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## INSIDE TODAY

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### Limerick's £25,000

A further £4,000 was raised during the past week for the victims of Cambodia bringing the total raised by the Limerick Cambodian Relief Organisation to £25,000. The campaign was launched in the Limerick Leader five weeks ago.

This week, employees at Wyeth Ireland Ltd., Askeaton, collected £350 and this figure was matched by the company. Also adding to the mounting total were employees at Alumina Contractors who contributed £455; a coffee morning by the Alliance Francaise raised £120; and sixth class at Scoil Carmel raised £15. Meanwhile, 26 girls from Laurel Hill staged a 24-hour fast last Saturday and from a street collection raised £800. The girls include: E. Kirby, C. Buckley, S. Lloyd, G. Looney, C. Frost, M. P. Nicholas, M. Maguire, A. Clancy, S. Hurley, M. Raghoebaran, F. Thomson, L. Corbett, K. O'Brien, V. Clarke, C. Connolly, E. McCarthy, K. McNamara, I. O'Donovan, J. Fenton, A. O'Malley, J. Downes, D. Hayes, L. Murphy, C. Robins and S. Swart. See page 8.

# NOW DEPT PROBES SAVOY ACTION ON BLACKS



Ambassador Adefobe.

## Ambassador reports barrings

BY FERGAL KEANE

**THE Department of Foreign Affairs are to investigate the Savoy affair.**

This follows a report to Iveagh House from the Nigerian Ambassador, Dr. Martin Adefobe, on the barring of four black students from the public lounge of the Limerick entertainment complex.

The Savoy deny racial discrimination. A Department spokesman said this week that Dr. Adefobe's report would be taken as seriously as any matter reported by an ambassador of a foreign country.

### Authorities

The affair would be fully investigated by the appropriate authorities in the Department. Last week Mr. M. G. Bello, councillor at the Nigerian Embassy, visited Limerick to investigate the Savoy affair.

On October 26th last four Africans were denied entry to the public lounge. One of them asked a doorman: "You don't allow blacks in here?" He replied: "Yes, that's right—I have my orders from the management."

Mr. Bello met Cllr. Bobby Byrne, Mayor of Limerick; Mr. Tony O'Mara, proprietor of the Savoy; and Mr. John McGeehan, manager (see page 14).

### Statement

The Savoy this Thursday issued the following statement: "The board of directors and management of the Savoy would like to convey to the general public, that at no time in the Savoy was there racial discrimination. This was conveyed to the Nigerian Ambassador's representative and Mr. Bobby Byrne, Mayor of Limerick, at a meeting held in the Savoy on Saturday last. The case of the extenuating circumstances on the night of the 25th October last was put to both parties by Mr. McGeehan. After some detailed discussion for both sides it was agreed by the Ambassador's representative that the entire matter should be cooled down. On the understanding that all Nigerian students would be permitted into the Savoy complex, this motion was carried unanimously.

