

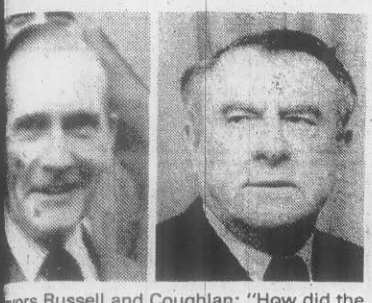
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Russell and Coughlan: "How did the extra names come to be added?"

BRIEF

Early dancing on Sundays? The Irish Ballrooms Bands Association are calling for an early finish to dancing on Sunday nights. This will be considered at a special meeting of their 31-man National Executive when they meet in Limerick on Wednesday next. It is proposed to finish early at a selected number of venues and if this is successful it could become accepted on a countrywide basis. Said a spokesman: "The reasons for an early finish to Sunday night dancing are compelling. Firstly, there is the safety and well-being of the young dancers to be considered, the majority of whom it is felt, would welcome the new proposal. Dance hall owners and bands will be asked to cooperate in this experiment which, if carried out, should have the general approval of parents and all others with positions of responsibility in the community."

Mr. John (Jack) Kirby death has occurred in St. Joseph's Hospital, Mr. John Kirby, "Kilcoe," North Road, A former Fine Gael member of the City Council was also a well-known musician and enjoyed a career at his premises in the street. An G.A.A. enthusiast, he was closely connected with the club all his life. His death was deeply regretted.

Discharged A cyclist who was in collision with a truck on Athlone Road was discharged after being treated at Barrington's Hospital.

Chosen Following eight members were chosen to represent the Limerick Council on the Limerick City Council. Mayor Byrne, Aldermen Kemmy and Kenyon, and Councillors O'Driscoll, Brommell, Lipper, and...

Head death Years-old Limerick schoolboy John Shaw, jr., 33, of Enniscorthy, has died. He was killed when his car was struck by a bus near Jameson's last week-end.

Weather Weekend weather in Limerick will be bright with some rain and rather cool with a shower. There will be a change on Sunday but weather and winds will be similar to Saturday.

Degrees Dr. Pat Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burke, Lynwood Park, Limerick, was recently conferred with degrees of M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. at U.C.C. He was educated at St. Munchin's C.B.S. and Ard Scoil Ris and is now attached to the new Regional Hospital, Wilton, Cork.

Carville Row Classics. The newly opened glass shop Casey (capt.), Jim O'Riordan... 113 O'CONNELL ST. 57 THOMAS ST. 15 WILLIAM ST. 8 PATRICK ST. 380 O'CONNELL ST. ENNIS. SHOE SPECIALISTS

ALDERMAN BOYCOTTS VISIT OF THE POPE

Kemmy protests against 'intrigue'

BY EUGENE PHELAN

ALDERMAN Jim Kemmy is to boycott the Papal ceremonies at Greenpark Racecourse. He is refusing to attend as a protest against the "underhand" manner in which Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, Most Rev. Dr. Gaetano Alibrandi, the Papal Nuncio, and Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, Bishop of Limerick, were selected as freemen of the city at last Monday's city council meeting.

"The whole thing has become a farce," commented Ald. Kemmy, who believed the Pope alone should be made a freeman at the October 1st ceremonies. "The people of the city are disgusted with the intrigue and the way this was carried out."

Honour "The freedom of the city should be conferred on a person after clear thought and serious deliberation. It is a singular honour that should not be too freely given and certainly not more than one person should be so honoured at a given time."

Alderman Kemmy said that the decision to confer four people at the same time was rushed through. The people of Limerick were now against it, he said.

My lone dissenting vote at the city council was the most decisive action of my political career," he added.

Support He said that it was quite obvious that the people were behind him, as he had received numerous letters, telegrams and telephone calls supporting him on the issue.

"A good few priests have also contacted me to tell me of their support," he said.

"The people of Limerick are not fools and the council responsible for this insensitive decision have badly underestimated the intelligence of the ordinary Limerick people."

Alderman Kemmy declared that he was convinced that a number of the city councillors were "used" in the affair. He said the decision to make the three other Churchmen freemen was obviously an afterthought, as nothing at all about them had been mentioned at the first special city council meeting on the Pope's visit.

"I would not give out the freedom of the city too lightly and had I been a member of the city council at an earlier period I would certainly have been glad to move that Kate O'Brien be given a freeman honour," he added.

