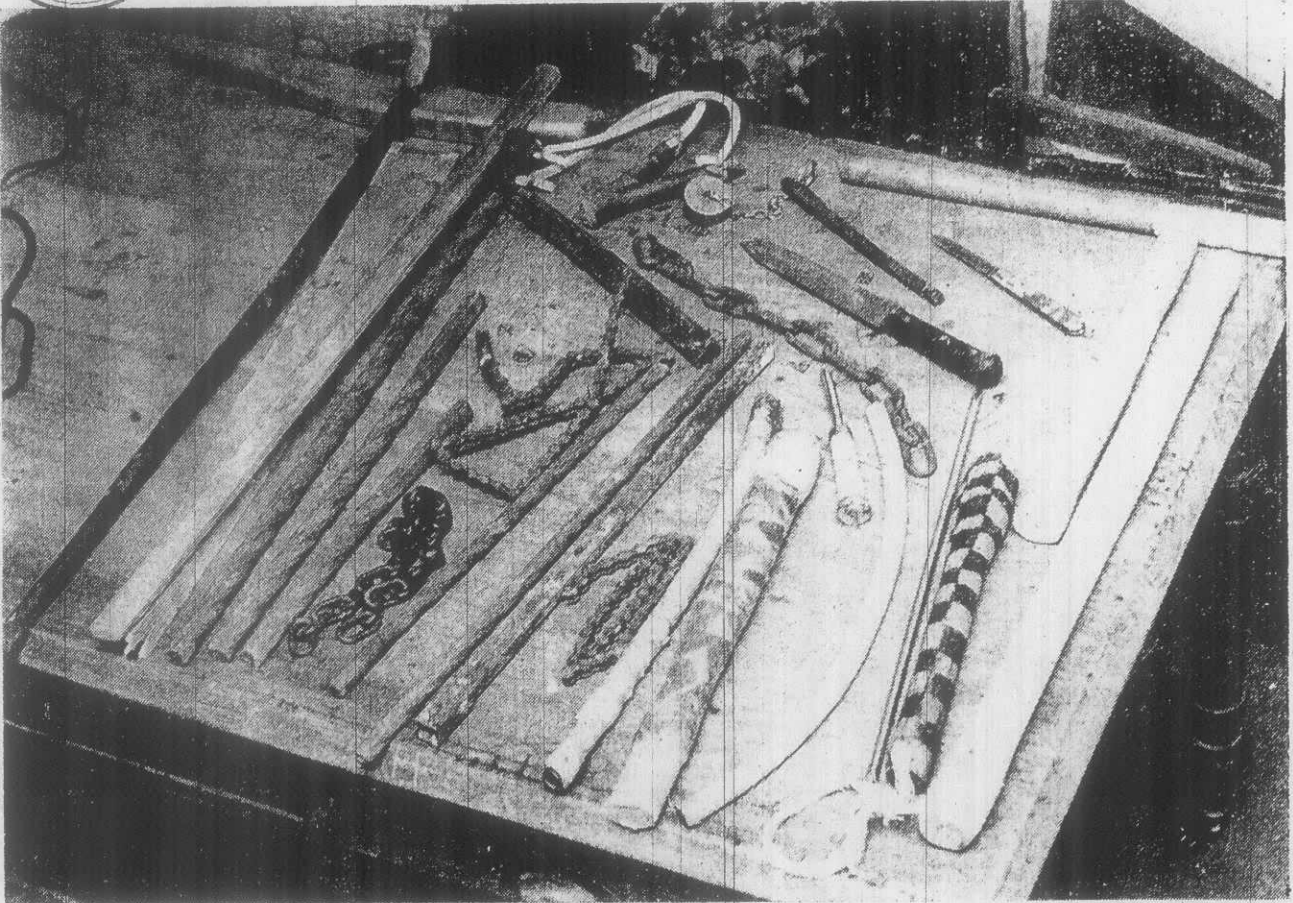


Including All Taxes



Weapons seized by gardai after the skinheads 'Battle of the Markets Field' this week.

Strike stops city buses

BUS SERVICES in Limerick were disrupted this Thursday by a strike of NBU men.

A spokesman for the NBU, told the Limerick Leader that during the week they carried out an exercise checking the road worthiness of buses.

"We stopped 26 of them," he said, "and a number of the crews were returned to the garage. On pay day the crews were stopped the appropriate amount of pay for the time they did not work."

He added that the crews were being penalised for not breaking the law. "Many of the vehicles were not road worthy and therefore did not comply with the Road Traffic Act. The company expects men to take vehicles on to the road without proper lighting, brake lights and other effects, even including headlights," the spokesman concluded.

