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## INQUIRY INTO SHANNON CRASH

### Pat Boone's whereabouts unknown

AMERICA'S singing idol of the 'teenagers,' Pat Boone, who is to star in the British comedy, "Never Put In Writing," which almost ended in tragedy on the opening day of the shooting at Shannon Airport yesterday, did not arrive at the Airport this morning, as expected. Efforts were being made last night to contact the star, who is on his way to New York to catch an aircraft for Shannon with his wife and four children.

Meanwhile, investigations have begun into the cause of yesterday's accident, in which a single Proctor aircraft taking part in the film crashed into a car with the camera crew and director, injuring seven of them.

One of the cameramen, Davis Boulton, of Edgware, Middlesex, who suffered from a fractured skull and other severe injuries, was stated at the Regional Hospital to-day to be in a serious condition despite an easy night. The other members of the company, including the director Andrew Stone, and his wife, were comfortable.

Mr. Robert Reidy, accident inspector to the Department of Transport and Power (aviation section) spent this morning examining the report submitted by the two pilots and collecting further evidence.

It was learned to-day that during the planning of the sequence Seaboard World Airlines chief pilot, Capt. John Mitchell, warned the film crew about the possible effects of slipstream on the light aircraft.

The company insisted that M.G.M. take out a special insurance taxcover for about £1 on which the premium was £2,500.

Ald. Stephen Coughlan, T.D., has tabled a question in the Dail about the incident and asking the Minister for Transport and Power to consider withdrawing permission from the company from carrying out low flying over Dublin City as planned in the rest of the film. It is understood that aviation officials attached to the Department were considering this possibility.

### Limerick Harbour Board finances are sound

The financial position of the Limerick Harbour Board is sound it was revealed at a meeting of that body today when Ald. G. E. Russell asked what their capital commitments were, arising out of the submission of the audited financial report for last year. The General Manager, Mr. Knight, told the meeting that there was still a half-works order in the balance which would cost about £18,000. That was the main item. They had paid for the Harbour Launch and every other capital expenditure.

Ald. Russell said that the accounts did show an encouraging trend and there had been an increase in exports and imports.

He thought they should put aside as much as possible with a view to a future development scheme.

The Chairman, Mr. M. McGuire, said he had been preaching that policy down the years. They had to have further commitments as far as the Port was concerned if they were going to develop. There were now talks of bringing in vessels of up to 16,000 tons, which would need a draught of 34

### CITY TO HAVE NEW CENTRAL DISPENSARY?

THERE were many objections raised at Saturday's meeting of the Limerick Health Authority to a proposal to transfer the city dental clinic from the City Dispensary to St. Camillus's Hospital. It was stated that such an arrangement would involve hardship for people travelling from the South side of the city.

There was a general discussion on the dental service and it was eventually agreed to set up a small sub-committee to examine the situation. There was also a suggestion that a special dental clinic should be erected to cater for an services.

The discussion arose when Cr. M. Lipper stated that recently he had occasion to visit the dental clinic in the City Dispensary and he was shocked to see the condition in which he found it. On another occasion he visited the clinic and the Health Authority Manager, and Secretary were taking particulars of repairs that needed to be carried out.

Better facilities should be provided for dental patients and the staff of the clinic, he said. The clinic and also the dispensary needed painting. They were in a disgraceful condition. Mr. P. Harnett, Secretary of the Health Authority, said that steps had been taken to provide a completely new dental clinic. As regards the repairs mentioned by Cr. Lipper, the Authority had found difficulties in getting these repairs carried out due to the difficulty of getting tradesmen. The dental clinic was being transferred from the city dispensary to St. Camillus Hospital.

Cr. Lipper—I strongly oppose that. The working class people who are attending the dental clinic would have to walk about 400 yards if it were transferred to St. Camillus Hospital. I cannot see why it should be transferred out there.

Mr. Harnett—Present accommodation at the city dispensary is not sufficient for the ordinary clinic not to talk of the dental clinic. It is not large enough to provide accommodation for those needing dental treatment and the least costly way to provide accommodation is to transfer the dental clinic to St. Camillus Hospital.

