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Multi-million factory starts

THE Dutch promoters of Limerick's new industrial enterprise, Ferenka Ltd., this morning visited the site where the steel cord factory will be located.

At an informal ceremony, Mr. H. F. Wesenhagen, Executive Vice President of Enka-Glanzstoff, cut the first sod for the factory foundation.

Enka-Glanzstoff, the biggest producer of chemical fibres and yarns in Western Europe, has established the Ferenka operation in Limerick on behalf of the international Akzo group, based in the Netherlands.

Accompanying Mr. Wesenhagen were, Mr. Jacques M. H. Jacobs and Dr. H. J. Zempelin, Managing Director and Board Member of Ferenka Ltd., respectively. The visitors, who are in Ireland for two days, had a discussion with the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch and the Minister for Justice, Mr. Malley, in Dublin yesterday (Tuesday) and after-

wards flew to Shannon in a chartered aircraft.

Mr. Wasenhagen was met at the factory site by the Mayor of Limerick, Mr. J. P. Liddy; Mr. J. C. Lynch, Assistant General Manager, Physical Resources, Shannon Development Company, and Mr. P. J. Hegarty, Chairman of Messrs. P. J. Hegarty and Sons Ltd., who are con-

structing the factory.

Production

The Ferenka site is at Barrington's Bridge near the Limerick/Dublin road. The factory building will be over 500,000 sq. ft. and production will commence early in 1972. The firm will produce steel cord for export to tyre manufacturers in various parts of the world. Ferenka Ltd. will employ over 1,000 workers, almost all male, and already the promoters are formulating plans for recruitment.

This is the biggest operation to establish in Ireland Mid-West (Clare, Limerick and Tipperary N.R.) since the Shannon Development Company in co-operation with the Industrial Development Authority became responsible for the industrialisation of the Region two years ago.

Supplementary Budget Today

A mini-budget is expected to be introduced to a tensioned Dail this afternoon by Mr. George Colley, T.D., as speculation continued as to whether Mr. Lynch can muster enough support amongst his parliamentary colleagues to remain in office.

Indications were that even if the rumoured dissident Fianna Fail men went into the day against him—Kevin Bolger is on record as saying that he will resign his seat rather than vote against Fianna Fail. But Mr. Lynch can still rely on enough votes to remain in power and so avoid a general election, despite a massive mounting for one throughout the country by some staunch Fianna Fail members themselves who are not at all pleased with current trends, and particularly, prices freeze imposed without consultation with anybody

for Taoiseach Lynch as they so far have failed to show their hand.

However, it is generally felt that when the real crunch comes and it is time to go into the lobbies that they would not risk a general election.

Most of the rural deputies within the party are reported to be fully in support of Lynch, but again here there are some who have not approved of the pay freeze measures but will toe the party line rather than face their constituents.

CHANGED

Of the 73 members present at last night's Fianna Fail meeting only 68 answered "Yes (two changed their minds later, making 70) when asked if they would support Lynch. Independent member, Mr. Joe Sheridan,

invariably votes with Fianna Fail and while the Ceann Comhairle does not normally vote, he might have to in this instance if it meant keeping this, or for that matter, any Government in power. It all hinges, though, on how successful the dissident former Ministers have been in rallying support to oust Lynch, but the general impression is that they might have failed by a narrow margin.

Were the situation such that in the event of a General Election Fianna Fail would be sure of a return to power, then Mr. Lynch might not get a necessary majority, but no Fianna Fail T.D. will be anxious to rush himself out of a job, and hence Taoiseach Jack may just get back with a photo-finish winning margin.

Promise Rehousing People

IF POSSIBLE, residents at Vizes Field housed in their own area after the demolished.

This assurance was given by the City Manager this week.

Homes for old people are to be built on the site after the present houses are cleared away.

But, the Manager went on, those to be re-housed at Vizes Field will have to come within the scope of the regulations.

Mr. T. P. MacDiarmada told Alderman Pat Kennedy at a meeting of the City Council that the architect had already prepared a detailed lay-out, and planning was already in progress.

Ald. Kennedy said that some of those at present living at Vizes Field would qualify on age grounds for the new homes.

Mr. MacDiarmada said of the five residents, one had already accepted alternative accommodation, and they were examining the case of the others.

REGARD

"But we must have regard to the fact that this scheme is one specially designed for old people and it would not be proper to bring in persons who do not fall into their category," he added.

Mr. Frank Glasgow cited the instance of a man whose home in Vizes Field was in good condition, received no notice of the proposed demolition until it was revealed in court.

Mr. MacDiarmada replied that what he had received was a final notice: a declaration on the part of the Corporation of intent to enter the site.

Motorways

The midlands must have five

The following information of the Minister George Colley.

The Government consideration today the final forthcoming and incomes.

They have in the proposed announced. It will be allocated course. No one intended.

St. S Da

The following information by the Government.

St. Stephen's statutory provisions this year on.

As Saturday weekly holiday, people, seven have been received following 12, will be a public holiday in day.

The Government has suited the and employee in line with the change.

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This was the end of the week.

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