

Free Enterprise

Free enterprise is to flourish in its own right, it must plan not efficient production but concept of the dignity of his human right to a just living, in keeping with the principles of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions annual conference in the Parkway Motel this Friday.

Participants are attending the conference till Friday.

The movement from now on, the struggle is with the concept of industrial relations, must be carried out in a quiet revolution in the workplace to urge employers of the need for changes in the structure of industry and

But I also know that large multi-national firms are no supporters of traditional expansion-conscious entrepreneurs pay scant attention to sentiment. Make no mistake about it, the era of the supra-national corporations has arrived. Their structures will provide an object lesson for trade unions, especially the smaller ones. Not only must we urgently restructure ourselves to deal nationally with these developments, we must also think in international terms because international collective bargaining and international trade union co-operation will be needed to combat the global strategy of supra-national corporations.

Evidence
"We already have evidence, those of us with international affiliations are aware, that these industrial giants which subsidise in many countries can play off a subsidiary against a trade union in one country by increasing production to branches in other countries. Unaffected by particular trade union action, the enormous force of large multi-national companies will be countered by strong, well-structured national trade unions effectively linked to their international counterparts. The lesson for the Irish trade union movement is self-evident.

Antiquated
"We cannot face these new changes with our utterly antiquated traditional structure devised in the malleable days of a free market. The Executive Council of Congress is exploring the possibility of inviting the I.L.O. to send experts to carry out a study of our country's structural problems and to recommend for the consideration of other countries, what changes we should make, and if our own country is not a member and in what stages the recommended restructuring should be carried out. We must also consider the possibility of forming a new international trade unionist said all this in the well turned phrase of the supranational corporation was not based on the power of reason but on the reason of power."

Protection
"The end result of any such exercise will be to provide better protection for the trade union service to our members, and it is my hope that all our affiliates will be able to do this. It is on this matter, and that they will not be deterred by unrealistic sentimentality, that we must be firm. We should be firm in our determination to face up squarely to this urgent problem. We should re-examine our objectives and our movement were innovators who faced the challenge of the future. We must be constantly geared and tempered to meet the challenges of the future. The Irish trade unionist said all this in the well turned phrase of the supranational corporation was not based on the power of reason but on the reason of power."

Future
"We should not only consider the future structure of the trade union movement, but the place of Congress in that structure. We could have had a number of Congress proposals discussed at length. There are other important issues which seem to spend most of their time discussing their role and purpose. This is not the role of Congress as it stands performing a function in relation to the trade union movement which exists at the present time. It represents a number of individual trade unions of widely varying size and interest. Where interests of unions conflict the unions in Congress can either stand aside from the issue or take a decision.

Decisions
"If they take a decision the minority unions may accept it or reject it. If they reject it, the majority unions can do nothing to enforce the decision except to reject the unions which have rejected the decision. The power to dissolve dissenting unions has been offered to us, and I think it exists. Unions exist because workers have the right to organise. How then do workers take decisions? They can take national decisions if they see these decisions as theirs. If they see themselves as a part of Congress, controlling its decisions, then the decisions will be made effectively by the members themselves.

Control
"In what way can union members be more effectively involved in the control of Congress, and how can their views be more clearly recognised as their decisions? Communication is important. Attitude is important. But with

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"I have an impression of the importance of the Minister of Education on the evening of Saturday, July 3, 1971, at the



PICKETS PLACED Limerick Has a New Mayor

LIMERICK city has a new Mayor: he is Councillor Gus O'Driscoll, who was unanimously elected by the City Council last night. He was proposed by Fine Gael members, Senator G. E. Russell and seconded by Councillor Michael Kennedy, at a special meeting of the Council in the Courthouse.

His election was greeted with prolonged applause from the crowded public gallery. He received the chain of office from his predecessor, Councillor J. P. Liddy.

In his speech, the new Mayor said that the field of education, Limerick must continue the fight for the establishment of a full-blown university with powers to grant degrees in a broad range of faculties covering the sciences and humanities.

Aware
"As everybody is aware, this College of Higher Education was to open next September but a recent announcement by the Minister for Education has postponed the starting date by 12 months," he went on.

