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## Cavan for the crack

□ **THE PAST PUPILS** of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, are holding their annual re-union in the college on Saturday, 25th February, 1989. The

I know of no other country in the world where there are forces from an outside or alien State on its soil against the wishes or consensus of the people being title security forces.

Surely in our country's case this title is an unpardonable misnomer and stands to be corrected as it is antagonistic and unacceptable to our people.

It is also a grave travesty of our national ideal of the unification of our island and begs the question, who or whom are they protecting or giving security to?

If there is logic to this title, then

As two years ago, may I seek the hospitality of your columns to invite the support, assistance and advice of all likeminded people among your readers. I invite them, please, to write, phone or, best of all, to call to our campaign office at the address below over the next couple of weeks to offer what help they can in what my colleagues and I hope they will regard as a national effort which merits the support of all concerned citizens.

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And, he revealed, there had been a marked reduction in the level of representation by counsel in personal and fatal injury cases, following the enactment of the Courts Act, 1988.

Further legislation which the Minister is preparing is in the courts areas which will enable a system of pre-trial procedures to be introduced in the High Court, which would streamline the legal procedures involved for personal fatal injury cases that go to court.

PMPA, whose existence was threatened five years ago, now has 30 offices with Limerick the third largest in the New PMPA branch network.

Mr. John Murphy is the Limerick branch manager. The new office is equipped with the most advanced on line computer technology.

Shannon and a total of 700 in Ireland, have reported record sales and operation results for 1988.

In a press statement company chairman, Mr. John C. Marous, revealed that they had a net income in Ireland of more than 13 per cent for both the fourth quarter and full year, over 1987. The corporation's total revenue also increased over 10 per cent.

"I am pleased that Westing-

previously reported fourth quarter (1987) net income of \$219,600,000. Net income for the year was up 13.5 per cent to \$822,800,000 compared to \$724,800,000 for 1987.

Westinghouse Electric Systems and Logistics and Westinghouse Electronics and Control Company are based in Shannon while Thermic King Europe are in Galway and Dublin and Wescan Europe are in Dublin.

Touche Ross, Chartered Accountants, announced this week the appointment of Mr. Gerard Lyons, ACA, as partner in the firm. Mr. Lyons has been senior manager in the Limerick office for the past three years and now joins Mr. John Gilmartin as partner in that office.

# In memory of Buddy Holly

*So young at only twenty-two  
Yet such a mighty name,  
Remembered now for "Peggy Sue"  
The one that brought you fame,  
The day you left that was our loss,  
We will never forget,  
Your message always came across,  
Now we're filled with such regret.  
More famous now than before,  
Your songs they still live on,  
Your fans they still cry out for more,  
To us you're never gone.*

*The magic of your simple style  
Will never more be seen,  
For us you made it all worthwhile,  
You were Mister Clean.*

*Since the day you did depart  
There is emptiness all around,  
It's forever "Raining in our Hearts"  
There will never be another "Holly Sound."*

*Buddy if you were only here  
For we're rock'n the blues away,*

*But you're doing the same up there,  
We will all rock together one day,  
And so our love to you we send,  
To us you're never gone,  
As we bid farewell to a life-long friend,  
Buddy Holly, you are forever our number one.*

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## Certificate 'delayed'

James Dunne, of Doola, Nenagh, was fined £25 at Bruff court for driving an unregistered truck without displaying a current tax disc.

The defendant told the court that the necessary certificate had been delayed.

**MINISTER FOR Science and Technology, Dr. Sean McCarthy, T.D.,** speaking at the weekend in Limerick, highlighted the need for research, if the engineering industry in Ireland is to be successful.

And, he said, the local company Essco-Collins, through its production of sophisticated radomes in Ireland was an example of how Irish companies and staffs could be to the forefront of world high-technology developments — given the right motivation, direction and access to modern know-how.

At the company's annual function in the Limerick Inn, he said that the firm had invested considerable funds in the development of a new technology radome which could meet the stringent technical requirements of modern air traffic control systems successfully.

"There are now several of these radomes installed in the U.S., Canada and Europe, and the company is continuing to win orders on a worldwide basis. It has never had a radome which failed during its years of continued success, an excellent achievement, and one to be proud of," he added.

# Limerick's Catherine, greatest Irishwoman of the 19th century

□ **FROM TIME** to time the name of Mother Theresa Emmanuel — Catherine O'Neill — has appeared in your columns.

Many will ask, "Who is this Catherine O'Neill?"

For me, "she was the greatest Irishwoman of the 19th century."

She was born in Limerick City and was the daughter of Alan Francis O'Neill and his wife, the former Miss Howley, of Rich Hill, Castleconnell, Cahernorry and Limerick.

Alan Francis may have been the biggest businessman in Limerick between 1780 and 1815. He was the founder of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce. His family gave their name to O'Neill Quay which is bisected by Sarsfield Bridge.

The Howleys were also leading business people and were in industry. They owned the Linen Mills at Bruff and Abington, Murroe. They gave their name to Howley's Quay and this is parallel with Sarsfield Street. It did join O'Neill Quay at the present corner of Dunne's Stores.

Mr. O'Neill had much business in Liverpool. This is well documented in Gale's Liverpool Directories of the early 19th century.

Due to the death of his wife his two girls and son lived for two years at Rich Hill, 1824-1826 (approx.). He was still in business in Liverpool in 1849. He may have died in this year or the following. He fell a victim to cholera.

