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Mayor Paddy Madden looking at the Mayoral Chain with Madame Daly Placidi (second from left), Madame Monet, daughter.

"If you do go into Limerick city, you'll probably wish you hadn't; the Republic's third largest city is a transportation centre and little else", states "Let's Go 1988" a revised and updated budget guide tour of Britain and Ireland.

"I have been talking to couriers and every second person from the States has one of these guides and there is no doubt that they are being put off coming to the city," said the Mavor.

"I would love to know who actually wrote the piece and when they were last in Limerick. They say N.I.H.E. is housed in a ruined tower, now I ask you what impression does that give of one of the finest technological universities in the world," said Cllr. Madden.

He says that the booklet includes plenty of useful information about Limerick. "But the opening remarks are too much to take and none would read further."

"This is the bible for Americans. Now I don't mind objective criticism but lets be fair: we have improved and are continuing at a rapid rate to provide more tourist facilities in the city," he added.

Mayor Madden said that Limerick is a fine base for a holiday.

# French connection with Mayoral chain unfolds

A MOVING link between Ireland's fight for freedom and the heroic French Resistance was uncovered in the Mayor's office this week, when 85 year old Madame Blanche Daly-Placidi from Paris donned the Mayoral chain once worn by her grand-uncle.

At the reception for Madame Placidi and her daughter Judge Jacqueline Monet hosted by Mayor Paddy Madden, stirring times in Irish and French history were recalled.

Madame Placidi is the grand-niece of former Limerick Mayor, John Daly, (1900 to 1901), whose inscription, in Irish, on the Mayoral chain records his sentence to penal servitude for life in Portland Prison during the land wars,

and she is a cousin of Commdt. Ned Daly who was executed at Kilmainham Gaol, after commanding the Four Courts Garrison in 1916.

## Relatives

Blanche herself admits to having inherited the rebel blood. She was very much involved with the French Resistance in Aix en Provence during the War.

Several of Commdt Daly's relatives were present at the reception which was organised by Councillor Win Harrington. They included Mr Edward Daly O'Sullivan and his wife Maureen, Nora and Mairead de h-Oir, who recalled the story of how their parents met on the the train on their way to take part in the Easter Rising;

Mrs Kay O'Nolan, Laura O'Sullivan and Mrs Eamon O'Toole.

Madame Monet, a great grand niece of Mayor John Daly, who is herself an Appeals court judge in Paris and whose husband Yves is also a judge, said that it was a "very moving occasion" for herself and her mother.

She was well acquainted with the story of the family's part in the fight for Irish freedom, and they were very proud of their heritage.

## Emigrated

Madame Placidi's grandfather, James Daly, emigrated with his brother to Australia, but who apparently couldn't tolerate living in a British settlement and finally settled in

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St. Senan Street, Limerick, was remanded on bail to Limerick court on September 1 on charges of interfering with a motor vehicle, the property of Christopher Hinchy, and with having in his possession a housebreaking implement, to wit a screwdriver, without a lawful excuse, at Nicholas Street, on August 1 last, by Justice Joseph Mangan, at Limerick remand court.

Mr. Tom O'Donnell, solr., appeared for the defendant.

## French

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the French Island of New Caledonia in the South Pacific.

She speaks only French and Councillor Harrington acted as interpreter.

"But she has the Daly face," commented her O'Sullivan relatives.

At the urging of the Mayor she tried on the Mayoral chain, and gasped when told that its gold value was £1 million.

The Mayor, Councillor Harrington

and Corporation staff were thanked by Mr Edward Daly O'Sullivan who said that he was delighted that Madame Placidi got an opportunity to see the medallion she had heard about for nearly eighty years.

Councillor Harrington said that it was an unique occasion which had brought together so many people connected with the foundation of the State.



At the reception in the Mayor's office this week, Mayor Paddy Madden with Madame Daly Placidi (left) and her daughter, Madame Monet (right).