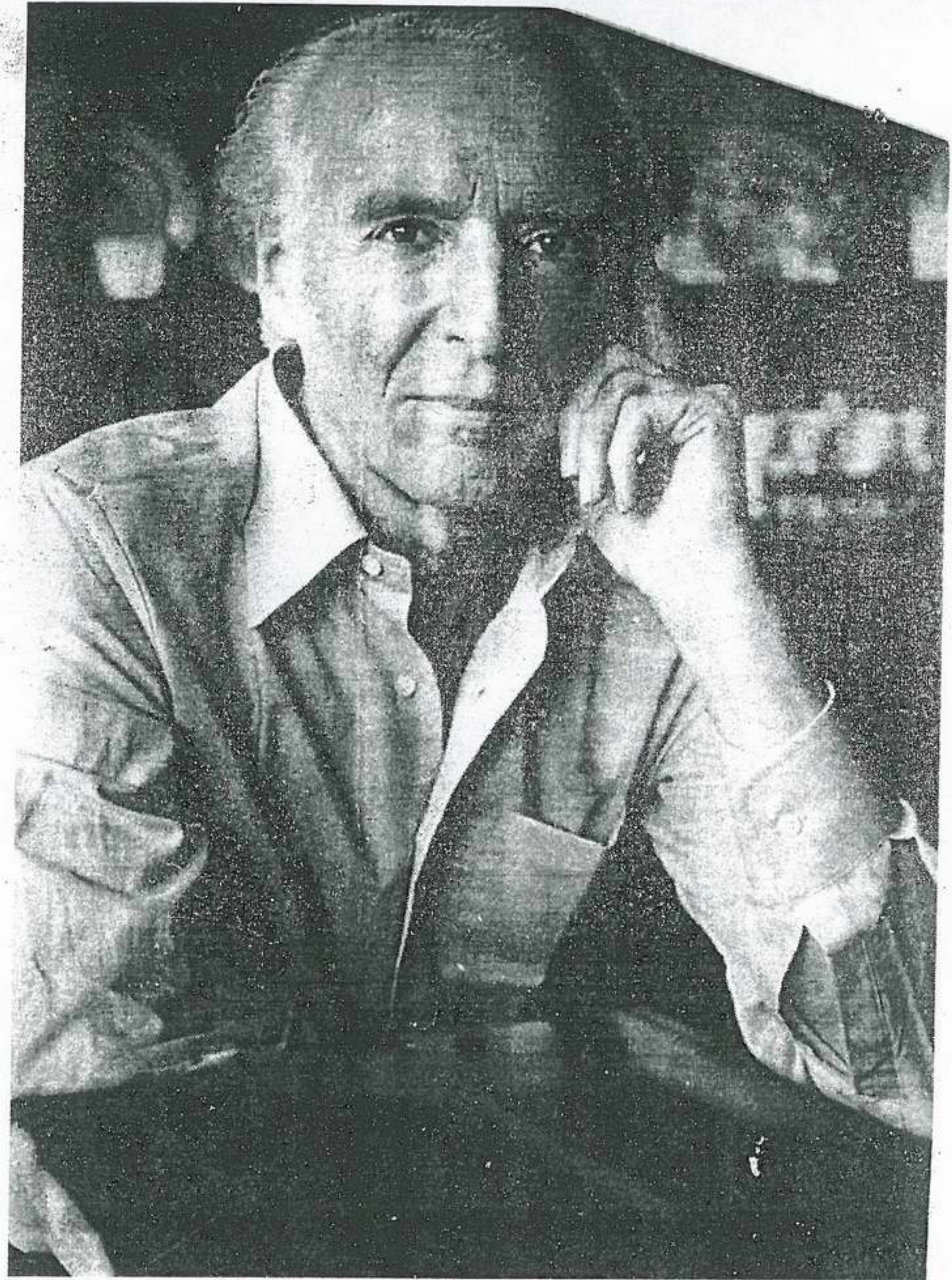
Former mayor Frank Prendergast led the tributes to Mr Cleeve and gave a some of the history of the Cleeve family. "He was a gentleman through and through," he said. "He came from the Cleeve family who employed so many people from Limerick. They exported goods all over the world and were known everywhere."

To all in Limerick, their factory was known as Cleeves, Northern sdowne. "They had a can-

ning factory and dairy industry at Lansdowne. They made milk, toffee and butter. At the time, their big competitors would have been a Swiss company called Nestle. Cleeves beat them to a contract with the British Navy and for years exported condensed milk to the British Navy," he said.

According to Mr Prendergast, Brian would have learnt a great deal from his family. "He was extremely proud of the Cleeve family name and where he came from. Brian would have been highly regarded by all who knew him. He was quite often asked onto discussion programmes as his views would have been well respected. He appeared to be almost surreal. He had an air of nobility about him," said Mr Prendergast.

According to the former mayor: "Brian was a lovely person. The world is a poorer place without him. Limerick will fondly remember him."



Brian Cleeve (pic courtesy of RTE stills library)