Apparently the family went to live with their father at Liverpool. They will have lived there at 26 Slater Street (near Lime Street Railway Terminus) and at a house near the Jesuit Church. This house was in Netherfield Street. Both houses were O'Neill property between 1835 and 1840.

Catherine and her sister got some of their education at the Bar Convent in York. They were later at the Augustine Sisters (Canonesses) who then had a convent at Haddesdon, Herefordshire.

In 1838 both sisters decided to go to Rome and travelled overland. In Paris they apparently

visited relatives. Catherine decided to do her Easter duty in Paris and went to Confession to one Father Cambolat (still 1838).

At that time Father Cambolat was trying to attract a number of educated young ladies to live in a community and form the nucleus of a teaching congregation which would fight the evil influences of the Revolution which were then destroying everything that stood for Catholic influence, and that very much in education.

Catherine knelt to confess, the priest stopped her . . . He told her of his plans and asked her to visit him later.

Suffice to say Catherine, now 23, was highly spiritual and the spiritual priest, that Father Cambolat, obviously had the grace to read souls. Catherine joined the new community, now numbering almost five. Her advance in holiness we cannot comprehend but she was a mystic at 24, and was that until her death, 48½ years later.

Her experience, her revelations have never been published. Only

brief accounts of her intense sanctity, her conversations with Our Lord and the saints have ever been published. Justice has not been done to her. Her cause for canonisation has not been introduced.

Catherine with the other Sister whose family name was Milleret de Broue were both co-foundresses of the Congregation "Ladies of the Assumption." Catherine always took a back seat giving the honour to the other co-foundress.

Volumes could have been written on her mystical experiences of almost 50 years. I don't know how much she hid herself but she did that, and must have been like St. Therese of Lisieux of the Child Jesus in this respect.

It is our shame that we Irish know so little about her. It would be only natural to ask did she get messages about Ireland in those turbulent years of rack renting, famine, pestilence and poverty which was the lot of the Irish until the passing of the Security of Tenure Act of 1887, the year in which she died (June, 1887).

She must have been given many messages solely for Ireland during the almost 50 years of her mystical life. The other co-foundress nor any of the other Sisters (I mean of the Ladies of Assumption) of her time were mystics.

The other co-foundress is already beatified. I was told by a number of the congregation that it was the general opinion of their Sisters that Catherine even in heaven wanted the other co-foundress raised to the altars of the Church before her.

Of her one could like John the Baptist say (when he spoke of Our Lord): "The latchet of her shoe we are not worthy to loose."

One hundred and one years ago in Nice, France, the time June, 1887, Catherine died. Her remains were brought to Paris. She is interred in a tomb in the Convent Chapel at No. 8 Rue de l'Amiral d'Estaing, Paris (Arondissement 16).

It is possible to visit her tomb on occasions preferably by appointment. I did recently and was allowed to stay a long time in the

chapel. Glad was I to have fulfilled a lifetime's wish. Actually I stayed and wrote some material on the O'Neill and Howley families for the Sisters.

Should any of your readers visiting Paris like to visit her tomb they should ask for Sister Blandine who is a fluent English speaker. She lives at this convent. Her work is largely at the mother house at Religieuses de l'Assomption, 17 Rue de l'Assomption, 75016 Paris, tel. 46-47-84-56. The telephone of the other convent is 47-20-90-98.

The convent in Rue d'Estaing is near Rue-de-Bac Convent of the Miraculous Medal, the Church of Our Lady of Victories, the Eiffel Tower and St. Lazaire Railway Station. The metro station is Kleber (goes to/comes from Arc de Triump). There are many relatives of Mother Therese-Emmanuel still in Ireland. Mr. Thadeus Ryan, M.F.H., Scarteen, Knocklong, is one; another is John Ryan-Purcell of Brook Hall, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork.

She may not yet be declared

venerable but one may seek her intercession. I have been in pilgrimages here: in Dozule, sought her intercession several times at the site of the Apparition of the Glorious Cross.

It is not before time, except what God wills, that we Irish began to canonise our own. It is possible she is a saint for the latter days of the Church. It was once said of Margaret Burke-Sheridan, the County Mayo born soprano and celebrity: "Europe adores her, Ireland ignores her." Could the same in the spiritual world be said about Mother Therese-Emmanuel. Catherine O'Neill, of Limerick, whom truly Catholic France remembers and truly Catholic Ireland has forgotten.

She truly surrendered herself in this life to God. In 150 years one million French girls will owe their Catholic French influence to her. So, one may rightly think at least 500,000 French homes have gained spiritually through her influence. At least 50% of the girls will marry.

In England St. Mary's Ladies Catholic Training College has

been administered by the Assumption Congregation. Mother Therese Emmanuel founded the Catholic Convent at Richmond, Yorkshire, and this is one of the best of girls schools in England. Before her death Catherine was glad to see an Assumption Convent established in the Eternal City and equally glad of their convent at Lourdes.

Interrupted was her pilgrimage to Rome in 1838, her journey to Rome 40 years later fulfilled that dream, which I think was to found their convent there.

I end as I started. We will not attain Mother Therese-Emmanuel's sanctity in a day and not without much prayer and penance. God bless you all and kindly become each one of you promoters of the cause of Mother T. E.'s canonisation.

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