Ald. G. E. Russell said he supported Cr. Lipper's point of view. Some years ago, he added, he (Ald. Russell) had raised the matter. The Health Authority would have to provide a modern up-to-date clinic to provide for all the services. The service has been extended over the years and he thought they would have to face up to the problem of building a new dispensary. The transfer of the

meeting that the matter of repairs at the City Dispensary would receive attention. It was essential that they be carried out.

### Containers for Limerick Docks

A letter was read at to-day's meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board from the Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd., stating that the Company was most perturbed by the increasingly serious competition which their regular cargo service was having to meet from the new Ferry services operating from the U.S. to this country, which was resulting in less cargo passing through the port and consequent reduction in the port revenue and the amount of employment available to dockers.

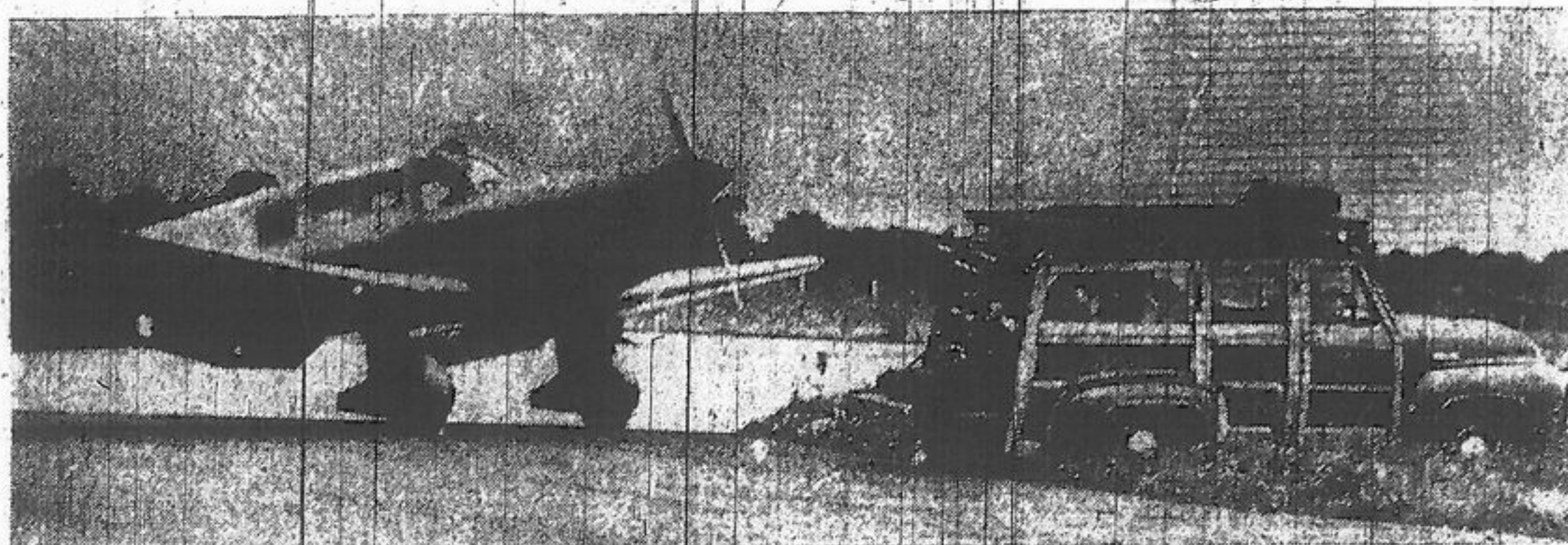
The letter stated that there are now several regular ferry services operating across the Irish sea into other ports, including Waterford, Dublin and Cork, and all were operating on the flat load principle, carrying goods in containers or on flats.

One of the difficulties in operating this type of traffic to Limerick would be crange. It would be necessary to have some kind of mobile crane or travelling harbour crane able to deal with loads up to about 15 tons. The Company would be prepared to provide the necessary Flats and Containers at some considerable expense, and exploratory talks have already been held with the Irish T. and G.W.U. towards an agreement to handle this type of traffic.

