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Clr. J. P. Liddy, Mayor of Limerick, with Ald. Steve Coughlan, T.D., outgoing Mayor.

## Unanimous decision by the City Council

# MAYOR LIDDY TAKES OFFICE

**COUNCILLOR J. P. LIDDY** was unanimously elected Mayor of Limerick last night amidst a heart-warming ovation from the huge gallery at the County Courthouse. Clr. Liddy was proposed by Clr. Paddy Kiely and seconded by Clr. Clem Casey.

Clr. Kiely, proposing, said that Clr. Liddy was co-opted to the City Council in April, 1952, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Ald. Dan Bourke, T.D. He had given excellent public service to the citizens of Limerick, and carried out his duties as Mayor of Limerick in 1953 in a most excellent manner.

Clr. Liddy came from a splendid national and republican background and joined the party 48 years ago.

Before investing him with the Mayoral chain, Ald. Steve Coughlan, T.D., the outgoing Mayor, referred to the agreement last year in which the Council decided that the Mayor-ty rotate among the parties.

### Achievements

Ald. Coughlan spoke at length on the achievements and commitments of the Limerick City Council.

He referred to the new Traffic Plan, and he expressed the hope that another bridge across the River Shannon would be built soon.

Ald. Coughlan went on to say that Limerick city was going to be the headquarters for the Regional Health Authority to cater for the Limerick, Clare and Tipperary N.R. region.

He spoke of the moves afoot to provide Limerick with a City Hall worthy of the city to re-

place the present Town Hall which he once described as "an ordinary stable."

On his suggestion, Limerick Corporation had purchased the warehouse at the Martyke adjacent to Charley Quay.

He had the full co-operation of every member of the City Council.

Speaking on education, Ald. Coughlan expressed his concern at the serious accommodation problem in boys secondary schools.

He stated that some 214 boys in the city were unable to get a place in secondary school after finishing their primary education.

"This is a tragic state of affairs and let the Department of Education supply the answer," he said.

He paid a tribute to Dr. E. Walsh, director of the new Institute of Higher Education.

Ald. Coughlan urged that more swimming pools be provided in the city and referred to the success of the new pool at the Ennis Road which

yielded £100 in revenue on opening day, and £659 in one week to the Corporation.

He expressed the hope that Limerick would have an indoor heated pool.

On the subject of tourism, the outgoing Mayor said that he would press on the Department of Local Government to give the grant so that the development of King John's Castle into a famous tourist attraction could go ahead.

The anticipated revenue from this project was one million pounds, he said.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the fact that Limerick offered facilities for conventions and conferences.

Visitors to the city were accorded the best hospitality.

During the year the Freedom of the City was conferred on Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Walsh, C.S.P., Bishop of Owerri, and this great honour would also be conferred on Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Wyse-Jackson, Bishop of Limerick, Ardara and Aghadoe.

Speaking on the Six Counties, the outgoing Mayor revealed that a fund-raising campaign was launched for the distressed sections of the community in the North.

### Response

The response to the appeal in Limerick was overwhelming and the sum of £2,000 was handed over to the Lord Mayor of Belfast.

"This showed our non-sectarian approach," he said.

He thanked the people of Limerick for their generosity and for supporting the Mayor's Ball which was held at the kind invitation of Lord Dunraven at the Adare Manor.

The Mayor referred to the declining state of Limerick Docks and the amicable settlement in the Cement strike, and he called for an end to the Bank stoppage, which was causing grave injury to the tourist industry.

There were many cancellations in bookings and a grave loss of revenue was being experienced by the nation as a whole.

Concluding, Ald. Coughlan paid a tribute to the City Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott, the Corporation staff, his secretary, Miss Babs Shanahan, and the Councillors for their full co-operation and help during the year.

"Despite a turbulent year, I have no regret in what I said and I would repeat it all again to-morrow."

"What I said and did was for the people of Limerick."

It was rapped internally and by other people, but I was convinced I had the support of the City Council and the people," he said.

