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By CHRONICLE STAFF REPORTER

OTHER employees of Krups Engineering Limited, were taken to the Regional and Barrington's morning suffering from the effects of gas ne was reported seriously ill.

ut 30 people, men and women, were also rushed to hospital in le service of the Limerick Fire Brigade. Later all were dis-

rs went a burning sensation in the nose further and throat. Today the factory was closed again and though all turned up for work, they were advised to go home. It is probable that it will remain closed until such time as the cause is discovered and all further danger removed.

'INVITE A MINISTER'

Limerick City Council, at its meeting recently, unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Cllr. J. P. Liddy and seconded by Cllr. Jack Bourke, that the Minister for Local Government be invited to the city for the purpose of opening a housing scheme.

Cllr. Liddy pointed out that they had made such progress in housing and in view of the criticism of Limerick in that respect on the "Late Late Show" it was time to invite a Minister. Cllr. Bourke agreed and Councillor Clem Casey said that one or two very good housing estates had to be officially opened.

Colour power at show

Limerick's motor show was opened by Cllr. Clem Casey, deputising for the Mayor, at the Jetland Ballroom yesterday.

Also attending the opening were the cast of Charley's Aunt, to be staged in the City Theatre on Monday night next. Cars ranging from £2,600 to £840 were on display and all the colours of the rainbow were there.

The Austin Cooper that won the Gallaghers Circuit of Ireland on Easter weekend is also on display in the Jetland. The show will remain open until Thursday and already some 5,000 people have seen it. It is a show not to miss.

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AREAS IN THE DARK

"There are over 100 houses here for the past two or three years and they still have no street lighting", remarked Ald. Patrick Kennedy at a recent City Council meeting.

He was referring to Brookville in the Ennis Road-Gaelic Grounds area. Cllr. J. P. Liddy said that the residents of Gorteen, Ballinacura, had no street lighting. The City Engineer, Mr. M. Mac Curtain, said that he would look into areas mentioned.

MAPS FOR ESTATES?

A strong plea for the numbering of our big housing estates was made by Cllr. J. P. Liddy, at the City Council meeting.

He said that doctors and trades people found it very difficult to find various houses. Cllr. Jack Bourke agreed, and said that he had raised the matter at a previous meeting. There should be name plates put at the entrances to each court. The City Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott, said that there should be a guide map at the entrances.

Suspensory sentence

A man with an English address, who appealed against a two months prison sentence, imposed by the District Justice for the larceny of a purse, and £50, from Mrs. Kathleen O'Malley, O'Callaghan Strand, was ordered to pay a £100 fine forthwith and given a suspensory two months sentence by Judge Barra O Briain at Limerick Circuit Court.

The appellant was Christopher Ryan, 32 Collins Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, England. Mr. Gerry Tynan, E.L. (instructed by K. T. O'Flynn, and Co., Solrs, Tipperary), represented Ryan.

Judge Barra O Briain ordered Ryan to enter a bond of £50 with one surety for the same amount to keep the peace and of good behaviour for two years.

Miss World Air

A 22-year-old Israeli girl was last night chosen as Miss International Air Girl at London's Hilton Hotel. A British hostess was second.

The Israeli beauty is Rivka Ben-Bassat, who works for Israel's El Al Airline as a ground hostess in Tel Aviv. The British runner-up was Carol Marshall (27), of Datchet, Buckinghamshire, a receptionist with Trans-World Airlines and Miss Heathrow, 1968.

Space trio re-live battle

Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert, yesterday began re-living their desperate battle against disaster in space for the benefit of investigators at Houston.

The Apollo 13 crew made an 8.30 a.m. start on the de-briefing session that will continue until April 29.

Speaking into tape recorders, they will be taken step-by-step through the fateful mission, starting with the launch from Cape Kennedy on April 11.



At a recent reception in the Metropole Hotel, Cork, to announce Dunlop's new cross-ply tyre—D75 Groundhog—were, from l. to r.: Mr. J. Dunlea, Dunlea's Service Station, Carrigaline; Mr. M. Muldoon, Tobin Tyres Ltd., Limerick; Mr. N. P. McDermott, Hanover Tyres, Limerick; Mr. T. Hudson, Sales Manager, Irish Dunlop; Mr. Liam Moore, Tobin Tyres Ltd., Limerick.



