

Racial bias in Limerick denied

A TOP GROUP has refused to play a concert at the Limerick Savoy, because a group of black students were refused entry there last month. The group, Planxty, who will now play instead at the N.I.H.E. tomorrow said their move was in support of students in Limerick.

Last night, Savoy proprietor Tony O'Mara said the incident at the premises had been "blown out of all proportion" and he strongly denied any racial discrimination. He had met the black students and a representative of the Nigerian Embassy and everything had been amicably settled in a few minutes.

His understanding was that Planxty had withdrawn from the Savoy because tickets for their concert were not selling very well.

He said there had been confusion on the night in question and there was a problem in trying to keep out underage drinkers. "There was never any intention at all to insult black students."