And he went on to state that he intends to propose at a future city council meeting that within the next six years Mick Mackey, Tom Clifford and Terry Wogan be made freemen of the city.

"Mick Mackey and Tom Clifford are two sportsmen who have brought honour and glory to Limerick — Mackey is the best hurler living in Ireland today and Clifford is universally recognised as the greatest rugby forward to come from a Limerick club," Ald. Kemmy said.

"No rugby player or hurler should be honoured with the freedom during the lifetime of these players."

Law agent Alderman Kemmy talked of how Terry Wogan had done Limerick city and the country proud for almost 20 years with his daily broadcasts.

"I am going to move that these be made freemen, starting off with Mick Mackey, if he consents," he added.

Alderman Kemmy intends meeting the acting city law agent, Mr. Michael O Fioin, this Friday to examine the regulations regarding the conferring of the freedom of the city, because he had always understood that such an honour could only be conferred with the unanimous agreement of the city council.



Opposing the additional conferings (clockwise from bottom right): Ald. Kemmy and Cllrs. Russel, Casey and Harrington.

FREEDOM DECISION CAUSES CRITICISM

BY CORMAC LIDDY

FOUR members of the Limerick City Council have now publicly stated that they are opposed to conferring the freedom of the city on Cardinal O Fiaich, Bishop Newman and the Papal Nuncio, Dr. Alibrandi, on the occasion of Pope John Paul's visit to Limerick on Monday, October 1st.

All four believe that the Pope alone should be accorded the city's highest honour on the occasion and that the other three should be considered at an appropriate time in the future.

And two former Mayors, who between them served a total of 66 years on the city council, have stated that it was always



Mayor Byrne: whose idea was his "surprising" proposition?

anybody could be offered the freedom of the city. Fine Gael's Cllr. George Russell and Cllr. Clem Casey of Fianna Fail have publicly stated that they are not in favour of conferring the freedom on anyone except Pope Paul on October 1st — Alderman Jim Kemmy and Cllr. Win Harrington, both Independent, registered their opposition to the move at Monday's city council meeting.

Short notice Cllr. Casey said that on Monday last he arrived at his home for lunch in O'Connell Avenue at 2.55 p.m. to be held that the city council members were meeting at 3 p.m. at Sarsfield House.

"Naturally at such short notice I could not get there, but I

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Bishop greets Vatican journalists



The Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman (left), this week with Dr. Sergio Trasatte, senior editor, Osservatore Romano (centre) and Mr. Arturo Mani, the Pope's personal photographer, who are helping prepare a special edition on Ireland. They were on a preliminary visit to all the centres which the Pope will visit. They left Limerick for Boston to do further research.

Wives' refuge to close down

BY BILLY KELLY

ADAPT House, Limerick's refuge for battered wives, is to be closed down at the end of this month. And no new families are being admitted for the time being.

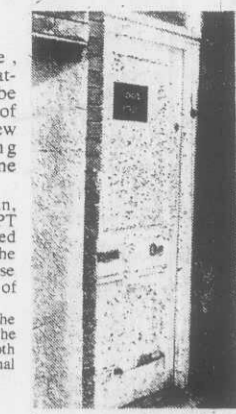
Mrs. Maureen Ronan, president of the ADAPT organisation (for deserted and alone parents), says the refuge has to close because of the dreadful condition of the premises.

"It defies description," she commented. The roof of the building is collapsing from both ends and only two of the original six bedrooms are fit for use.

Families There are four families in the refuge at present with a total of 17 children.

These people will not be turned out on to the side of the road, Mrs. Ronan stressed, and plans are being made to have them accommodated in other refuges in Cork, Waterford, Dublin and Bray.

The Limerick organisation will not be disbanding, however, and ADAPT will continue to give advice and will provide a



The ever-open door of Adapt House, which is to close.

Mrs. Ronan reports that the building fund for a new hostel is doing very well but it has only been in existence for about four or five months.

This is a long-term solution and does not help the ADAPT organisation in the short term.

ADAPT house is the only refuge of its kind in the whole Mid-West region. Its closure means that the women and children who are victims of family violence will be forced to walk the streets of the city at night, a report from ADAPT states.

The report has been sent to the health board and it will be discussed at next Friday's board meeting.

