

# light to disc parking system

LIMERICK City Council decided this week to introduce the disc parking system—probably next October.

It was agreed at the meeting that negotiations with a Swedish company—who have the patent for the parking in Cork—should proceed with a view to concluding an early final agreement.

The only person who voiced his disagreement to the system was Alderman Pat Kennedy who was of the opinion that it would be more costly to motorists. He said that they would be better off providing better streets and more parking areas.

## Colleague

Alderman Kennedey's Fine Gael colleague, Alderman Ted Russell, said that some action would have to be taken to improve the hopeless parking situation.

He had seen the system in Cork and used the discs himself and it seemed to work well. It cost motorists in Limerick £2 a time at the moment, and as disc parking was the only alternative to the present hopeless position he was in favour.

Cllr. Clem Casey said that it was very easy for Alderman Kennedy to oppose the disc parking system as he had a private car park at his place of employment. He did not have to pay out £2 each time he parked outside his front door.

## Agreed

On the proposal of Cllr. Frank Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Clem Casey, the council agreed that

● NEGOTIATIONS WITH a view to concluding an early final agreement should proceed with Kjellbergs Successors AB.

● OCTOBER, 1978, should be the starting date, be agreed.

● THE FORMULATION and submission of the necessary bye-laws to the Department of the Environment should commence immediately.

made for handling advertising and public relations for the start-up, and for the distribution of the discs.

## Soccer drama

Limerick A.F.C. have already agreed terms with Blackpool for the transfer of either Pat Nolan and Johnny Walsh, or both of them, writes Cormac Liddy. This exclusive information was given this Thursday by Limerick chairman, Mr. Michael Webb, who spoke for the first time as to why there was such urgency in flying the two players out to Blackpool last Sunday. "Early last week Peter Bryan was in Limerick and wanted to sign Pat Nolan for the American club he now manages. Another American club had earlier sought Johnny Walsh. These clubs were offering the players a large amount of dollars, a free car and other attractive 'perks' but what happened if one of them broke a leg after a week or two", said Mr. Webb.

"Blackpool had been showing an interest in both Nolan and Walsh. I got in touch with them and they immediately asked for first option on the two of them. They sent over a five seater plane for the players last Sunday and the club accountant Laurance Hyslop travelled with me and the players to Blackpool. We saw the players train there last Monday and if they settle in and like the set up it is probable they will be signed". Mr. Webb said that the transfer figure had been agreed in the event of one, or both, of the players being signed by Blackpool. He would not disclose the figure but it is believed that it will be in excess of £50,000 if the two are transferred and will be in the region of £50,000 if one of them is transferred.

## Smash hit

Council to accept an invitation from the parents council to take part in their sponsored cycle organised for Sunday April 9. But there was a hitch as he had not owned in 36 years and had no bicycle. His problem, however, was solved by Mr.

## 'Agonising' task of Justice de Burca

By VINCE MORAN

DECIDING punishment for law-breakers was sometimes an "agonising" task, Justice de Burca declared at Limerick District Court this week. And many people, he said, just did not realise the difficulty he was invariably faced with in making decisions in certain cases.

The difficulties, he continued, arose from a number of factors, including the attitude of defendants.

"Some defendants who come before me have no intention of turning aside from their evil ways," he commented. "Sometimes defendants are contrite and Co-operative with the investigating agencies.

## Record

"Then there's the question of record, if any—all of these things have to be taken into consideration.

"The difficulty one has is to be able to look beyond the defendant and see what's the purpose of punishing him" said the Justice.

"He probably realised the seriousness of his situation but how many others are going to make the decision to commit the same offence again?"

The Justice, replying to a submission by Mr. Dermot O'Donovan (Jnr.) that there should be uniformity of punishment for offences, said that under the Supplementary Provisions Act it had been ruled that this court should be