

## Shares in Fitzwilton rise as O'Reilly tries to raise holding

Shares in Fitzwilton, the industrial holding company, jumped to 56p as the mystery buyer of a 9 per cent stake in the company, understood to be Dunnes Stores, sought to increase its holding and brokers acting for Fitzwilton chairman, Dr Tony O'Reilly, tried to raise its holding to the 50 per cent level: Page 14



**Taylor says Republic changed:** A senior unionist politician said yesterday that the Republic had changed "significantly" in the past 20 years. Mr John Taylor said there was a time when condoms could not be bought in the Republic as all family planning was illegal, but that had all changed: Page 6

**Nurses' one-day stoppage:** Nurses in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, will stage a 12-hour work stoppage tomorrow in the accident and emergency department because of overcrowding and "intolerable" working conditions: Page 3

**Moves on a third TV channel:** The Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, Mr Higgins, has confirmed that active consideration is being given to the licensing of TV3 to provide a third TV channel. Talks are taking place between the private consortium, headed by Mr James Morris, and the Independent Radio and Television Commission's chairman, Mr Niall Stokes: Page 3

**Girl gives evidence in sex abuse case:** A 13-year-old Dublin girl told a trial at the Central Criminal Court she had lied when she made allegations of sexual abuse against her stepfather: Page 4

**Irish aid agencies' expertise:** The US administration is seeking the expertise of Irish aid agencies working in Africa and other underdeveloped countries and is considering providing food aid directly to them: Page 7

**Forbairt ignoring science?:** The Irish Research Scientists Association has claimed that good scientific research is not being funded because the grant-giving body, Forbairt, ignores scientific merit in favour of short-term industrial criteria: Page 2

**Rugby World Cup faces problem:** Industrial action by 30,000 disgruntled policemen poses a threat to the Rugby World Cup competition which is due to start in South Africa next month: Page 8

**Disabled losing out:** People with disabilities are between six and 14 times less likely to attend third level education, a forum on disability and higher education has been told: Page 7

**Hamas defies ban:** Thousands of Hamas supporters defied a ban on demonstrations yesterday to stage a mock funeral for the victims of Sunday's explosion in an apartment block in Gaza which killed six and wounded 30: Page 9

**Retirement talks may collapse:** The three teacher unions' claim for an early retirement scheme for the profession may be approaching collapse: Page 3

**Baring resignations:** The chairman of the British bank Barings, Peter Baring, has resigned, together with the vice-chairman, ending 233 years of management by the Baring family, in the aftermath of bankruptcy arising from derivatives trading in Asia: Page 15

**Turks in Iraq:** The Turkish foreign minister told Germany yesterday that his country's forces would withdraw from northern Iraq as soon as possible but he refused to specify when the operation against Kurdish rebels would end: Page 8

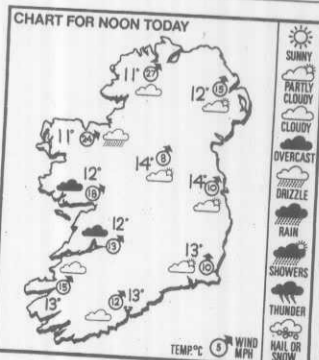
**Drinking to excess:** An estimated 11 per cent of men and 3 per cent of women consume enough alcohol to cause them significant health problems, the executive director of the Rutland Centre, Dublin, Mr Andrew Honeyman, said yesterday: Page 3

**Desmond annoys government:** The Government is understood to be annoyed at warnings from the Irish member of the European Court of Auditors, Mr Barry Desmond, that the cost of the £75 million EU bill for alleged fraud in the beef industry could be higher: Page 7

**Guardian has motor insurance plans:** The Guardian Group has announced plans to set up a new telephone based direct insurance company in Dublin later this year. The new company, Guardian Direct, will initially offer motor insurance cover and is expected to employ 50 people: Page 14