Statement

C.I.E. in an official statement said: "The National Busmen's Union took lightning, unofficial action at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday. Pickets were placed at the entrance to Colbert Station and the garage at Roxboro' Road, City and Provincial bus stop."

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Missing

Una Meehan (16), of 39 Galvone Park, off Roxboro' Road, has been missing from her home since Monday last. When last seen she was wearing a blue chimpanzee top blouse, with blue bellbottom trousers and green coat. She is slim.

SOCCER CLUB BARS LIMERICK SKINHEADS

BY BILLY KELLY

LIMERICK skinheads—some were involved in a minor battle with Cork Hibs' supporters on Sunday—have been barred again, from the Markets Field.

They had been barred from the Markets Field some weeks ago and they objected. Kevin Fitzpatrick, the soccer manager, met them and agreed that if they behaved they would be allowed in.

But now the matter is settled. Skinheads, through their own fault, are out for good.

Witness

A Limerick supporter who was in the stand at the match on Sunday told me what he saw happen.

"The Cork Hibs supporters arrived at the ground and went to the back of the stand," he said.

"There were some Limerick supporters there also.

"The Hibs crowd started singing, 'you're going to get your heads kicked in.' And the Limerick crowd jeered back.

"Then, just at the start of the match, the Limerick supporters arrived. The younger Limerick supporters in the stand cheered.

"Then the Limerick skinners charged at the Cork lads and a running battle followed down through the stand.

"Some of the Cork fellows got a whipping before they ran across the pitch to the far side.

"I saw one fellow being on the ground.

"This only lasted a few minutes.

A rock

"I saw a Cork supporter throw a rock at a Limerick man at the far side before they left by the gate.

"Then the Gardaí arrived and the Limerick skinners threw iron bars at them and

hit some people in the crowd.

"They dropped a lot of weapons on the ground, and this made so much noise that the crowd started singing Jingle Bells.

"The Gardaí then collected the knives, spanners, chains, iron bars and sticks."

Then at half time they left the ground.

Gardaí told me that the Cork supporters went to William Street Station where they remained until it was time to go home.

The gates of the station were closed. The Gardaí were standing by in case of trouble. At one stage they had to break up a gang of Limerick youths outside the Garda Station at William Street.

No arrests were made.

One skinhead "explained" why there was trouble:

"Last year the Cork Hibs supporters scattered us and knifed two of the lads. This year we were ready, and we scattered them."

Armed

Some Limerick skinheads told me that they knew the Cork followers were armed as well because they met them in town earlier on Sunday.

The skinheads said they were sorry that they had disappointed Kevin Fitzpatrick after all his efforts for them.

And now an expert opinion on the whole question of delinquency.

Dr. Noel Browne, at the

lecture in Cruise's Hotel this week commented:

"Our radio, television entertainment contain what we know to be gravely damaging pictures of continuous dreadful scenes of murder, killings and beatings.

"The whole ambience of living in Ireland is one of fear and violence.

"Yet we are surprised by our young delinquents the completely logical products of this process."

● KEVIN FITZPATRICK commented this week: "At the talk we had with the skinheads I told them there is no difference between people because of their dress—only their behaviour. They promised me they would behave. But now, for the safety of other supporters, we can't have the skinheads again after the trouble on Sunday."

Housewives

The monthly meeting of the Irish Housewives' Association will be held on Thursday, 15th November, at Limerick Social Centre.

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Opening is postponed

Owing to the present E.S.B. crisis, work on the completion of the one million pounds Crescent Centre, at Dorradoyle, has been seriously disrupted, and the developers have been forced to postpone the official opening for one week from next Thursday.

The Crescent Centre advertisement in this issue—which highlights the opening on Thursday next—went to press ahead of schedule, because of the same power crisis.

Councillors oppose road blocks

COUNCILLORS Clem Casey and Tony Bromell this week criticised the security road blocks in Limerick city.

Said Councillor Bromell: "On behalf of the citizens of Limerick, and particularly, on behalf of those who have to cross Sarsfield Bridge, or Thomond Bridge several times a day, I would like to protest at the continued presence of Gardaí and military personnel, resulting in increased traffic chaos.

"No reflection is intended on the Gardaí or the soldiers themselves. They are merely carrying out their instructions, and doing so as courteously and efficiently as possible. Indeed, one must have sympathy for them, particularly on a day like last Sunday.

"But the whole exercise must be questioned. Supposedly they are looking for the three IRA men who escaped from Mountjoy. Does anybody seriously think that those who planned, and executed such a precise and dramatic escape, are going to be found driving their three escapees

Dr. G. Layton

