

# NEW CIVIC CENTRE

## Proposal by Malley for demolition of existing buildings

Proposal to Limerick Corporation for the demolition of the existing buildings on the site of the new civic centre, the city having a new

mentioned are Waterfront scheme of multi-story buildings, and Arthur's Quay, one time as a suitable

arrangement could be arranged for a Monday, I could be present.

"I might add that I am submitting these proposals to your Council with the full approval of the Minister for Justice, Mr. Charles Haughey."

Mr. O'Malley had also made it known that he has decided to demolish the Garda Headquarters in William Street and suggests new buildings, but not on the present site. These would take 22 years to build and would cost about £700,000.

Referring to recent discussions with regard to the creation by his Department, of a new Garda H.Q. in Limerick to replace the existing stations in William St. and John St., Mr. O'Malley states in the first part of his letter to the City Manager: "I am of the opinion that it would be a wrong decision to erect the new buildings on the William Street site. This is one of the busiest streets in the city, and anything which would add to the existing congestion would be a retrograde step.

"I have, therefore, decided to demolish the existing buildings, and possibly offer the site to the Limerick Corporation (subject to agreement) for use as a car park. This should be a much-needed boon to this busy area, and as the property extends back as far as Denmark Street, the entrance and exit of vehicles should not present any undue difficulty and should help to bring a certain amount of increased business activity to Denmark Street as well.

### DECISION

"You might be good enough to let me have the Council's decision with regard to any proposals they may have arrived at for its widening or otherwise. The question, therefore, now arises as to the most suitable location of the new Garda Headquarters. I am, of course, aware that the present Town Hall is in a dangerous structural condition, and that you will have to rebuild as soon as possible."

The parking problem is so acute in the city that a site such as the present Garda headquarters, if made available, as a car park, would be welcome.



Michael Quinn, of the Grimsby Fish Store, holds a 12½ lb. peck (in his right hand), believed to be the heaviest caught in the Shannon so far this year. The fish in his left hand weighs 6½

lbs. Last night, net fishing on the Shannon ended and few boats put out as fishermen were satisfied with their catches to date.

## Wanted

# — 1,000

City needs

**HOTELS and restaurants** need of more than 1,000 school to train the staff to be highlighted when the are completed.

This has been revealed to our reporter in interviews with various personnel managers of hotels in the city and surrounds.

The investigation was set on foot by a recent statement by a number of persons interested in the matter on a national basis. The statement said that there are approximately 19,000 registered bedrooms in hotels and guesthouses in the country at the moment and that these will go up to 21,200 by the year 1967.

No fewer than 16,856 fully-trained staff are required to meet present national needs and this is expected to go up to 17,256 persons by 1967.

Against this there is only the very small number of 240 persons being trained properly at the moment. It is envisaged that this number must be increased to 1,300 annually if we are to hold our own against Continental competition.

### COST

The cost of present training schemes is approximately £30,000 annually and it is proposed to increase this amount to £90,000.

A meeting was recently held in Dublin which was representative of Bord Fáilte Éireann, Irish Hotels Federation, the Irish Hotels and Restaurant Managers' Association, Trade Unions and the Department of Education.

It is now proposed to form a Council representative of these to implement the recommendations of the meeting. The Council will be known as the "Council for Education, Recruitment and Training (C.E.R.T.)"

One hotel personnel manager in Limerick stated that he had advertised in all the local newspapers for waitresses. He then went further and advertised in Counties Kerry and Cork and Clare and finally in the national daily newspapers. The result of all this was that he got three applications—and only one of these proved suitable.

"Not alone is it hard to get qualified and fully-trained waitresses, it is even hard to get even unqualified ones," he added.

### INCLINED TO LEAVE

He also found it hard to get sufficient porters and kitchen staff. The problem would be five times as great in five years, if something was not done about it. The result of all this was that our hotels were endeavouring to give as much training in a few months to its trainees as it takes years on the Continent to do. Again when the trainees had acquired a rough knowledge after about six months they were inclined to leave and go elsewhere where they were offered higher wages.

"I am glad to get anybody."