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# WILLIAM ST CORNER: MAYOR'S ULTIMATUM

By PATRICIA FEEHILY



THE OWNERS of the vacant site left by the levelling of three dangerous buildings in Limerick city centre will be given three to four months to announce plans for the development of the site before moves are made by Mayor Jack Bourke to "slap a CPO" on it.

"The City Council will not sit back and allow such a gaping eyesore to deface the centre of the city for any longer than necessary," Mayor Bourke promised.

Breaking the news of the demolition last week.

Corporation, however, said that their first priority would be to recoup the cost of demolishing the three buildings from the owners.

## First priority

"If plans haven't been announced in three to four months, I will move at the City Council to have a compulsory purchase order slapped on the site."

A spokesperson for the Cor-

The cost has not yet been estimated but it is believed that if it isn't recouped immediately, the Corporation will take out a mortgage on the site to protect taxpayers' money. The Corporation's planning department said that it would be concerned about the immediate development of the site and would be asking the owners for their plans.

It is understood, however, that many legal difficulties could hold up development plans. The tenancy of one of the demolished buildings is said to have been held on a 999-year lease at a very modest weekly rental.

## Deaths

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## Death of Col. Paddy Brennan

By LEADER REPORTER

COLONEL Paddy Brennan, who has died at his home at Kilpatrick, Collinstown, Mullingar, was a native of Meelick and was the last surviving brother of General Michael Brennan and Colonel Austin Brennan, who fought with the National Army during the Civil War and who conducted the War of Independence in Co. Clare during the struggle for independence.

He is survived by his wife, Bridgid, daughter, Patricia, and sister, Margaret. He was assistant commissioner of the Gardai during the formation of the force and, after returning to the Army to fight the Civil War, became Clerk of the Dail until the mid-1930's, when he finally retired.

He was a close companion of General Michael Collins, with whom he worked in the Post Office in Britain, returning to Ireland only a week before the Rising. It was Paddy who organised the boats at the mouth of the Shannon to meet the German ship "Aud" on its ill-fated mission with guns and explosives for the 1916 Rising.

His remains will be removed from Cross's Funeral Parlour to St. John's Cathedral at 6.45 p.m. on Sunday, with Mass at 12 noon on Monday, followed by funeral to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest in his mother's grave.

## THE LISTENING DEVICE at the centre of the Aughinish bugging affair belonged to Aughinish Alumina Limited and not to any staff member, the Limerick Leader learned this Friday.

A company spokesman this Friday confirmed the contents of an internal company brief which has come into the possession of this newspaper. It states that the listening device "had been recently purchased to investigate known interference" in the company's internal telephone system and "with other communications systems".

However, the spokesman explained that the bug was purchased by the company as part of a package to sweep the company's offices of suspected bugs. He said that the bug was used to test the sweeping system and ensure that it was in working order.

But he stressed that the bug was never intended by the company to be used as a bug and had since been disposed of by the company.

## Security

The spokesman was not prepared to discuss why the company felt it necessary to "sweep" their offices for suspected listening devices.

"That is a security matter and I am not prepared to comment on it", the spokesman explained.

The internal company brief also states: "On investigation, management found that the equipment had been misdirected against a member of staff without the prior knowledge or authority of the company".

In this week's county edition of the Limerick Leader, the finding of a bug and the subsequent resignation of a company employee was first disclosed.

In a parallel development in the dismissal of four company fitters on Friday last, one of the four told the Limerick Leader that he was interviewed in the office in which the bug was found.

## Investigation

However, the company deny this and state that the former employee had his facts wrong. He was interviewed in a different office "two doors away", according to the company.

The four men were removed from the company payroll following an internal AAL investigation into alleged intimidation of work-

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# Why Noonan didn't open P.O.

By EUGENE PHELAN

THE MINISTER for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Michael Noonan, was this week accused by Fianna Fail of trying to blatantly abuse the Dail pairing system when he attempted to officiate at the re-opening of Limerick Post Office.

But Deputy Noonan this Friday countered by accusing Fianna Fail of "petty politics" in stopping him from going to the opening.

