

# BIG NEW INDUSTRY FOR LIMERICK

WITHIN the next three weeks, almost 100 young men and women, whose ages range between 17 and 25, will set off on the initial stage of their journey to Soligen (near Cologne). There, they will undergo a twelve months training spell for Limerick's newest factory, Krupps Engineering, which will be situated at Rathbane, where a 14-acre site has been purchased.

During the past month representatives of this world-wide concern have been carrying out investigations all over Limerick and most of the opening staff have already been recruited. This is a glorious opportunity for the young men and women of the city who have been fortunate enough to be enrolled for this training spell.

From start to finish of the training period, Messrs. Krupps have provided all that is needed for the welfare of its employees. Travel to Soligen will be free but most important of all is the fact that while the trainees are in Germany they will be paid.

Women may earn a minimum of £3 while board and everything else is entirely free of charge. Their work will consist of light production assembly which requires nimble fingers and intelligence.

It is expected that the factory at Rathbane will be completed by May of next year and when in full production will employ approximately 250 men and women. Those who undergo the training period in Soligen will return in groups all depending on the progress made by the firm's building contractors.

Already 20 young Listowel girls are in the same region in Germany. They are training for another firm and under similar conditions as will be afforded the young Limerick men and women. Catholic churches are adjacent to where the trainees will be housed, and the various other religious denominations will be catered for in this respect.

At a recent meeting of the Limerick City Vocational Education Committee it was decided to start a pre-technician special course in electrical engineering. This course would provide for 25 students with minimum qualification of Inter-certificate or group certificate and, in addition to being of tremendous assistance to Messrs. Krupps it would ensure sound employment for those who qualify.

Messrs. Krupps are a world-wide concern and their coming to Limerick is, indeed, a significant sign that this city can attract peoples from all parts of the globe to set up industries here. With our fine port and near-by Shannon Airport, we are capable of "housing" the best and certainly, Messrs. Krupps can be assured of the fullest co-operation from all possible sources.

## GERMAN GOODWILL PARTY VISIT LIMERICK

Representatives of the three main Parties in the West German Parliament, who are on a goodwill tour of Ireland, visited Limerick to-day. They were welcomed at an informal reception in Cruise's Hotel by the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Frances Condell; the City Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott; Mr. M. J. O'Connor, County Manager; Mr. W. W. Stokes, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Cllr. John Carew.

Three years ago a Parliamentary Delegation from the Irish Government were invited on a similar tour of West Germany, and the German delegates are now on a reciprocal visit to Ireland. Leader of the party is Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn, and member of the Democratic Christian Party, and he is accompanied by two other prominent statesmen, Dr. Hermann Gotz and Dr. Friedrich Schafer.

When the group arrived in Dublin last Friday they were received by the President and were entertained to dinner by the Minister for External Affairs. Before leaving for Cork earlier this week they were guests of the Ceann Comhairle and attended a session of the Dail.

In Cork, they visited a number of well-known beauty spots including Gougane Bara, Glangariff and Devenish Island. They stayed overnight in Killarney from where they travelled to Limerick this morning.



At the reception in honour of the members of the German Parliament in Cruise's Hotel this morning were: Top photo (l. to r.): Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Co. Manager; Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, President; Cllr. Mrs. Frances Condell, Mayor of Limerick, and Dr. Van Houvald, German Ambassador to Ireland. In second photo are (l. to r.): Mr. T. F. McDermott, City Manager; Dr. F. Schafer, Ald. J. Carew, Dr. Hans Gerg Emde and Mr. W. W. Stokes, President Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

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f. Dorval, in the province the Mayor is elected by citizens.

## Watergate housing scheme

Much has been said during recent weeks about dangerous buildings in the city and a great effort is being made to re-house people out of such buildings. The obvious solution, of course, is to build new houses. This takes time, however, and a recent statement that layout plans for the Watergate Scheme have been with the Department of Local Government since May, will give some idea of the amount of time it takes from the time a proposal is approved by the City Council until a scheme is actually completed. Four of our local Dail Deputies saw the Minister for Local Government this week on var-

## Limerick Red Cross team for Switzerland

A six-member team from the Limerick Branch of the Irish Red Cross will represent Ireland at the Society's international centenary celebrations in Switzerland next month.

The team was selected for the honour on the results of its excellent performance at the national competitions held in the Civil Defence School, Phoenix Park, last week, when it won the highest marks and the Dublin United Tramways Cup. The team was made up of Unit Officer P. Collins, Sgt. P. Carey, Tom Chawke, Joe