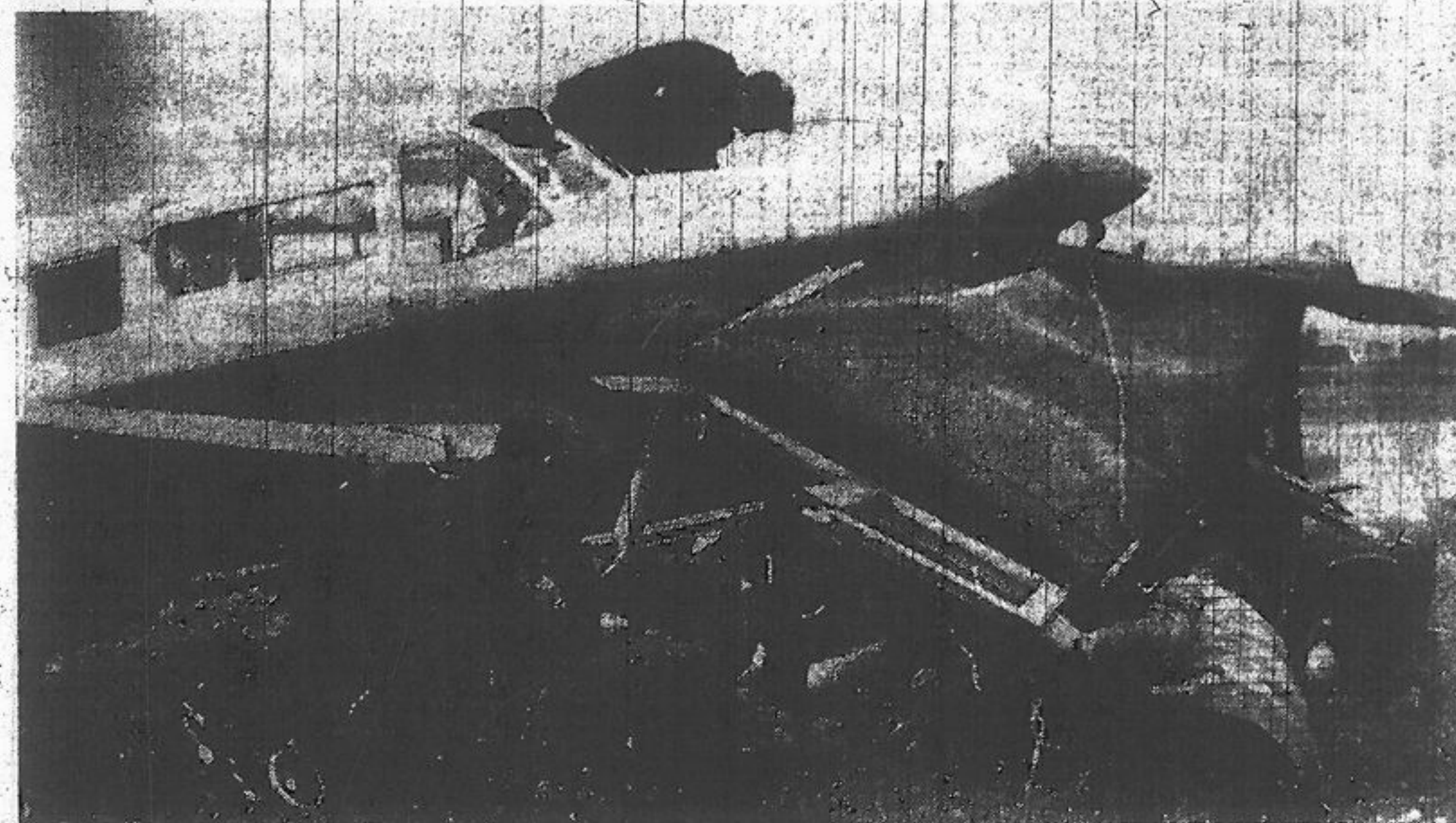
Because of the lack of crange they had already lost one particular commodity which comes in heavy rolls, and has averaged about 50 tons per week for many years, and some months ago, the export of Chipboard to the U.K. had also switched to this method.

Serious consideration should be given to the provision of this amenity at Limerick. The General Manager, Mr. Knight, said that he would make

These highly dramatic shots of yesterday's crash were taken by the film unit's still cameraman, Mr. John Hardman



Cameraman Ron Maasz dives for safety as the Proctor aircraft heads for collision with the camera truck. Picture by John Hardman.



Pilot John Crewdson scrambles from the cockpit as the film crew try to free their colleagues.



A split second after the plane hit the camera car, trapping those inside, one cameraman dives out through door on right.

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