

# Guided tour of Limerick Soviet to mark 90th anniversary of period

THERE will be a free guided walking tour of the sites of the 'Limerick Soviet' on April 11, to mark the 90th anniversary of the historic general strike in which local workers famously took control of Limerick city.

The guided tour—which has been organised by the Limerick branch of the Socialist Party—will be led by local historian and expert in the period, Dominic Haugh.

The tour will take people through the sites of all the main events and flashpoints of the period, as well as providing an

informative introduction to the events of this fascinating as well often overlooked episode in the history of the city.

There will be two walking groups organised for the tour, one at 12 noon and one at 3pm—starting at St Camilus' Hospital, Shelbourne Rd.

Mr Haugh—a history teacher who has done extensive research in the area—said that “in the weeks around Easter in April 1919, workers throughout Limerick took strike action in against British militarism and the imposition of martial

law in the area. During this general strike, workers took control of the running of the city, running shops, factories and even printing their own money”

“As a result, the Trades Council became known as the 'Limerick Soviet'. These events shook not only the city but the entire country, and became a focal point for workers, trade unionists and socialists throughout the country. Unfortunately, these events have largely been forgotten about. Hopefully this walking tour, and the many other events being organized over the next weeks, can help make the people of Limerick aware of this chapter of our history, this forgotten revolution,” he added.

Participants are encouraged to pre-book by contacting Ann Orr on 087-7675890 and while the tour is free, donations for Joe Higgins' European Election campaign fund will be welcomed on the day.

# New era St Cleme

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A NEW €9 million school building for St Clement's College was officially opened last Thursday, making a new phase in the school's 125 year history.

The Bishop of Limerick performed a special mass in the church at Mount St Alphonsus and Minister for Defence, Willie O'Dea, opened the new building.

The South Circular Road school has 450 students and the new building has a capacity of 575.

Principal, Vincent Foley, said that the project was nearly 12 years in the making but thankfully took only 15 months to complete within budget.

“The Redemptorists provided the site and the Department of Education and Science gave us over €9 million in funding. It's a totally new, state of the art building and we're delighted that it is finished. It was a challenge but a work of joy. When you know you're moving into something like this you get a tremendous sense



Bishop of Limerick official opening ceremony with Minister of Education, Peter Power. Photo: [unreadable]

of satisfaction. I thank the Redemptorists, the department, parents and students said.

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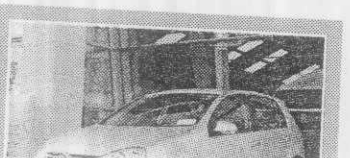
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# Labour protes

A LOCAL election has said that parents should protest against introduction of third term in the up According to To ment has “no man duction of fees.

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