### History

On receiving the chain of office, Clr. Joseph Peter Liddy said that he had created his story on being the first Flanna Fall Mayor to be elected unanimously.

And it was a great honour

to be conferred with the high office for the second time.

Clr. Liddy thanked the Council and the members of the Flanna Fall Party, who nominated him, and elected him.

He referred to the fact that at his party meeting his name was drawn out of a hat for the nomination, defeating Clr. Paddy Kiely, whom he hoped would be elected First Citizen in the future.

Referring to the right of his election to the mayoralty twelve years previously, Clr. Liddy said that he could not help thinking on the occasion of the people who had sat around this table on June 29, 1958.

He said that he deeply regretted the passing of all these who had given a lifetime of service to the people of Limerick.

He stated that one of his first strides in housing in Limerick would be to commemorate these men by having a Requiem Mass said for them, at which he and the other members of the Council would attend and a tribute in their robes of office.

### Concerned

He went on to say that he was also concerned with the commemoration of the murdered Mayor and ex-Mayor of Limerick, and Volunteer Joseph Donoghue, who were brutally killed by Crown forces.

He aimed to set up a committee of the City Council together with other interested bodies to mark fittingly the 50th anniversary of these men who had given their lives for the cause of Irish independence.

Clr. Liddy spoke of the great strides in housing in Limerick, and said that before the end of the lifetime of the present Council—two years remaining—the housing problem would be almost solved.

The Minister for Local Government would be coming to Limerick soon to open new housing estates.

Clr. Liddy referred to the extension of the City Boundary and other matters which Ald. Coughlan had dealt with, such as housing traffic regulations and the Institute for Higher Education.

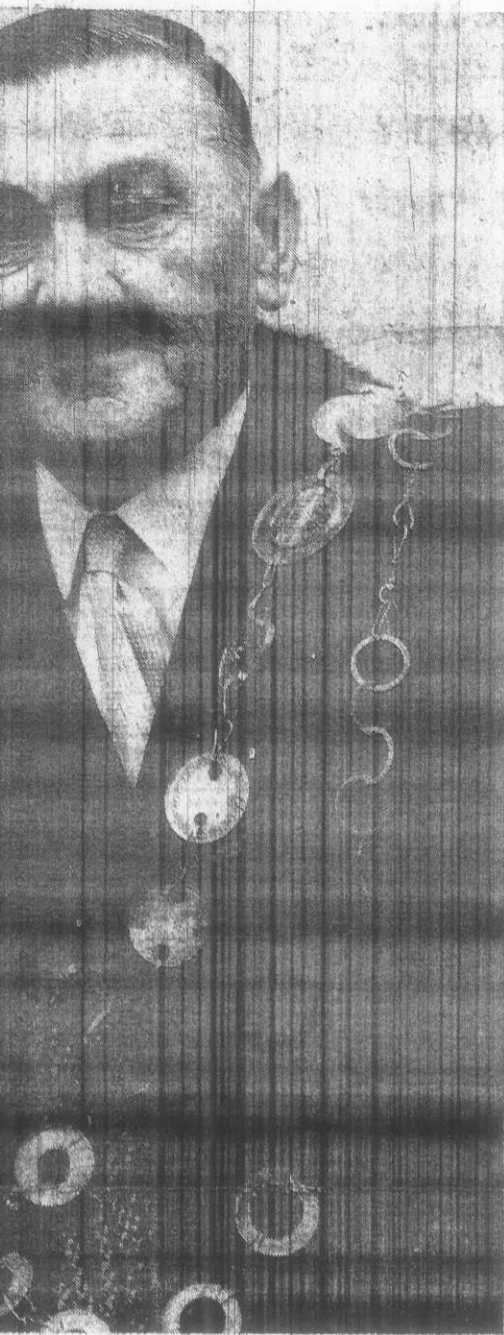
Clr. Liddy expressed the sincere hope that the situation in the Six Counties would ease, for both Catholics and Protestants, and that the position would be solved to our satisfaction.

