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Hickey, O.S.A., one of the many priests who gave the
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Popular Limerick Hotel Manager resigns

THE man who launched the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, on its maiden voyage following its reconstruction, has resigned. He is the popular Mr. Michael Cassidy, and he has resigned from the post of manager of the hotel in order to take up another appointment in the very near future.

A native of Co. Meath, Mr. Cassidy came to Limerick to engage in the entire operation of opening the Royal George Hotel, and launching it on its maiden voyage to a phenomenal success within little over 18 months.

His direction of staff and co-ordination of team work raised hotel standards to a very high level in Limerick.

He gained some of his wide experience at the Restaurant Du Lido, Paris. There he met and spoke to King Paul of Greece, and the Duke of Windsor, who were frequent visitors there. While he was working at the famous Hotel Ritz he made friends with Madame Ritz, the widow of the world-renowned César Ritz, who was the pioneer of the highest standards of luxury in hotels on the Continent.

Moving on to Switzerland, Michael Cassidy acquired some of the secrets and techniques of the Swiss in running a hotel successfully. He says that some people connected with hotels here have still much to learn.

In London's Park Lane Hotel he trained in the kitchen under Monsieur Perrin, who was a student under the greatest chef of all time, Augustus Escoffier, the inventor of the Peach Melba, named after the great soprano, Madame Melba. It was at the Shelbourne Hotel that Mr. Cassidy was officially introduced to President Nykrumah of Ghana.

Mr. Cassidy probably has few equals when it comes to the subject of food and wines.

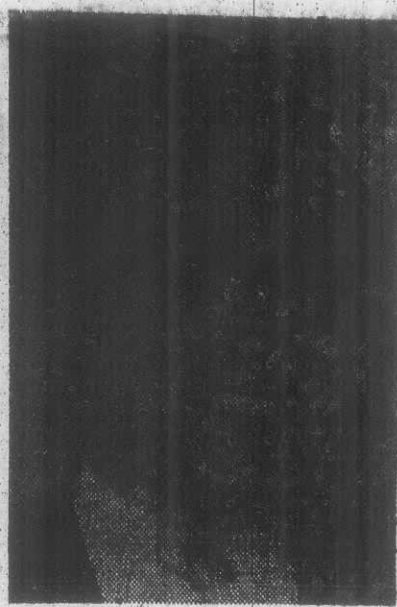
He was a guest of the French Government a few years ago on a tour of the wine districts of France, and is a fluent French speaker.

Big catches

Catches of nearly 100 cran of herring, made between the Coningbeg light vessel and Baginbun Head, were landed from trawlers yesterday in Dunmore East. The corvette Maey went out from Rosclare Harbour yesterday to patrol the area. Some foreign trawlers were reported outside the three-mile limit.

Sail for Cuba

The Soviet freighter, Atkarsk, and the Lebanese freighter, Bane, which left Ullswater, N. Ire.



Mr. Michael Cassidy

Said Gen. Mac Eoin: "I must see that child some day."

Gen. Mac Eoin said he was told of the incident by President de Valera, who had been told it by an Irish official in London.

Good year for Cement Ltd.

Cement Ltd. announce a profit for the year ended September 30, 1963, before tax amounting to £854,002 (as against £708,868 for the previous year) after all charges, including depreciation, £579,000 (£514,000), director's fees, interest and sinking fund contribution for the Debenture stock. Taxation provision absorbed £423,000 (against £336,000), while the net profit after tax amounted to £431,002, compared with the previous year's £372,868. Ordinary dividend for the year is held at 22½ p.c. Dividends for the year absorbed in all £195,750 (same).

Mrs. Oswald interviewed

The Russian-born wife of Lee Harvey Oswald went before the Warren Commission in Washington yesterday, for more questioning about circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mrs. Marina Oswald, whose husband is alleged to have shot the President, was questioned for five hours on Monday and gave what was described as "helpful" testimony. She was reported composed and co-operative during the secret questioning.

RATHLIN ISLANDERS 12 DAYS WITHOUT SUPPLIES

WITH food running dangerously low, a helicopter may have to rush with supplies to the inhabitants of Rathlin Island, nine miles out from Ballycastle, Co. Mayo, to-day.

They have been cut off from the mainland since January 24 because of very heavy seas. Messages received to-day stated that all vital foods have run out, and since yesterday the 108 inhabitants have been without butter, bacon, jam and lard.

There is only one shop on the island and the usual custom among the people was to make a weekly voyage to Ballycastle for supplies. The seas have been so heavy during the last twelve days that the voyage could not be undertaken and supplies have not been replenished.

Latest reports state that the situation on the island is "very serious" and supplies have

54,000 guineas for bull

The supreme and senior champion, Essedum of Douneside from Macrobert Farms Ltd Tarland, Aberdeenshire, was sold for 54,000 guineas at the Centenary Show and Sale of pedigreed Aberdeen-Angus bull