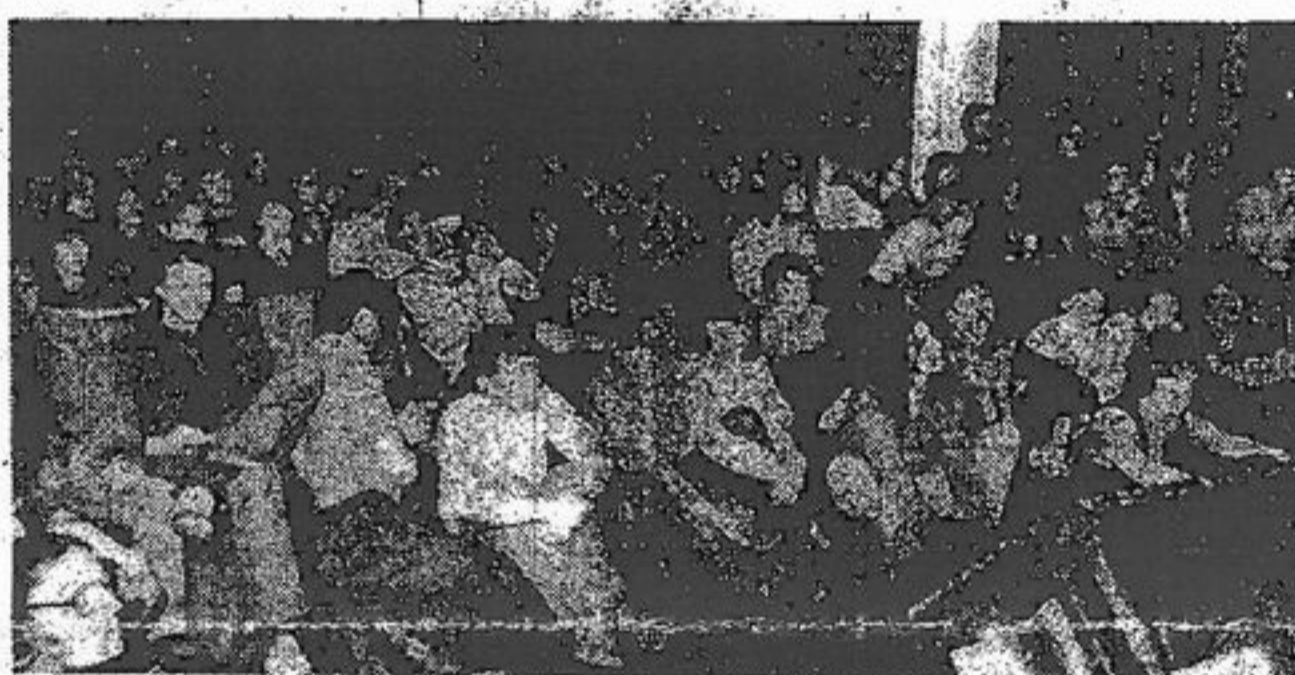
"The Savoy directors and management would like to thank our Nigerian friends for being so patient in such a delicate matter, also Mr. Bobby Byrne, Mayor of Limerick, for his time and energy."

The Savoy statement was rejected as "unsatisfactory" by Mr. Gabi Oparah, president of the Nigerian Students Union in Limerick.

"It does not in any way satisfy me, it does not say anything. The statement of the manager is purely a negation of what really went on between himself and the Ambassador's envoy," Mr. Oparah commented.

### Reform

Limerick group Reform will perform at a special cabaret being held at the Olympic Arms, Galvone, on next Monday, in aid of the Bawnmore Centre. Other top line artists will also



A section of the capacity audience at the Planxty concert in NIHE this Thursday night.

Picture: OWEN SOUTH

## A Maynooth launching for Maynooth book by Dr. Newman

BY CORMAC LIDDY

ON SALE this week went the latest book by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman. Titled "Maynooth and Georgian Ireland", it is the result of 23 years of research by the prelate, who was president of the college from 1968 to 1974.

At a press launching at Maynooth, which was attended by Cardinal Tomas O'Flaigh, who is also a past president, there was a big attendance of distinguished Churchmen, including Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael G. Olden, the present president.

Bishop Newman writes that the College had enemies and was under attack in the Houses of Parliament, and in letters, secret reports, magazine articles and books.

Bishop Newman states that Daniel O'Connell was not as helpful as he might have been. Fr. Peter Kenny, a vice-president of Maynooth, who founded Clongowes, was suspected by the commissioners. Maynooth was responsible for

them", the book took its readers behind the scenes in 1798.

In a foreword, Bishop Newman writes that in the rebellion of 1803 green uniforms were made for the rebel leaders by the tailors at the college. There were recurring difficulties with the British Government and appointments of professors had to be ratified. Many of the early professors were French, "Les Sorbinistes", and innumerable stories are told about them and their bouts with their colleagues and pupils.

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## Planxty back the students

BY LEADER REPORTER

TOP IRISH folk group, Planxty, played a highly successful concert to a packed audience in the NIHE canteen this Thursday.

Planxty had switched the event from the Savoy because of the barring of the black students from the bar of the Savoy.

Six hundred people converged on the NIHE for the concert, which had only been advertised for two days. The NIHE Students' Union are delighted with the support given to the concert. Vice-president, Mr. John Ryan, said it was a display of the overwhelming support of Limerick people for the Nigerian students.