He said that the relationship between the minority and the majority was excellent.

Finally, Clr. Liddy paid a tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Ald. Coughlan, for the excellent manner he carried out his responsibilities and duties during his term of office.

Sen. G. Russell, on behalf of the Fine Gael Party, congratulated Clr. Liddy on his election and said he felt confident that he would continue the good work of his predecessor.

He paid tribute to Ald. Cough-



The new Mayor of Limerick, Clr. J. P. Liddy.

## From cousin to cousin

IT WAS, of course, a foregone conclusion.

But that did not dispel the excitement among members of the public who flocked to the County Courthouse last night to see Ald. Stephen Coughlan, T.D., hand over the ancient Mayoral chain to Clr. Joseph Peter Liddy.

There were interesting encounters before the meeting.

Outside the building Clr. Liddy was seen with the man he defeated three days previously in an out-of-the-hat struggle for the Mayoralty, Clr. Patrick Kiely.

### Corridor

In the corridor, Fine Gael's Alderman Patrick Kennedy was enjoying a chat with Labour's Councillor Frank Leddin.

"Canvassing for next year, Paddy," someone said.

"I don't need to," started the smiling Alderman.

On the stroke of 7.30 some of the 17 members of the City Council took their seats in the Chamber.

They were watched by Mr. Michael MacCurtain, City Engineer, who was quietly puffing his Walsloon pipe.

Behind him was the highly unflappable City Manager Mr. T. F. MacDiarmada, who started the proceedings.

Senator Ted Russell took the chair until the outgoing Mayor, who was unavoidably delayed for 24 minutes, came in.

"It's the first time I took it by default," commented Mr. Russell.

Councillor Kiely, proposing Councillor Liddy for the Mayoralty spoke of his pleasing personality and his unwavering allegiance to Flanna Fall.

Councillor Jim Casey, who abstained from voting at Friday's Mayor-making meeting, seconded.

"At the end of it all, I would say our best wine has surfaced," he said.

### Friendly

There were the usual friendly formalities, of course—handshakes, photographs and so on.

Then Councillor Liddy, his charming wife, Garry, and their sons, Cormac, Peter and Garry, left for a secret destination.

But before they did they were heartily congratulated by their cousin... good old Steve.

### Russians expel U.S. journalist

The Soviet Union yesterday ordered the expulsion of an American journalist, William Cole, the third such move in a series of apparently retaliatory actions by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Cole, of the Columbia Broadcasting System, was told that his activities were incompatible with the status of a foreign journalist.

The United States used similar chronology last week in ordering the expulsion of Boris Orehov, a Pravda correspondent.

### 'Good Chance'

Britain stands a "very good chance" of joining the Common Market, Mr. Anthony Barber, the man in charge of negotiations, said last night.

He was speaking before flying to Luxembourg to present Britain's case for entry today.

### Cement on Thursday

The 700 workers employed by Cement Ltd. at Drogheda and Limerick, who had been on strike for more than five months, were back at work yesterday. A company spokesman said that they would be back in full production in the next day or two. Normal deliveries would be resumed on Thursday.

### 145-mile walk

Six boys from Ennis, County Clare, arrived in Dublin yesterday at the end of a 145-mile charity walk. They were met by Dr. P. E. O'Brien, chairman of the Mental Health Association, and Mr. J. F. Reynolds, secretary of the association. The boys, who started out from Ennis last Wednesday, collected over £250. Seventy-five per cent of the proceeds will be given to the Mental Health Association, and 25 per cent to the Clare Social Service Council.

### Raiders

Five men and three women—all speaking English and pretending to be tourists—yesterday robbed a Belgian bank of 800,000 francs (£7,472) police reported.



Tonight at the Savoy Cinema, Limerick, world famous Roy Orbison will be appearing with a tremendous show. Last night the Roy Orbison Show visited Belfast—the only show to be staged in the Six Counties yesterday. The show tonight will start at 11 o'clock.

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