What William told the Russians

LIMERICKMAN LECTURES IN THE SOVIET UNION

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TWOnty-THREE-year-old Mr. William O'Dea of Miltown, Kilteely, has told the Russians—in Russia—that the Marxist theory of social-welfare would be unworkable in this country.

He was one of a group of university lecturers who were invited to Russia to speak on various aspects of jurisprudence.

Choosing Marxist social-welfare as his topic, he analysed its meaning and its application in the West. And his conclusions were that "in a mixed economy it would be practically unworkable; it would create too much of a disincentive."

Final conclusion

But he conceded that it would be quite workable in a state-controlled economy. His final conclusion was that the Russian system of social-welfare is more suitable to their economy that the Irish system is to ours.

Mr. O'Dea: Marxist theory on social-welfare would be unworkable in Ireland ... but Russian system of social-welfare is more suitable to their economy than the Irish system is to ours.

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