

were covered during the making of the fabulous show on film, "Around the World in 80 Days," now at the Lyric, starring David Kelly by MacLaine and Robert Newton. The production has forty-three top-ranking...

light, "Oliver Twist," and stars "Treasure Island." He was an artist. Upper-case. His mother was a writer, his father, sister and brother were painters. He was an actor. Upper-case in the finest tradition of the English stage, from his professional debut at the age of fifteen with the British Repertory Company...

CASTING MOSES

For months, after he decided to put "The Ten Commandments" into active production, DeMille studied all available artists' conceptions of Moses, giving impressions of Moses at many ages of his life. He kept noticing the resemblance to the face of Charlton Heston—who had provided an outstanding portrayal in a previous DeMille film, "The Greatest Show on Earth." Having satisfied himself that the man also possessed the spiritual integrity and other qualities to portray Moses, this most challenging role went to Heston.

WORLD IN 80 DAYS

Red Skelton and Cantinflas are two of the forty-seven stars in Michael Todd's fabulous Technicolor extravaganza, "Around the World in 80 Days." The film opens on Sunday next.

COMMANDMENTS



Reminiscent Of The Siege Of Limerick, Says Councillor

A VIVID description of the annoyance caused to residents in the Watergate area, because of the presence of a large band of tinkers there, was given by Mr. J. Danagher to the members of the City Council at its meeting on Monday night.

He described scenes there as being reminiscent of the Siege of Limerick.

The Mayor, Mr. J. P. Liddy, presided, and the other members present were—Ald. D. B. O'Malley, T.D.; Ald. G. E. Russell, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, T.D.; Ald. S. Coughlan; Councillors P. J. Donnellan, J. Reidy, F. S. Wallace, P. Kelly, J. Danagher, G. B. Dillon, W. Brazler, F. Glasgow, C. Keyes, J. Carr. The officials in attendance were: Mr. M. Macken, B.A., City Manager; Mr. C. Stenson, B.E., City Engineer; Dr. R. Hayes, C.M.O.H.; Mr. J. Collier, City Accountant; Mr. W. Dundon, solicitor, Law Agent; Mr. P. O'Callaghan, City Architect; and Mr. J. McHugh, Assistant Town Clerk.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Danagher referred to the tinker menace in the Watergate area and said that a very serious development had taken place there within the last couple of weeks the situation had become detrimental to the people in the district. On the 2nd of this month the tinkers ran amok down there when a row started amongst themselves.

"BEAT ALL ROUND THEM." "That would not be so bad if they kept to themselves," continued Mr. Danagher, "but an innocent bystander was attacked and when a couple of friends went to help, the tinkers forgot their own differences and within a few minutes they beat all round them."

Mr. Reidy—How did you escape? Mr. Danagher—They were too busy beating up other people (laughter). Ald. Coughlan—But you are a marked man (more laughter). Mr. Danagher—In 1691 the people of the Irishtown defended their city against what one poet has described as the "Dutchmen's murdering crew," but on this night Irishmen—fighting, truculent, tinkers—backed by half-naked furies, went berserk. Most of the members here have never seen a tinker close-up, except perhaps, in a post card, and if they did they would change their views. "I don't want anything to develop down there," he added, "but if you want a pitched battle you can have it. The patience of the people cannot hold out for ever. There are incidents there every night for the last ten days."

HIT WITH BOTTLE. Mr. Danagher then went on to describe another row which began in a tinker's caravan. Shortly afterwards a woman ran out of the caravan shrieking, followed by one of the male species brandishing a bottle. The woman ran into a shop in Broad Street, kept by an elderly woman, and broke down the barrier in an effort to escape, but just as she got in through the barrier the man reached her and "skivered" her with the bottle, left her there and ran out. The shopkeeper had to send for the Guards in order to have the unfortunate tinker woman removed. Since then the shopkeeper was in terror as well as many people in the area.

ANOTHER COLONY. Now another colony, said Mr. Danagher, had taken up "residence" in Back Clare Street and were causing a great deal of annoyance throughout half the night. They were screeching, roaring and knocking at doors and never seemed to go to bed. The people of the Irishtown were fed-up of listening to talk about by-laws and national legislation, but what was being done—nothing. And these tinkers know that something will be done and they are getting more truculent as time went on. Steps should be taken immediately to acquire the ground where the tinkers were, and fencing should be erected around it. The Council should also take action under the public health laws immediately and prosecute these people before another siege of the Irishtown took place.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S VIEWS. Dr. Hayes said that he had submitted a report on this question. He had counted 18 caravans. They were undoubtedly a big nuisance in themselves, but being a nuisance within the meaning of the public health acts was a very different thing. The Act stated that such nuisance had to be defined as a condition dangerous or injurious to public health. It was up to the sanitation authority to prove their case to the hill. Dr. Hayes pointed out that there was no sanitation or water supply there but a tremendous number of their own citizens had neither water nor sanitation either, and

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CRITICISM OF COURTHOUSE AS CITY POUND

THE action of the City Manager, Mr. M. Macken, in putting forward the proposal that the former City Courthouse building be converted into a public pound at a cost of £1,500 was strongly criticised by Mr. P. J. Donnellan at Monday night's meeting of the City Council, the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Liddy) presiding.