Conference and the E.E.C.
A decision of the Standing Committee at today's Conference that the proposals from various unions on the E.E.C. should be discussed in private, so as to formulate a composite proposition, was referred back to the E.E.C. will take place in public on Thursday.

Glad
"I am glad to say that Limerick has made outstanding progress in the building of new houses during the lifetime of the present Council and I hope that the time is drawing near when the Corporation will be in a position to offer homes to newly-weds starting on their journey through life."

Appeal to blood donors
"As already announced, through the columns of the LEADER, Pulpit, and other forms of advertising media, a special appeal is being made to attend at St. John's Pavilion, this Wednesday, July 14, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. This is a special appeal for blood donors in the form of a 3-monthly period (90 days) since the last 'blood' took place, all should your friend, boy or girl, be over 18 years and under 65, kindly bring them along, the more generous the response the more lives can be saved."

Mini-Skirts
An Israeli military spokesman announced that its girl soldiers can now wear mini-skirts moving five inches of thigh. Previously they were only to wear their skirts one inch above their knees.

CITY SMASH AND GRAB

Jewellery valued at £2,000 or over was taken from Cowpens Jewellers, 51A Upper William Street, in a smash and grab raid during the night. A rock was thrown through the front window after a protective grid was removed. Bracelets, diamond rings and charms were among the items stolen. The exact amount of the stock lost will not be known until the stock is taken. The raid happened between midnight and 6 a.m. and the Gardai were notified immediately.

Personalities in crazy football game

MEMBERS of the Dail and well-known personalities will take part in a crazy football game in Pallasgreen, organised by the local branch of the Rehabilitation Institute. The Pallasgreen Branch of the Rehabilitation Institute have done tremendous work in raising funds for the Institute over the past seven years. This year's committee, under the energetic chairmanship of the Con O'Dwyer, the well-known Pallas hurler, have arranged for a crazy football game to be held in the local sportsfield on Monday, July 12, at 8 p.m. A selected team of well-known personalities will oppose a veteran Pallas team.

Line-out
"Those who have already indicated their willingness to line out for the 'personality' team are: Mr. John B. Keane, the well-known playwright; Mosca, Tom O'Donnell, T.D.; Steve Coughlan, T.D.; and Michael Herbert, T.D.; Mr. Al. Finnegan, capt. Limerick Soccer Club; Mr. Kieran Curtin, former President of the Gaelic Athletic Association; and Michael (Babs) Keating and John O'Donoghue, the well-known Tipperary hurlers and band leader; Mr. Michael Jones, Limerick hurler; Mrs. J. Hayes, Limerick hurler; Jimmie Dromkeen; Mr. Michael Ryan, Limerick hurler; the Limerick comedian; Dr. Dick Stokes, the former Limerick hurler, and Dr. John O'Connell, D.D. As other personalities, who wish to offer their services for this deserving cause should contact the Secretary of the organising committee—Miss Katherine McManus, Pallasgreen.

Veteran
The veteran Pallasgreen team, which is at present in strict training, will be selected from the following panel: Dan Riordan, New Pallas; John McCormack, Old Pallas; William O'Dwyer, Pallas; Rory Ryan, Ballyneety; Michael O'Donnell, New Pallas; Eddie Carr, Garranmore; Eddie Stokes, Oola; James Stokes, Carr; John English, Rens; Denis McGrath, Sallinacough; Sean Hayes, Dromkeen; Jerry Paddy Maher, Cappamore; Tim Ryan, Landsape; John Corbett, Lisheen; Michael Corbett, Limerick; Jimmie Howard, Limerick; John Ryan, Bracklie;

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ATTENDANCE

The attendance at today's congress included representatives from the Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, Scotland, England, the United States of America and Europe. Also present were members of the Labour Court and the adviser to the Minister for Labour.

"We have at present almost now a hundred separate trade unions in this small country. Most of them are weak numerically and financially. They are not equipped to meet the challenge so rapidly despatching upon us. For many years now, various committees out of Congress have tried to get our affiliated unions to think seriously about this matter, but it is to little or no avail. I know that our old respected traditions die hard."

Separate

"I know that small compact groups feel loss of identity in a larger rationalised structure."

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