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BOURKE ACCUSES FINANCE MINISTER

STRONG criticism was levelled at the Minister for Finance yesterday by Limerick's Cllr. Jack Bourke for failing to give a subsidy for the promotion of theatre in Limerick. He was speaking at a Press conference held in the Shannonside offices at which details of "Charley's Aunt," to be staged at the City Theatre for one week, starting on Monday, April 27, were announced.

Des Keogh Productions will present this funniest farce of all. The company was formed in 1966 with the policy of presenting the best in farce and light comedy in the major Irish cities and towns.

"Charley's Aunt," which was written and produced by Brandon Thomas, in 1892, has been tremendously popular ever since. It has been revived more often than any other farce in any language and has never failed to please young and old alike.

Des Keogh Productions enjoyed fantastic success with this comedy almost three years ago in the Cork Opera House, the Gate Theatre, Dublin, and on R.T.E. television, and now Limerick is being given an opportunity of seeing this hilarious production.

Cllr. Bourke stated that Limerick, the third city in the Republic, was being ignored by the Minister for Finance, who was granting subsidies to the Abbey Theatre, Gate Theatre in Dublin, and giving generous amounts to the Cork Opera House.

Des Keogh said that independent theatrical companies were very disappointed at the failure of the Minister for Finance to give them some subsidy as financial aid was absolutely necessary to present top-class theatre.

Booking is at Todds, O'Connell St. Tickets are 10/-, 8/- and 6/-.

The cast will be headed, of course, by Des Keogh himself as Lord Fancourt Babberley—the Oxford undergraduate who is prevailed upon to impersonate "Charley's Aunt" from Brazil, where the nuts come from.

Des is known throughout the country from his many and varied appearances on television. His T.V. shows have included Newsbeat, Solo, It's Too Late, We're On, Melody Fair and A Noble Call. It was while competing Melody Fair that he met the celebrated Irish violinist, Geraldine O'Grady; they were married in 1966 and have a daughter, Odnagh.

Last year, Des spent five months on the Dingle Peninsula, playing a part in David Lean's new film, "Ryan's Daughter." There are many other top

Irish actors and actresses in this production of "Charley's Aunt". Aileen Harte plays the real aunt, the glamorous Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez. Aileen won her way into the homes and hearts of Irish television viewers when she played Mrs. Feeney in the long-running Dublin serial, Tolka Row. She is currently involved in another serial—playing Sister Sophina in the controversial "Southside."

West End

Edward Byrne is the villain of the piece—Stephen Spettigue. Earlier in his career he was Charley in a West End production.

He has spent a great part of his professional life in Britain and America, playing many contrasting parts including the lead in Ibsen's "Ghosts" at the Duke of York's Theatre, London.

Edward has now, settled in Dublin and is in constant demand for stage and television. He was recently the time and motion man in the R.T.E. serial, "Southside."

Biddy White-Lennon is Kitty, Spettigue's ward. Biddy has won great popularity as Maggie in the T.V. serial, The Riordans. She was recently on tour in J. B. Keane's "Big Maggie."

Liam Sweeney is Brassett, the college "Jeeves." Though born in Dublin he studied at the Guildhall in London and has played extensively in England and Canada.

Paul Murphy is the ebullient Jack Chesney. Since he graduated from the Brendan Smith Academy, he has been in many stage and T.V. productions. He has recently taken giant strides on the road to film stardom.

He played a feature role in The Viking Queen, and last year had big parts in two films made at Ardmore Studios.

There are four newcomers to the 1970 production of "Charley's Aunt."

Liam O'Callaghan joins the cast as the suave, Sir Francis Chesney. Liam was for some years' leading player in the Lyric Players' Theatre, Belfast.

David Liddy is Charley. He shares with Des Keogh the background of the U.C.D. Dramatic Society. He has recently appeared at the Eblana Theatre, Dublin, in "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew," by Robert Bolt.

Petronella Trenam is Amy. She graduated from T.C.D. last June, where she played leading roles with the Trinity players. This will be her first part in a professional production.