The report calls on the board to accept fully its responsibility to provide alternative accommodation for families in distress. It points out how ADAPT house was used as a back-up service for the board's own social workers.

Appeal "With the closure many of the problems they (the social workers) deal with will be insoluble and their workload is bound to increase," the report declares.

"We appeal to the health authority," the report concludes "Give us the building and the financial support and we will continue to provide the service. Our commitment to help families in distress still stands."

TRADES COUNCIL OPPOSE BARBARIANS

BY LEADER REPORTER

ALTHOUGH there were some dissenting voices, Limerick Council of Trade Unions this Thursday night went along with the decision of Congress to oppose the visit of the South African Barbarians rugby team to this country.

When a vote was taken on the matter, three people out of the 30 or so at the meeting raised their hands in favour of the South Africans coming to Ireland.

Opening the discussion, Alderman Jim Kemmy said that the views of Congress were known on the matter and he supported them.

Human rights "We all believe in human rights and we all know of the inhuman and unjust conditions

out there," he said. But some of the members were in favour of the trip, stating that there was a "mixed" team coming this time and to leave them into the country might encourage them to be fairer in the future.

Mr. Paddy King said that there was no better way of people meeting and getting to know each other than through sport.

He wanted to know why they did not boycott South African goods in this country.

Mr. Vincent Moran also mentioned a trade boycott and made reference to the episode in Waterville last year when the World Golf Championships were called off because Gary Player, a South African, was playing.

Trade links Yet they were held in Manila and Player took part. "If you are going to be consistent, you have to call for the abolition of trade links with South Africa," he added.

Mr. Jim Wallace, who spent some time in South Africa, said that the plan of Apartheid would not be modified at all by sporting boycotts.

A number of other speakers from the floor gave their views, with the vast majority being against the trip.

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Teaming up with Derry

Limerick housewife, Mrs. Ann Tier, trainer to the Corbally schoolboy soccer team, and who travelled to Belfast this week with the Co-Operation North Group, revealed on the return journey that she had arranged for six boys from Derry to team up with six members of the Corbally side to play in a tournament in Edinburgh next month.

Mrs. Tier said that Corbally AFC were anxious to play their part in opening contact with teams in Northern Ireland, thus the reason for her inviting the Derry boys to Edinburgh. "The Corbally players will join their Derry counterparts in Belfast and travel by ferry to Scotland."

"We are all very excited about the idea," said Mrs. Tier, believed to be the only woman soccer trainer and coach in the region.

DEATHS

FOLEY (nee Bourke)—Cousanna, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick, September 14, 1979, at the Regional Hospital, Bridget, daughter of Michael, deeply regretted by her loving sons, Willie and Tony; brother, sister, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, step-family, niece, nephew, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal to Patrickswell Church this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 12.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Clounanna Cemetery. (c)

KIRBY—September 14, 1979, at St. John's Hospital, John, "Kilcoe," North Circular Road, Limerick, and formerly of Upper William St. Very deeply regretted by his loving wife, Peg; daughters, brother, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal to Our Lady of the Rosary Church this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 12.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. (c)

MOANE (nee Reals)—September 13, 1979, at the Regional Hospital, Helen, 54 O'Callaghan Ave., Kilteely, Limerick. Very deeply regretted by her loving husband, George; sons, daughters, brother, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from Cross of Chapel of Rest, Lt. Gerald Griffin St., to St. Munchin's Church this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. House private. (c)

MULLCAHY—September 13, 1979, Timothy, 57 Sycamore Ave., Rathbane, Limerick, and late of Pennywell. Very deeply regretted by his loving daughters, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace. Removal from Cross of Chapel of Rest to St. John's Cathedral this (Friday) evening at 7.30 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 11.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

O'DOHERTY—September 11, 1979, Patrick, Watchhouse Cross, Ballynanty. Very deeply regretted by his loving wife Theresa, ten sons, nine daughters, brother, sisters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, and his many friends in the City of Limerick. May he rest in peace. Removal from Cross of Chapel of Rest to St. John's Cathedral this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 11.30 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

O'DEA—September 13, 1979, at the Regional Hospital, Agnes, St. Tola's, 16 North Circular Road, Limerick (late Cumann na mBan), widow of John O'Dea, late N.T. (Leamy's School). Very deeply regretted by her loving sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Our Lady of the Rosary Church this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

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