The proposal was formally approved of at the last General Purposes Committee meeting and was subject to ratification at Monday night's meeting. When the minutes of the General Purposes meeting were being considered, Mr. Donnellan referred to the Manager's proposal and described it as fantastic. He considered that the proposal was a waste of money, particularly so because the Strand Barracks could be utilised for such a purpose without any expense being incurred.

The City Manager replied that such a question had been put forward but the County Registrar would not agree to it at all because the pound had to be under his control and supervision.

Mr. Donnellan—We have done without a pound all along. Why has the necessity arisen now?

DEFERRED. Manager—Because we kept deferring the matter for years. We are legally bound to provide a pound.

Mr. Donnellan—What did we do for the last 40 or 50 years? Where were the goods stored? Do you now expect a big influx of seized goods? Manager—Since I came here 13 years ago we have been pressed to construct a pound. The old pound was situated at the Mardyke but it proved entirely unsuitable. The batteries of a car stored on one occasion were stolen because there was inadequate protection. The County Registrar insisted that we should provide a proper pound. I knew that the Courthouse would become available. Other county boroughs and County Councils have provided pounds.

Mr. Donnellan—Does the County Registrar's Department make any contribution towards its upkeep?

COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY. Manager—It is the responsibility of the County Borough and there is a scale of charges for the storage of goods and animals. We pay for the caretaker but it does not amount to much in the future.

Mr. G. B. Dillon—But you hope to do better in the future (laughter). The Manager said that if the Courthouse was not utilised the Council would be under a legal obligation to build a new pound at a minimum cost of £7,000. When a person's goods were seized that person had the option of redeeming them after a certain period. If they did not do so the goods would be sold. In the meantime it was only proper to see that seized goods were stored properly in order that they could be kept in good condition. If they were damaged they would be useless to the person who wished to redeem them.

Mr. Donnellan said he understood that a pound was provided for both the city and county. SEVERAL POUNDS. The Manager pointed out that the county had several pounds. Mr. Donnellan said that goods from the county were brought to Limerick.

The Manager said that there was no provision in law to provide a pound jointly. Ald. S. Coughlan said that they could let the Courthouse. As far as he knew they would be free of rates.

Manager—That is right. Ald. Coughlan went on to say that they could get something less expensive and if they got a good letting rent it would pay for a new pound.

The Manager said he could not agree that that would be so. If the Council wished they could build a store sometime in the future and they could do so at a cost of £7,000. The rent derived from the letting of the Courthouse would go nowhere near the cost of paying for a new pound. There was no further discussion and the minutes were passed unanimously.

Minister For Local Government Announces Limerick Housing Question

BELOW we publish from Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Local Government, a letter to Ald. Russell, T.D., in reference to the housing in Limerick. We also publish a supplied copy of the letter to Ald. Russell himself.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—I wish to refer to Deputy Russell's letter to me of 31st ultimo, which was published in your issue of January 3, 1959. I also enclose copy of my reply to Deputy Russell, which speaks for itself.

I cannot agree with the implication in Deputy Russell's letter that my action in insisting on a redesign of the house type proposed for the Upper Carey's Road scheme is causing a serious hold-up in house building in the city, or that I and my Department are responsible for the smallness of the number of houses completed by the Corporation in the six months ended September 30 last. The small number of houses completed in that period was due entirely to the small number of schemes in respect of which proposals were finalised by the Corporation in the previous 12 months. From the beginning of 1957 up to the end of August, 1958, Limerick Corporation submitted for approval tenders in respect of only 85 houses at Island Road—and their proposals in respect of these houses were approved by the Department without delay. As regards the suggestion that a slump in house building has been occasioned by the rejection of the Upper Carey's Road proposals, I would draw attention to the fact that employment in Limerick Corporation housing schemes was at a higher level than at any stage in the preceding year, for which statistics are available in the Department.

