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## Gene Tunney In Limerick: Purpose Of His Irish Visit

**T**HE former world heavyweight boxing champion, Gene Tunney, spent several hours in Limerick last night and had a dinner party at the Brazen Head Restaurant before leaving for Shannon Airport to return home after a one week tour of Ireland with a party of American financiers. While in Limerick, Tunney signed a number of autographs, for the former champion was easily recognisable by his powerful build, even though the intervening years have added additional weight. He wears heavy rimmed spectacles.

Tunney told a "Limerick Leader" reporter that his main purpose of visiting Ireland was to discuss with Mr. Richard Hayward, the well known North of Ireland writer, plans for the making of a film from his new novel "Sugarhouse Entry," which is a story of life in Ulster. Because details of the script cannot be agreed upon, Tunney said, it may be some time before the film can now be made.

### TO PORTRAY IRISH LIFE TRULY.

"We have difficulty in connection with the script, which has been written from the novel by Hollywood scenario writer Irvin Hirschfeld," Tunney said. "I want to keep it a nice family story. Some of the financiers want it 'one big world affair' and Mr. Hayward wants to keep to the original script. There is one thing, however on which we are all agreed, and that is that it should portray Irish life in a favourable way. In many ways it would be an answer to 'The Quiet Man,' for who in Ireland, for instance, ever saw a girl being dragged across the country as in that film."

### TO BE MADE COMPLETELY IN IRELAND.

He said it was his intention that the film should be made completely

in Ireland by independent producers and that the cost would be about one million dollars.

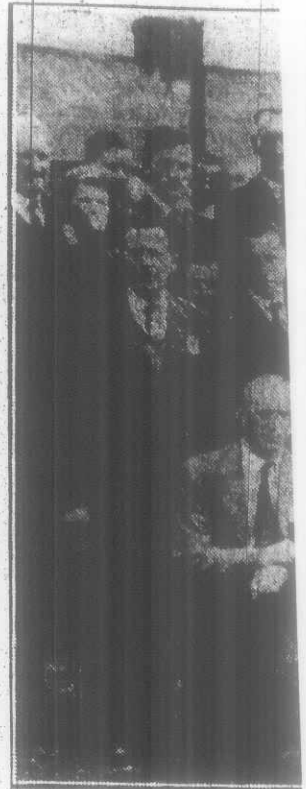
With Tunney, who is now a leading American industrialist, were Mr. Joseph P. Routh, President of the Clinchfield Coal Co., Virginia, of which the former boxer is a Director; Mr. Alan Kirby, a new York financier; and Mr. William Chadbourne, legal adviser to the project. All are to give financial backing to the film.

Tunney became a firm friend of Richard Hayward through his brother, Commander Charles Hayward, whom he first met in 1920 when Hayward was in charge of the Trinidad Olympic contestants. Tunney said he has always had a strong Irish connection through his mother, who came from Co. Mayo.

### HOPES TO RETURN NEXT YEAR.

He said he hopes to return to Ireland next year and have further film talks with Mr. Richard Hayward.

Asked about Irish boxers, the former champion said: "The Irish in America have now gone too soft and I cannot see any prominent fighter coming from amongst their ranks."



Gathered together on a Development Committee, build a Grotto in memoriam (left in front row), who is a Corporation, Rev. Father and five of the city's ban Development Committee.

## ARRANGING PLANS FOR A GREAT OCCASION

**C**LARE, and Ennis in particular are preparing for the days on Saturday and Sunday and 29th August, when the Jubilee of the Episcopate of Rev. Archbishop Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, will be honoured by Church and State.

In no part of the Diocese is the jubilation at the event so abundant as in the town and district of Ennis, where Dr. Fogarty has spent the fifty years of his Episcopate in closest union with his people, and in active sympathy with all their interests.

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