Fiona Victory is the sweet orphan girl, Ella, who has been adopted by Donna Lucia.

Fiona has trained at the Abbey School of Acting, and has appeared in a number of recent Abbey productions. Last Christmas she was the dashing Principal Boy in the Pantomime at

the Gas Co. Theatre, Dún Laoghaire. She has also played in the R.T.E. drama, Flight Into Danger, and in a number of Radio plays.

Jackie helped composer

Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis was credited yesterday with a key role in winning the release of Greece's most honoured composer from detention.

Reliable Government sources in Athens said the former Mrs. John F. Kennedy telephoned Premier George Papadopoulos to tell him Greece's image around the world would improve if Mikis Theodorakis was freed.

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EARLS BACKS THE MAYOR

BY CHRONICLE STAFF REPORTER

THE NATION-WIDE controversy over the remarks of the Mayor of Limerick about the city's anti-Jewish pogrom of 1904 escalated today.

Mr. Michael Earls, a Labour Party colleague of Alderman Coughlan on the City Council, issued a statement in support of the Mayor.

Councillor Earls declared: "I didn't know the Jews in Limerick in the early part of the century but I did know them in the '30's when I lived in the slums of Watergate and they exploited us because we were in the slum area."

Misfortunate

"There was a man and he was a money lender. He used to go round to the misfortunate poor people. He came around Watergate giving out loans—anything you wanted—but you had to pay the price."

Councillor Earls referred to the remarks of Cork's Alderman G. Goldberg, a Jewish spokesman.

Mr. Goldberg mentioned about writing a book. I could write a book about what went on in Watergate.

"I am prepared to meet Mr. Goldberg and take him round to people who were exploited."

Mr. Earls said she remembered that "as a child in my bare feet" a Jewish money-lender "came up and could not get his money. Some of the men said to him: 'Who killed Jesus Christ?' and he said 'who killed Michael Collins'."

Councillor Earls concluded: "I am 100 per cent behind the Mayor in this."

Tuairim

MR. WILLIAM PEACOCK, national president of Tuairim, in a statement issued today said:

"Ald. Coughlan's references to the Tuairim meeting concerning the pogrom of 1904 against the Jewish community in Limerick are misleading. They suggest that Mr. Goldberg came to Limerick uninvited, and used a platform provided by Tuairim for his own advantage."

"After a Telefís Eireann programme concerning the Jewish community in Ireland, Mr. Peter Clery in an article in the 'Sunday Independent' suggested that Limerick owed the Jews an apology, and that it was time it was given."

The suggestion provoked unfavourable correspondence in the press and at that stage Mr. Goldberg requested that the discussion be closed."

"The correspondence continued and Tuairim, considering that its general tone was unfavourable to Limerick, decided to hold a public meeting on the subject."

Tuairim invited Mr. Goldberg to speak and also a Limerick

Opposed

The proposed meeting was opposed, and efforts were made to persuade Tuairim to cancel it. It is a tribute to Mr. Goldberg's objective treatment of the subject, and the maturity of the Limerick audience in the emotion-laden atmosphere on the night that the meeting achieved its purpose without incident—only one person left in protest.

"I regret that Ald. Coughlan has used this meeting as an object for attacking Mr. Goldberg. I consider it necessary that the history meeting be publicly known."

"Mr. Goldberg was our invited guest and a representative of the citizens' including the Mayor. Cllr. Liddy, he treated the subject fairly, and as a result the audience left with a more sympathetic understanding of this unfortunate period of Limerick's history."

Comment

DUBLIN newspapers today commented on the controversy.

"The Irish Independent" had this to say:

"The Mayor of Limerick has put his civic foot in it—again, and by offering fight he seems bent on putting the other foot in, too. His reference to Jews was a gratuitous, inept and inaccurate load of old bombast; it was made without any apparent thought to the feelings it would arouse among the small community of Jews in this country—a community let it be said immediately, held in high respect; and it does not represent the feelings of the country."

"Mr. Corish has promptly and properly pointed out that the Mayor's views are not those of the Labour Party. Nor, for that matter, are they the views of the people of Limerick, who can only view the latest developments with embarrassment. But the Mayor ploughs on apparently unstoppable by Party and people."

