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## Intimidation allegations: Alcan intend to dismiss 4

By LEADER REPORTER

FOUR WORKERS were struck off the Alcan payroll at Aughinish this Friday as a result of an inquiry into alleged intimidation on the site.

The four have been on suspension since October 10 and they were informed this Friday that they face dismissal for "intimidation" of a fellow worker.

### Statement

A statement from Aughinish Alumina Ltd. said: "The men have been told that the company intends to dismiss them and they have until Tuesday to enter an appeal."

"This action by the company follows a six-week inquiry by management into claims by some workers that there was widespread intimidation on the plant and into a particular incident which subsequently led to the resignation of two fitters . . . More than 40 persons

were interviewed during the inquiry".

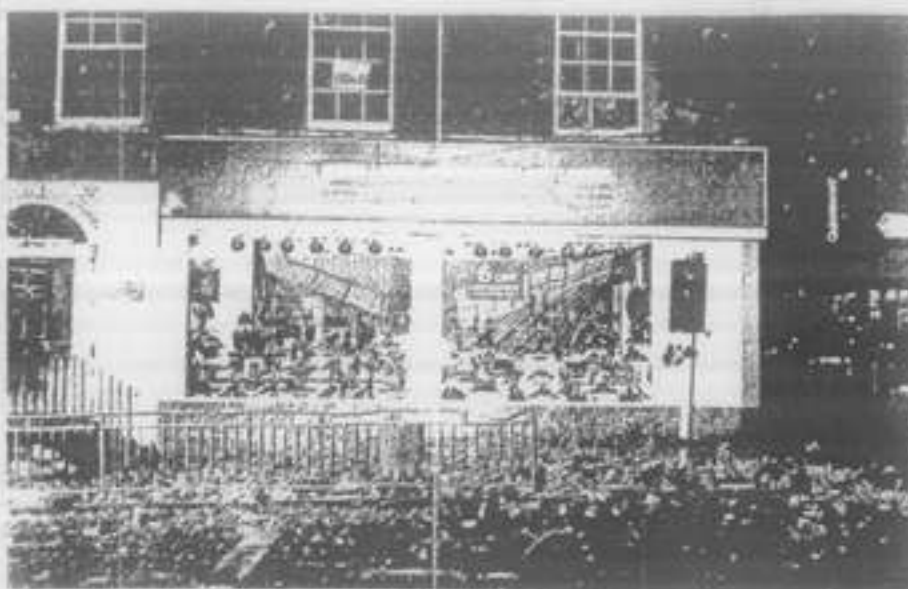
The four dismissed workers are members of two unions, the NEETU and the AEU. They have been taken off the payroll as and from this Friday.

The company spokesman added that any appeal entered into will be considered jointly by the managing director and the personnel manager.

It is likely that the unions involved will hold meetings of their members on site to consider the action by management.

The investigation was conducted by the industrial relations department and the four dismissed men were accompanied by their trade union officials when the allegations were put to them.

It is understood that the company are prepared to consider applications for re-employment by the two men who left the site because of alleged intimidation.



The scene this Thursday night.

## Traffic diverted

All of Sarsfield Street down as far as Henry Street was being cordoned off to traffic.

Light vehicles from the Northside were diverted round Dunne's Stores corner to filter left again under Sarsfield Bridge.

Heavy vehicles were diverted at Ivan's Cross at Caberdivin up the main Ring Road.

Heavy traffic coming into the city centre from the Southside, such as Ballinacura, was diverted right at the junction of the main Ring Road.



Demolishing the building this Friday afternoon.



Picture: DERMOT LYNCH and OWEN SOUTH.

# SHELL OF SAXONE BUILDING KNOCKED

**THE FOUR-STORY building in the heart of Limerick city centre, part of which collapsed into O'Connell Street this Thursday night — injuring one man — was being demolished this Friday afternoon.**

City engineer, Mr. Michael Mac Curtain, who examined the building, said that there would have been fatalities had the incident happened two hours earlier, when the footpaths below were crowded with shoppers.