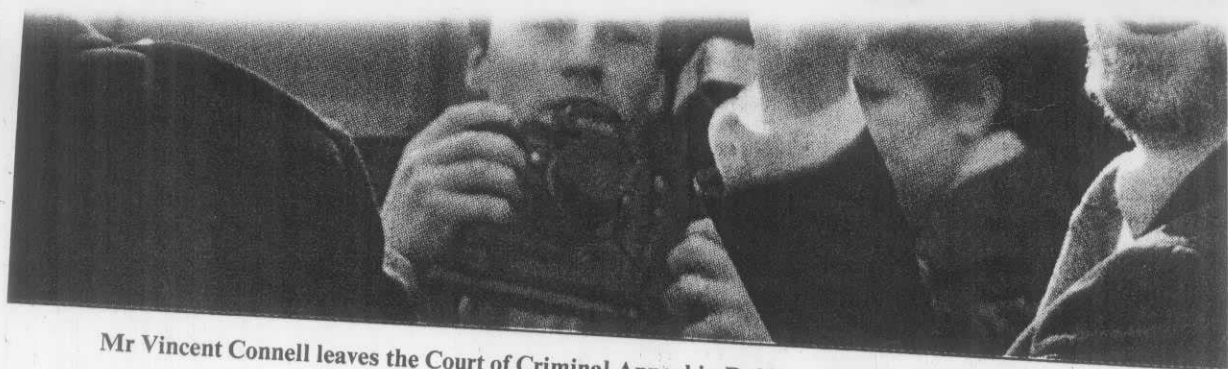
## THE WEATHER

Bright and dry to begin. Sunny in the east, cloudy in the west with rain spreading eastwards during the evening. Very mild. Top temperatures 12 to 15 Celsius: Page 2



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Mr Vincent Connell leaves the Court of Criminal Appeal in Dublin yesterday after his conviction for the murder of a woman. Photograph: Frank Miller.

## Bishop Newman dies in Limerick after long illness

By Andy Pollak, Religious Affairs Correspondent

THE Bishop of Limerick, Dr Jeremiah Newman, died last night in St John's Hospital in the city after a long illness. He was 69 last Friday.

Dr Newman was the single most conservative and controversial member of the Hierarchy. Born in Drumcollogher, Co Limerick, the only child of parents who farmed and had a small shop, he entered Maynooth in 1943, was ordained in 1950 and completed a doctorate in Louvain and a course in social studies at Oxford.

At the age of 27, following a year teaching at Queen's University Belfast, he was appointed the first professor of sociology at Maynooth, a post he held until he became president of the college in 1968.

Throughout the next six years, he successfully oversaw the beginning of that college's transformation from a seminary to a modern university. However, despite this, his own thinking remained rooted in the Catholic social doctrines of the 1940s and 1950s, which demanded that the rights of the religious majority should be enshrined in the Republic's civil law.

He was ordained Bishop of Limerick in 1974 and quickly became involved in controversy. In May, 1976, he warned against the dangers posed to Irish Catholic society by "secularism, the strident propaganda of minorities and the effort to conciliate the North" and urged action to prevent the incorporation of "an inordinate special position" for non-Catholic minorities into the Republic's laws.

The following January he reminded worshippers during a Christian Unity Week service that, in a united Ireland, Catholics would still be the majority. The Church of Ireland Dean of Limerick, the Very Rev Walton Empey, retorted that Dr Newman "might as well go North and load the guns of the UVF".

From the late 1970s to the early 1990s, Dr Newman issued a stream of statements which provoked controversy. He said that the Muslim world was "way ahead" in upholding religious values and criticised the Protestant ethos of the Adelaide Hospital in Dublin, implying that it did not condemn abortion. He maintained that groups campaigning for the poor were putting too much pressure on the government.

Although his manner was that of the aloof, traditionalist bishop, he was an excellent diocesan administrator, paying off church-building debts and making special provision for poorer parishes and retired priests.

He was also a prolific writer and passionate reader. He was the author of over 20 books on subjects ranging from regional planning to post-modernism and was happiest in the extensive library of his Limerick home.

In recent years, he had suffered from various ailments of the back and liver. Last July, he was flown to the United States for medical treatment, and the Bishop of Cloyne, Dr Magee, in an unusual move, became apostolic administrator of the diocese.

On Christmas Eve, he was taken to an undisclosed American hospital with serious internal bleeding and in early January was flown home for intensive medical care at the Mater Private Hospital in Dublin. He was believed then to be suffering from cancer. He returned to Limerick in early February.

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By Conor O'Clery, in Washington

IN A joint attempt at bridge-building, the British Prime Minister, Mr John Major, said yesterday that the row with the United States over Northern Ireland was "now behind us", and US Secretary of State Mr Warren Christopher dismissed the dispute as "ancient history", adding, "We are pulling together on a broad range of issues."

Nevertheless, Mr Major, who meets President Clinton today in the White House, demoted the relationship between the two countries from "special" to one of "shared interests", reflecting the coldness between Downing Street and the White House over Mr Clinton's decision to allow the Sinn Féin leader, Mr Gerry Adams, to raise funds in the US and attend the White House St Patrick's Day party.

British officials said yesterday that Northern Ireland would not be top of the agenda when the two leaders begin their three-hour meeting which will continue through a working lunch and cover Bosnia, Iran, Iraq, North Korea and trade.

"I have never referred to it as a special relationship," said Mr Major, who had arrived by Concorde on Sunday evening for his long-planned visit to Washington. "There is a relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States of shared interests."