"He could end his forays into the news with a period of decent silence—even if he cannot bring himself to apologise. Meanwhile, the Jewish community in Ireland should know by now that there is no anti-Semitic ground-swell in the making."

A stain

The "Irish Press" said: "The anti-Jewish pogrom that occurred in 1904 is a stain on the people of Limerick, which made an historic fight for religious liberty, and one that its people would be glad to be allowed to forget. Instead of praying for a blessed oblivion of the past particularly in a week in which Dr. Paisley's election highlighted the dangers of religious intolerance, the Mayor, Mr. Stephen Coughlan, gave this discreditable skelton in Limerick's cupboard another unwelcome airing."

"Mr. Gerard Goldberg, one of Ireland's most distinguished Jews, has made a factual, dignified and convincing reply to the uncalled for remarks about the Jewish community. It made painful reading and hearing—what would the founders of the State, of whom James Connolly was not the least, have thought of a Labour Deputy's attack on a small community, who differ from their fellow Irishmen only in their adherence to the faith of their fathers as have the Irish Catholics?"

The Bad Seed

Mr. Stephen Coughlan, Mayor of Limerick, has given his own explanation of his remarks on Saturday at the Credit Union conference in Limerick.

"He said that he wished merely to link up the money-lending problem in the city seventy years ago with the formation of the Credit Union facilities; that he was attacking a system of money-lending prevalent in the past; and that he was not criticising the Jews as a race. Mr. Coughlan spoke against a steady volume of dissent and his examples of alleged extor-

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TOWEN MAKE 5 CHANGES

Moloney Wins Wing-Forward Place

Towen selectors have shown their obvious action with the 9-0 Munster Senior Cup victory over Sunday's Well last Saturday with fewer than five changes for the final in Friday against Constitution, writes Charlie

N. Cotter, F. Beirne, P. Mc-roney, L. Hall; uinn, M. O'Con-R. Keane, J. gan (capt.), H.

ange has been he scrum, and rising one. Jun-not maintained form, and gives ub vice-captain, a former Mun-

anges concern on Carroll, who Saturday with happy with the ailment, and is comes back in Molloy, who in to the second-y, he will have

played in all three rows of the scrum in this campaign. Both second-rows against the "Well" are demoted; Molloy will be joined by Ray Keane, who, like Carroll, cried off last Saturday.

Omitted are Pat Riordan, Keane's substitute last week, and John Rooney, who played in all three previous cup games, as well as the league final.

The same applies to Tralee-man, Leslie Benner, but his form has tumbled in recent weeks. He is replaced by Johnny Moloney, captain of the St. Munchin's team that won the Munster Schools Senior Cup for the first time in 1968, and a prominent member of the club's junior and under-20 teams.

Moloney's selection at wing-forward, and Molloy's in the second-row must be considered in the nature of a gamble. But, perhaps wisely, the selectors

went for speed and fire and fitness, the characteristics that helped Shannon to upset Constitution so much, and forsake the experienced solid, uninspiring approach.

Whether they were right or not could well be proven on Saturday next.

CON. DEFER

Constitution have deferred selection of their team until Friday night. They are hopeful that Barry McGann will be fit to turn out; he sees a specialist on Friday, and afterwards will make his decision.

They are also strongly considering the recall of the towering Bela Kos, who injured his knee so badly against Leinster in November that he has not played since. He will undergo rigorous training sessions this week, and if he comes through, will take his place in the second-row, with Jerry Murray dropping back to No. 8 in place of Tom Murphy.

FIXTURES

Wednesday—Industrial Estate Cup final, International Diamond v. S.P.S., Thomond Park, 6.45.

Thursday—Limerick City Schools Senior Cup final, St. Munchins v. Glenstal, Thomond Park, 4 p.m.

Saturday—Munster Senior Cup final, Constitution v. Garryowen, Musgrave Park, Cork, 3.30; referee, M. Barry.

Sunday—Munster Junior Cup semi-final, Garryowen v. Abbeyfeale, Thomond Park, 3.30.