Part of the building came crashing on to the street at 7.40 p.m. on Thursday night, with the Saxone shop beneath badly damaged.

The injured man is Mr. Christopher Moore, Santry, Dublin. At Barrington's Hospital this Friday his condition was described as "comfortable."

He was working for a Dublin businessman who was renovating the first floor of the building, which was to be turned into a restaurant.

The building is owned by the Houlihan family from Dublin. The Saxone shoe company have been in Limerick since 1927. They

### By LEADER REPORTERS

part-time staff in the Limerick shop.

How long the Limerick premises will be closed is not known. There was no one available this Friday at Saxone head office in Dublin.

City engineer, Mr. Michael MacCurtain, was on the scene this Friday morning, having carried out a site investigation. He told the *Limerick Leader* that if the accident had happened some hours earlier there would almost certainly have been fatalities.



Workers prepare to demolish the building.

The collapse occurred at approximately 7.40 p.m.

Piles of bricks showered down on the busiest pedestrian area of the city. Luckily there were no passers-by at the junction at the time.

Nearest the area was 36-year-old ex-soldier, Mr. Denis Clohessy, 215 Deer Court, John Carew Park.

He told the *Limerick Leader* at the scene: "I was outside Eason's when I heard a loud bang and a man was thrown out from the first floor window of the Saxone shop, and the rubbish came down on top of him. I tried then to go to him, but I had to move back because the building was shaking. I then got to him, and he was semi-conscious."

"There were only one or two people on the street at the time, but nobody was outside the Saxone shop. I then ran into Cruise's and got the receptionist to ring for an ambulance. I got an awful fright, and it was very scary."

Mr. Mike Kenrich of Roxboro was also one of the first on the scene. He works at Eason's, next to the Saxone building. He said: "Men have been working in the building for the past few weeks."

### Demolition order

Mr. Michael Donnellan, senior executive engineer with Limerick Corporation, who arrived on the scene to inspect the area, said the area would be cordoned off and a

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## Limerick abattoir company crashes

By EUGENE PHELAN

**LIMERICK Meat Suppliers—the company appointed 18 months ago by the Corporation to run the city abattoir—has gone broke, leaving a deficit of £320,142, according to the statement of affairs.**

The liquidator, Mr. Dermot FitzGerald, of Craig Gardiner, has told creditors that the company is being kept open to facilitate customers and safeguard jobs while efforts are made to get a new company to take over the running of the abattoir.

Mr. Peter Henthaw, one of the directors of Limerick Meat Suppliers, is running the abattoir.



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## NEWS LINES

### Weather

Heavy rain this Friday afternoon will clear to occasional showers by nightfall in the Limerick region. Though some showers will be thundery with hail. The fresh, westerly winds will increase early this Friday night to force 7, with gusts to storm force 10.

Saturday will be cold with wintry showers and strong and very gusty westerly winds. Cold, broken very windy weather is expected to the mid-week with showers or longer periods of rain each day, generally strong westerly winds with gusts to storm force. There will be no frost and drying will be poor.

### Switch-on

The Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Jack Bourke, will switch on the Christmas lights on Friday evening next, November 28, at 4.30 p.m. at the William Street corner.

### Santa Claus

Santa Claus will arrive at the Parkway Shopping Centre by helicopter this Saturday morning, 11 a.m.

### Hunger strike continues

Deputy Frank Prendergast has called for a full-scale public investigation into the case of Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, of Reenavanna, Doon, Co. Limerick, who was continuing his hunger strike in Limerick Prison this Friday.

Euro M.P.s Mr. Tom O'Donnell, T.D., and Mr. T. J. Maher have called on the Minister for Agriculture to arrange an inquiry.

The emergency committee at Doon, under the chairmanship of Rev. Tom Fanning C.C., met again this Thursday night. No statement was issued.

### Salute

Col. Larry O'Connor, O.C. Sarsfield Barracks, will take the salute at a passing-out parade this Sunday morning of new NCO's from 14th Battalion and 3rd Field units.

### Next week

St. Michael's, the only Church of Ireland Parish remaining in Limerick city, features next week in the series "Limerick Parishes".

**Fashion**