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Fianna Fail Select their Man

DES O'MALLEY IS NOMINATED

AT a packed convention in the Royal George Hotel last night, Mr. Desmond J. O'Malley, solr., aged 29 years, was unanimously selected as the Fianna Fail candidate to contest the forthcoming East Limerick By-Election.

His nomination was unanimous and was greeted with a prolonged bout of applause. Mr. O'Malley's nomination is the second one and there are now two up and one to go.

Mr. Patrick Clohessy, T.D., presided, and the attendance included the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, and Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister for Education. Prior to the convention, Mr. Vincent Feeney, former Mayor of Limerick, withdrew his candidature. Well before the start of the convention, hundreds of people crowded into the Assembly Hall, and before Mr. O'Malley was nominated it was known to all that there would be no opposition. The candidate is a nephew of the late Minister for Education, Mr. Donogh O'Malley. He is married and has three children. He was educated at Crescent College and qualified as a solicitor in 1962 after studying at U.C.D.

TRIBUTE

His father, the late Desmond J. O'Malley, was also a solicitor, and a former Mayor of Limerick.

The candidate represented his college at rugby and won the gold medal for debating at U.C.D. He is also a Director of Limerick Greyhound Racing.

Mr. Jack Lynch, Taoiseach, in the course of his address to the convention, paid a very warm tribute to the memory of the late Donogh O'Malley, and said that Limerick City and the constituency had lost the best and most outstanding public representative and the most able advocate it ever had.

Referring to the Government's policy to introduce the new electoral system, the Taoiseach said that they were concerning themselves with a problem that has existed since mankind first came together in communities—the problem of devising the best means by which man is to govern himself.

He said that it was no easy task. It never was. "No job really worth doing is," he said.

"In proposing these electoral changes to the people for their decision, the Government are doing so, not for the sake of change, or for any motive of self-interest, but in the sincere and honest conviction that the adoption of these proposals is

vital to the maintenance of a true democracy and in the future well-being of our country," he said.

DEMOCRATIC

In conclusion, Mr. Lynch commented: "At every level of our party and our organisation, truly democratic procedures operate to a degree unknown to any other political party in the country. What could be more democratic in its very essence than to put a proposal before all the people for its free decision in a Referendum? If there is some other procedure more democratic than that, I would like to hear of it."

Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister for Education, said that as far as higher Education is concerned, considerable expansion of facilities would take place and this would take into account the University and Technological needs of centres such as Limerick.

"Inside the next few months, it is proposed to announce comprehensive plans for Higher Education and legislation will be introduced to cover not alone U.C.D. and T.C.D. but also the various other colleges and higher education centres in the country."

Mr. O'Malley, the candidate, warned against complacency and said that over-confidence would give rise to a very dangerous situation.

"We are going to win and everyone of us will have to take off our coats which has never been done before and we cannot and we will not contemplate defeat."

Mr. Kevin Boland, Minister for Local Government, will be one of several Ministers who will be directing operations during the Limerick campaign.

INJURED

A 61-year-old Co. Limerick man, Edward Lane, of Ballyard, Brittas, was admitted to Barrington's Hospital on Friday with injuries received in an accident in Watergate, Limerick.

Today his condition was described as "comfortable as can

BOB A JOB WEEK



Brothers Michael and Tim Reardon, young Limerick Boy Scouts, pictured as they clean the windows of Martin's Newsagency, O'Connell St., during their annual Bob a Job Week in Limerick.

Salmon Have Vanished