WRONG ASSESSMENT. The statement by Deputy Russell regarding the Upper Carey's Road Scheme is based on a wrong assessment of the facts. Limerick Corporation have consistently gone in for expensive house types and have resisted the Department's efforts to secure economies in house designs. Apart from dropping, at the insistence of my Department, the very large house type (1,020 square feet) used on former schemes, there has been no general overhaul for years by the Limerick Corporation of its house plans. When I met the Limerick Deputies, I was at pains to emphasise that despite repeated efforts by the Department's Inspector, the City Architect has been unable to prepare new plans because of pressure to get the schemes under way without delay. In addition detailed observations in this matter were conveyed by my Department in a letter of 6th October last to the City Manager before the second advertisement of the Upper Carey's Road Scheme. Comprehensive reviews of house plans have been undertaken where necessary by other major housing authorities and very significant reductions in cost were achieved as a result. There is no reason why the same reduction cannot be achieved in the case of Limerick if the local authority are prepared to follow the example of these other local authorities.

WOULD PREFER LOCAL INITIATIVE. I would prefer that local authorities should exercise their own initiative and understanding in such matters without the need for strong intervention by me or my Department. Such intervention is likely to be resented locally and, indeed, misrepresented, as in the present case. The reluctance of Limerick Corporation to revise its house plans, in spite of the repeated suggestions and advice of my Department's Inspector, and tender prices being accepted, have left it but to refuse to sanction of such high tender prices. I demand revision of the Well Field Scheme. I sanctioned the acceptance for the Well Field Scheme solely because of strong representations by the Limerick Deputies to need to preserve the building operations in the City, even though I was that the tender sanctions reasonably high. My August last in asking scheme re-examined resulted in a £127 per house in the 1958. While the superstructure were higher for the U Road Scheme, the investment and site works former scheme resulted tender price which was £120 than the Upper C Scheme. In agreeing to the representations Limerick Deputies to acceptance of a tender Field Scheme, I made I was doing so on the standing that sanction be given to similar for other schemes.

All schemes submitted Limerick Corporation payment will receive approval once I am satisfied building costs in question, as due regard for the cost falling of the ratepayers and the ratepayers.

Yours faithfully, NEIL T. BLANEY, Minister for Local Government, Office of the Minister, Local Government, Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin, C8) January 13, 1959.

MINISTER'S LETTER TO RUSSELL. The following is copy of the Minister's letter to Ald. Russell, dated January 13:—

A Chara—I have been Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Local Government, in your letter to him of 31st ultimo. The Well Field Scheme, the Upper Carey's Road Scheme and so state that you have published in the "Limerick Leader" the letter of the Deputy Mayor, Mr. O'Malley, of the 29th ultimo, in which you refer to a statement by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. O'Malley, as leader of the Well Field Scheme, which was conveyed to you and Deputy Mayor, Mr. O'Malley, in these circumstances. I consider that the statement served by your letter and seemingly sent to the public, is to his co-operation with Deputies in this matter does not, therefore, pursue the correspondence. The Minister is willing to correct any wrong given by your letter and the actions of his in regard to housing Limerick.

Mise, le meas. F. CASSIDY, Rúnal Air.

An Taoiseach Nominated For Presidency

After a special meeting held in Leinster House this morning by Eanna Béal, it was announced that An Taoiseach, Mr. Eamon de Valera, had been unanimously selected to contest the forthcoming election for the Presidency.

ONE DEAD IN SHIP

Following a stormy North Sea crossing from Antwerp, the Dutch motor-cargo ship, "Vedette" (500 tons), reached Hull with one seaman dead and another seriously injured after shifting cargo had been secured in a gale.

Level Crossing Scheme Abandoned

The City Manager, Mr. M. Macken, informed the City Council at their meeting on Monday night that the level crossing scheme for the proposed level crossing between Prospect and Janesboro had to be abandoned for the time being as they could not reach agreement with C.I.E. on the matter. A second scheme, however, had been prepared that would absorb the money and that was the extension of the service road along by the new houses built in Rathbane on to the main road. The level crossing would not be lost sight of. On the proposition of Mr. J. Reidy, seconded by Ald. S. Coughlan, the Manager's new proposal was passed unanimously.

Tragic Death Of Railway Worker

A verdict that deceased died from injuries sustained while engaged in shunting operations, and was run over by a wagon, was returned at an inquest held in Limerick on Monday by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, City Coroner, with a Jury, into the death of Lawrence Hogan, 2 Peter Street, Limerick, who was fatally injured in the shunting yard of Limerick Railway Station on Thursday last. The inquest was conducted by Supt. J. Flynn. In the course of the enquiry, it was stated that there was no witness to the accident. The deceased was employed as an assistant

Bodies Of Children Recovered

The bodies of children were recovered from Grand Canal Lock shortly before midnight. They were Thos. McElroy, 7 months, and his sister, 7 months, only child Mrs. Patrick McKay Square, Inchicore. Mrs. McKay, aged 52, maid in the Rotunda McKay (20) is an labourer. When Mrs. McKay work the children and she informed it was ascertained that seen, being wheeled towards the canal.