Under-16 Cup semi-finals, Young Munster v. Richmond, Greenfields, 12 noon; Shannon v. Thomond, Thomond Park, 12 noon.

Wednesday, 29th—City (under 20), semi-final, Garryowen v. Shannon, Thomond Park, 6.45.

Earls backs the Mayor

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tion by the moneylenders had a familiar ring. They recalled Mr. Enoch Powell's first historic racist speech, which was adorned with similar allegations of anti-social behaviour by a minority group.

"Mr. Coughlan's speech, hardly surprisingly, has aroused indignation—not only among the Jewish population. But one of them, authorised by the Chief Rabbi, has answered Mr. Coughlan's oratory with an emotional account, natural in the circumstances, of the injuries suffered by the Jewish population, including members of his own family, when they were driven from the city of Limerick in 1904.

Mr. Gerald Goldberg, a prominent solicitor in Cork and a member of the Cork Corporation, has testified to the events that led to the pogrom which followed a sermon by a Father Creagh."

ing, but my money would be on O'Brien, Nevin and Craddock before the others. O'Leary, of course, has tremendous potential, but Castletroy does not suit the big, long hitter.

Rather does it help the player who can keep his ball on the straight and narrow, and here holder, Craddock, an admirably consistent performer as his winning rounds of 72 and 70 last year testify. O'Brien has been struggling to find his form of late, but his talent is undoubted and on his day there is not a player who can catch him.

PROMINENT

Chief hope of a Limerick success must rest with Nevin, who, however, has been more prominent in recent years in match-play rather than stroke-play. Still, as a past winner and as one who has put through a great deal of preparation in the "off-season" his chances must be very bright.

One of the hardest workers of all is Vincent's Limerick club-mate, Ivan Morris. A scratchman through his many fine medal rounds in 1969, success can be only around the corner for him. He knows and likes Castletroy; yet he has not distinguished himself there. This could be his chance.

But with such a big and class field taking part, looking for a winner could be akin to finding a needle in a haystack. Suffice to say that there should be some superb golf at Castletroy, and one's earnest hope is that the weather will improve to allow spectators to watch in comfort.

The time-sheet is:

8.00/12.54 — K. O'Flanagan, Portmarnock; P. O'Looney, Shannon.

8.07/1.01 — F. Wright, Muskerry; M. Twohig, Muskerry; P. Murphy, Fermoy.

8.14/1.07 — V. Smyth, Laytown; D. Brannigan, Laytown; J. Morris, Douglas.

8.21/1.14 — J. Nolan, Thurles; J. Brett, Douglas; G. Synnott, Douglas.

8.28/1.21 — D. Kennedy, Newcastle West; R. Allen, Ballybunion; E. Dunne, Naas.

8.35/1.28 — J. Green, Douglas; J. B. McMahon, Ballybunion; R. A. Fleury, Tramore.

8.42/1.35 — N. McDonagh, Limerick; A. McSweeney, Douglas; M. P. Murphy, Newcastle West.

8.49/1.42 — D. Carberry, Thurles; J. O'Hara, Cork; N. Browne, Castletroy.

8.56/1.49 — E. J. O'Dwyer, Cork; R. Murray, Monkstown; J. Carew, Limerick.

9.03/1.56 — M. O'Sullivan, Tramore; J. Burns, Tramore; A. Murray, St. Anne's.

9.10/2.03 — J. V. Lynch, Ballybunion; M. Bloom, Edmondstown; D. Barry, Lahinch.

9.17/2.10 — F. Cooney, Gort; D. B. Coats, Lahinch; J. Purcell, Thurles.

9.24/2.17 — P. Walsh, Limerick; F. W. Bowen, Douglas; J. A. Mahon, Cork.

9.31/2.24 — G. Geary, Limerick; J. Kelleher, Douglas; T. Cassidy, Tramore.

9.38/2.31 — D. F. Nagle, Kilrush; A. Spring, Tralee; S. Coffey, Newlands.

9.45/2.32 — W. Kelleher, Cork; W. O'Donoghue, Castletroy; J. Harrington, Adare.

9.52/2.45 — R. Carr, Sutton; L. D. Goulding, Cork; J. McCloskey, Castletroy.

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