The manager of Planxty, Mr. Kevin Flynn, said that although Planxty would lose money on the concert, they were happy to play for the students in support of the Nigerians in Limerick.

Students' Union president, Mr. David O'Sullivan, said that Mr. Tony O'Mara, owner of the Savoy, came to the concert and discussed the matter with him.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that Mr. O'Mara promised a public apology and a charity concert in the Savoy as a gesture of goodwill towards all the students.

This could not be confirmed at the time of going to press.



Kieran O'Hanlon, engineering dept., Wyeth (Irl.) Ltd., Askeaton (left), presents a cheque for £700—proceeds of a staff collection and a corresponding contribution of £350 from the Company—to Reidy (second from right) and Breda McAuliffe, Limerick Cambodian Organisation. Also included is Mr. Claude Gough, personnel manager, Wyeth (Irl.) Ltd. Limerick's aid: page 8.

## Riddle of the missing strays

BY JIMMY WOULEF

LIMERICK CORPORATION'S new drive to counter the wandering problem in the city by impounding these animals in Newcastle West was aged at the weekend when strays which had been brought to the Newcastle pound in a horse-box were mysteriously released.

Locks in the pound were interfered with late at night and the horses have not been seen since.

Pound keeper, Mr. Anthony Massey, made the discovery when he went to feed the animals in the morning.

The locks inside the pound were forced and it is believed that somebody climbed over a gate into the pound to release the horses.

Gardaí are investigating the incident. Limerick Corporation, in conjunction with Limerick County Council, decided to incarcerate horses found wandering in the city in county pounds to inconvenience the owners who will have to travel long distances in future to retrieve their animals.

## MANY CITY PEOPLE HIT AS BANKS SHUT DOOR

BY EUGENE PHELAN

MANY Limerick people were caught out by the decision of the big four banks not to open this Friday and were left without money.

But many others anticipated the move and hundreds of thousands of pounds were withdrawn.

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John F. Wright, Elm-Morat, Limerick-Limerick, who won five awards at the 6th Irish Open Festival of Underwater Photography held by Limerick Sub Aqua Club. See page 13.

## IN BRIEF

### Mrs. Hannah O'Sullivan

The death has occurred in the Santa Maria Nursing Home, Cahole, of Mrs. Hannah O'Sullivan, 80, of Ballymore Row, Limerick. Mrs. O'Sullivan, who was neptess of "Hannah's", Ballymore Row, an exclusive ladies fashion salon, was closely associated with the clothing trade down the years.

### Rendezvous

In the Limerick Leader next week Helen Buckley continues her "giving out" series with an article on Le Rendezvous restaurant, Limerick.

### Anniversary

Evie's, Roches Street, Limerick, celebrate their 40th anniversary in business. See page 18.

### Strike Ends

Workers at the Irish Co-Op, Galvone, returned to their jobs on Friday pending negotiations being placed between their union and management representatives. The 120 workers took unofficial strike action on Wednesday last.

### St. Francis resume

St Francis B.C. will re-open for training on Monday, 26th November, at 7 p.m. All members and intending members are welcome. On Wednesday, 28th November, the Limerick Co-Board I.A.B.A. will hold a meeting at St. Francis B.C. at 8.30 p.m.

### Weather

The weather in the Limerick city area this weekend will be much cooler than it has been, with fresh south-westerly winds and the possibility of wintry showers, according to the Met. Office in Shannon this Friday.

### Price rise

From next week the weekend editions of the Limerick Leader will be priced 17p—an increase of 2p caused by rising costs.

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## Crowds besiege Limerick store

BY LEADER REPORTER

THERE ARE 27 shopping days from this Friday, until Christmas Eve. And, fearing an accident, already the general manager of a local store has had to appeal to teenage children and their parents not to congregate round the front of the store.

Mr. Sean Hanrahan, general manager of Todds, has scooped the national stores in securing for Todds an animated display of children's favourite characters. And Todds, in a break with tradition, have given over their entire O'Connell Street window display to showing off their children's toys.

Traffic jams have been building



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