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30,000 March To Defend Shannon


The Government had a national duty to retain Shannon Airport as a transatlantic stopover centre, Fianna Fail T.D. Michael J.

In a statement, he said that it was inconceivable that Shannon's status be removed by central government, who had since the days of Sean Lemass, established it as an airport of crucial importance to Ireland's economy. Tourist interests in Dublin, were, he said, putting unfair pressure on government to allow transatlantic flights over fly Shannon. Central government, had, he insisted, a duty to publically clarify their support Shannon.

30,000 people call for Shannon Airport to stay

Over 30,000 people gathered in Limerick on Saturday last to protest against moves to remove Shannon's status as a transatlantic stop over airport. The attendance, including people from Clare, North Tipperary and Limerick, heard statements condemning moves to allow incoming American flights over fly the Mid-West to Dublin. SIPTU Joint President, Bill Attley, said that any attempt to to allow flights

travel directly to Dublin, would, however insignificant, lead to to its undoing as an industrial and aviation centre. He said it was not acceptable, given the need to create employment, that the only proposal before the Government was one, which, if implemented, would destroy huge numbers of jobs in the region. ICMSA President Tom O'Dwyer, added the decision on the future of Shannon would be a test of the Government's commitment to rural

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