We have had that relationship of shared interests for many years, we tend to look at the same problems in the same way.

"Occasionally there are spats, as there are in the best of families, but they are very rare," he said after a breakfast meeting with Mr Christopher in the British embassy.

Mr Christopher backed him up, saying the two countries shared a common history, language and interests. "I see that relationship as being a very strong one. We look to British colleagues and they look to us on many issues for advice," he said.

While Mr Major's relationship with senior members of the US administration remains friendly — after all, they supported the British line on Mr Adams — the meeting today with Mr Clinton will be strained by the personal differences between the two over Northern Ireland, which led to the British Prime Minister refusing to take a telephone call from the White House for eight days last month.

Mr Clinton, who was in Arkansas yesterday, will keep his contact with Mr Major to the minimum accorded any visiting prime minister.

They will meet in the White House and hold a joint press conference on the lawns outside, where dialogue can be drowned

out by planes from the port nearby. This is the treatment accorded European leaders, in Taoiseach, Mr Bruton. Mr Clinton held a meeting with the White House.

Asked about criticism of Adams, who told BBC yesterday he had no comment on the way Mr Major was treating the peace process, the president said: "I am less than confident about Mr Adams's opinion about Sinn Féin. He will come and talk about missioning."

"The important thing is that Sinn Féin honours the peace process. If they decide they do not, they say, they come and engage in constructive dialogue that leads to decommissioning arms and taking the Northern Ireland political process forward. What I wish to hear from them is that they do."

Mr Major is encountered by opponents on Capitol Hill.

Yesterday evening, members of the House of Representatives, chaired by a strong critic of Sinn Féin, Mr Ben Gilman, today he will call on Senator Helms, who has tabled a resolution seeking to force the President to certify that the IRA has

## Women and children massacred in Burundi

From Peter Smerdon, in Gasorwe, and Audrey Magee

BURUNDI troops and Tutsi gunmen massacred an estimated 400 Hutus — mostly women and children — in north-east Burundi last week, diplomats and aid workers said yesterday.

One western diplomat said the people were clearly victims of a massacre and he saw a one-year-old Hutu baby who had been bayoneted in her genitals so she would never be able to bear children. "There is no question, this is genocide."

One foreign aid worker, so scared that he refused to speak to journalists publicly, wrote out for Reuters that he estimated that more than 400 Hutus were slaughtered by troops last week in Gasorwe region.

An Irish delegation of women and representatives from Trócaire met political and religious representatives in Burundi yesterday.

The delegation, which includes Ms Bernie Malone MEP and the Nobel Peace prize-winner, Ms Mairead Maguire, issued a statement through Trócaire:

"The delegation was shocked today to learn of the killings of up to 400 people in Gasorwe in northern Burundi. This news came at the end of a day in which the delegation had met church and political leaders and senior UN representatives. The overall message which the delegation is hearing in Burundi is that there are tremendous efforts being

### Irish group holds talks with leaders on peace

made by moderates supported by the international community to contain the violence and build a peace movement."

Four wounded children who had survived were still in the government-run hospital at the nearby town of Muyinga yesterday. They had been shot or slashed with knives and machetes and hit with rocks.

One 11-year-old boy had been shot in the right cheek. Doctors said he would be blind in his left eye. The doctors told reporters the boy had been left for 24 hours where he fell before being brought to the hospital, nine miles to the east.

Another 14-year-old Hutu boy lay still in a coma. His head was bashed in with what relatives said was a rock wielded by a Tutsi.

The township of Gasorwe, 14 miles west of the border with Tanzania, resembled a ghost town yesterday.

Asked about the killings, the US ambassador, Mr Robert Krueger, said: "It is a horrendous massacre. These aren't just people caught up in the crossfire."

One diplomat said 250 killed at Gasorwe, another Kizi Hill, four miles to the west, and others were massacred at points in between.

Tutsi residents of Muyinga the army was still hunting the Gasorwe area for Hutu guerrillas who they said had attacked an army car last week and the army had been attacking the area.

Irish aid workers working the border between Burundi and Tanzania are dealing with refugees in need of urgent aid, according to the agency GOAL, which has 10 volunteers working on the border.

The agency director, Mr O'Shea, said the international community could not ignore what was once again happening in central Africa. He said the "bloody slaughter" in Rwanda began last year and the international community must not ignore the warning signs from Burundi.

The Church of Ireland asked for special prayers next Sunday for the people of Rwanda and Burundi. The church has \$250,000 to Rwanda.

A call has also been made to the governments of east Africa to use their influence urgently to prevent Burundi from collapsing into full-scale civil war. The director of Oxfam in Ireland, Ms Sally Ann Kinahan, said that regional governments could play a major role in dissuading extremists from dragging Burundi into another cycle of killing.

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