Fianna Fail initially agreed to a pair for the Minister who, they say, claimed he had Government business.

"But we withdrew when we found out that the Minister, for no other reason than the re-opening of a post office and not Government business, wanted to get off," said a senior Fianna Fail spokesman in Dublin.

## Honours

The spokesman added that a senior executive of An Post could easily perform the opening — as it transpired, the honours were left to the chief executive of An Post, Mr. Gerard Harvey.

"This was a blatant piece of opportunism by the Minis-



At home in Limerick's refurbished Head Post Office: Postmaster Mr. Sean Mullarkey (sitting) with Mr. Gerard Harvey, chief executive, An Post.

ter who tried to get the maximum mileage out of the opening while all the other T.D.'s from the constituency were in the Dail," said the Fianna Fail spokesman. The pairing system in the Dail is arranged by the party whips who in agreement enable members of each Party to be absent without taking from the voting

strengths of the respective parties.

An annoyed Minister Noonan said that he did not intend making any statement on the matter but following the statements of Fianna Fail he felt bound to explain the position.

Communications Minister, Mr. Jim Mitchell, was to

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# Big Jack but no Big Pat

By EUGENE PHELAN

TUESDAY WAS the day Mr. Big of Irish Soccer arrived in town. But sadly Limerick's equivalent was not around to meet Jack Charlton.

Indeed, there was no-one at all from Limerick City Football Club — but not surprisingly, as the Irish soccer boss was promoting a members' draw run by the FAI and Limerick have their own one running very nicely.

## At Juries

Limerick's Mr. Big — Pat Grace — was not invited to the drinks and lunch at Jury's Hotel but numerous others who have been associated with Limerick teams down through the years were delighted to meet straight-talking Jack and get an autograph for the kids.

Three prominent members of local rugby clubs were present. Michael Murnane of Garryowen and former chairman of Limerick Sup-



Jack Charlton relaxing at the F.A.I. soccer draw reception at Jury's Hotel with Tony Quilty, Ballynanty; Richard McMahon, Meelick; Niall Mulcahy, Corbally, and Martin O'Brien and Michael Murnane, Corbally.

porters Club, Joe Donnellan of Old Crescent and Brian O'Brien of Shannon. Others closely associated with soccer who caught the eye were Karl Shanahan, Bernie Spain, Tim O'Brien,

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ewan Fenton, Sean Fielding, Billy Higgins and his son of the same name; Tony Quilty, Michael Noonan, Brian Hanrahan and Terry McGowan who was a direc-

tor with Limerick for many years. The relationship between Mr. Grace and the FAI is at the moment very strained to say the least and it is a pity the occasion was not used to try

and improve it. Accompanying Big Jack were assistant treasurer of the FAI Joe Delaney and Donie Butler, who during the lunch, explained to all his plans.

Big Jack in his broad Northumbrian/Yorkshire accent warned that not as many young lads were being taken to England as apprentices because of the cost involved to English clubs — staffs in all the clubs had been cut down.

And that, he said, would mean problems in the years ahead, as the players would not be coming on stream from the English clubs as they were at present.

## Great idea

What had to be done, he added, was to improve the standard of play in the League of Ireland. Of the draw, he said: "Ten years ago you should have started this — it's a great idea." The money made will go right back into the game. Although in Limerick to promote one draw he was "caught" to buy for another — the Mungret soccer club Christmas raffle.

## Beware! perjury

Justice Michael (this week warned poor attend Limerick Cour perjury.

"If people are found lies," he told a packe after hearing a marital will direct the State: the papers to the Dir Public Prosecutions, view to having a file p on the matter."

## Weather

It will become cold Limerick region this evening with some li later, according to t Office in Shannon. Tl be some mist or fog dawn on Saturday, expected to be cold with some sunny spell scattered showers are for Monday but there be some sunny spells, unlikely over the wee

## Scoil Ide I

Scoil Ide (Corbally) mas Fair comment Saturday night, Nove (adults only) from 8 to with all the usual st wheel-of-fortune. It o on Sunday afternoon which is family day, fr to 6 p.m., with Sant etc., catering for the

