

NEW CENTRE for Shannon

THE FOUNDATION stone of Shannon's £1,800,000 Euro Control Centre was laid this Friday by Belgian Communications Minister, Mr. F. Delmotte, who is president of Euro Control. The new centre will be responsible for guiding air traffic at very high altitudes in the area assigned to Ireland by international agreement.

Mr. Delmotte said that the erection of the centre reflected Ireland's keen desire to play an active part in the construction of Europe. Also present for the ceremony was Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister for Transport and Power.

He said that Ireland's geographical position had been extremely important in terms of air navigation. "Shannon will continue to play an even more important role for air traffic in Europe and may be called upon to play an even more important role with the beginning of a new era of supersonic air transport," he said.

"At a time when European nations are moving towards closer co-operation it is the greatest wish of all of us to play our part in the movement," added Mr. Lenihan. The new centre will employ 94.

Mercy flight

A 22-years-old Thurles man, Mr. Michael Lee, of Strandavogher, was taken by helicopter from St. Nesson's Hospital in Croom, County Limerick, to a Dun Laoghaire hospital this week for further treatment after he was injured in an accident while at work.

The helicopter had to refuel at Shannon and then land in a field away from the hospital in Croom as the grounds of St. Nesson's were not suitable. Mr. Lee received injuries to his spine when some machinery fell on him while he was employed on his employer's premises in Thurles.

Garda probe

Meanwhile the investigation into the robbery of £400 has been intensified by the Gardai.

It is now believed that when the bar was closed last Sunday night a man concealed himself on the premises and

One of the barmen was forced to open the safe at gunpoint.

He was then bound hand and foot like his two colleagues.

Garda enquiries are taking a definite line.

Stormclouds gather over site for Dooradoyle shops

LIMERICK COUNCIL of Trade Unions is to act on complaints against a proposal to site a giant shopping centre in Dooradoyle, opposite the Ballykeefe housing estate.

A council delegate, Mr. M. P. Finnan, has already protested that the volume of traffic which the centre would generate would be a danger to local residents, particularly children.

Following a decision by the Trades Council, another member, Mr. Jim Kemmy, is to conduct research into the proposed centre, including an examination of drawings.

He will help find out the most effective way to open the Council for making the protest felt, and the members will reconsider the whole matter at another meeting.

Mr. Finan emphasised that he was not against modern development, but he was critical of the site.

Raheen

"But there is nothing wrong with the developers moving their proposed centre to the industrial estate at Raheen, where it could become part and parcel of the commercial life of the area," he declared.

Planning permission has al-

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Abattoir talks: progress

AN AD HOC committee representing Limerick Corporation, the Master Butchers' Association, the Beef Butchers' Society and the I.T. & G.W.U. met on Thursday to iron out the outstanding difficulties in regard to operating the new abattoir.

Subsequently no statement was issued on behalf of the committee, but it is understood that some progress was made. A Corporation spokesman said that the various interests had come together to discuss ways and means of getting out of an impasse. It was the first time the Corporation had ever run an abattoir and obviously many angles would have to be gone into.

Of two main difficulties at the outset, one, the cost of killing beasts, has been overcome.

The other concerned the appointment of an overseer, described at various times as a foreman butcher and a superintendent.

Thursday's meeting was to have been held at the abattoir but the venue had to be altered to the City Hall when the former building was found to be locked up.

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A paragraph in last night's "Limerick Post" that a car belonging to Arthur J. Quilliam, "Rocklawn," Road, had been blocked by his driveway led to the car being impounded in Killybeggs. The person who had read the paper had read in the paper.

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