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Haise signs an autograph for Miss Eileen Ryan at the City Library.

WELCOME FOR THE SPACEMEN

BY LEADER
REPORTER

AMERICA'S Apollo 13 astronauts were in Limerick on Thursday.

They were given a civic reception at the City Library by the Mayor, Councillor J. P. Liddy.

En route through the city they were given a pleasant reception. And at Pery Square hundreds of students waved American flags enthusiastically. It was with some difficulty that the three astronauts—James Lovell, Fred Haise and John Swigert, two of whom were accompanied by their wives—made their way inside as Gardal battled with over-enthusiastic schoolgoers who sought their autographs.

Special

The spacemen had a very special welcome for fifteen years old Brian English, a student at St. Manchan's College, who this year was the best boy in the Aer Lingus-sponsored Young Scientist of the Year competition.

He chatted freely with the astronauts for several minutes. The attendance at the civic reception included the Bishop of Limerick, Ardferd and Aghadoe, Rt. Rev. D. A. Caird; Corporation officials, headed by the City Manager, Mr. T. P. McDermott; Miss Mauna Langan, City Librarian; members of the City Council in their robes of office and many of their wives, including the Mayoress.

After Councillor Liddy had welcomed the astronauts they each signed the visitors' book. In his address of welcome Councillor Liddy said: "It is a wonderful privilege for me, as Mayor of Limerick, to welcome the Apollo 13 Astronauts—James Lovell, Frederick Haise and John Swigert—to our ancient city.

"Living as we are in an era of advanced technology and scientific experiment, we have become so conditioned to space exploration that we take it completely for granted. Indeed, it came as a shock last April to discover that a simple case of German measles threatened to disrupt the launching of Apollo 13.

Presumed

And when that difficulty was resolved by the substitution of Astronaut Swigert, we presumed that the remainder of the programme would go as planned.

"Few of us, indeed, will ever forget the tense drama in which we became personally involved, as we followed your fight for survival through all its stages, on our television screens. "All the destructive forces of nature combined to create a nightmare situation to which no human beings had ever before been exposed.

"While we must pay the highest tribute to the American technologists and scientists at Houston and other stations, who strove against overwhelming odds to bring the crippled space ship back to earth, their best efforts would have been in vain but for the courage, resourcefulness and steadfastness of spirit which the three of you displayed.

"For one brief spell, men and women of every race, colour and creed across the face of the earth, were united in spirit as they watched, waited and prayed for your safe return.

"And the expressions of joy and relief at Mission Control when Odysseus eventually splashed down in the Pacific were echoed a million-fold here in Ireland.

Indelibly

"The names of James Lovell, Frederick Haise and John Swigert are carved indelibly in our memories. The world need men like you.

"We salute your fortitude and courage in the face of imminent disaster.

"These outstanding qualities will be a shining example for the future, to young people everywhere, and will clearly demonstrate the ability of the human spirit to conquer the greatest obstacles, no matter how hopeless the situation might appear.

"Just a few days ago, we had the pleasure of meeting President Nixon here in this city. "During his short stay in County Limerick, he expressed the hope that the world might experience a generation of peace.

"My wish for you today is that your work in space exploration will help to make President Nixon's dream a reality, because no-one in modern history has come nearer to achieving that goal than you have.

"We are proud and honoured that you have come to visit us in Limerick, and I assure you that the warmth of the welcome which you have received here

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Above: Jack Swigert signs an autograph while the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. J. P. Liddy, chats with James Lovell.

Below: The astronauts leave the Municipal Library, Pery Sq., Limerick, after the civic reception in their honour. Pictures, from the top, show: JAMES LOVELL leaving with Mrs. Fred Haise. FRED Haise leaving the library. JACK SWIGERT, the last to leave.



Fancy meeting you here

"WE ARE thrilled to bits to be present at this reception to our fellow countrymen," remarked Mr. Michael Corbett, Miami, Florida.

Mr. Corbett and his wife are spending a holiday in Limerick and hoped to return again next year. "Your people are very warmhearted," she remarked.

Mr. Corbett, whose mother was a Rohan from Co. Clare, and his father a Corkman, is a retired station manager. "It is an amazing thing to say that millions of people in America never see their President in the flesh, or other famous people, but we visit Limerick on a short vacation and we meet both the President and the astronauts.

JOHN B

"Out in the Open," our series by John B. Keane, will not be appearing during the next few weeks. The reason: John B. is busy writing a play. He will resume "Out in the Open" in the New Year. Meanwhile we will publish "The Best of John B." See page 21.

Kennedy Park: action

A SPECIAL meeting was held recently at the City Hall between committee members of Kennedy Park Community Association and officials of Limerick Corporation.

Association P.R.O., Mr. Paddy Higgins, says that urgent matters of vital importance were discussed at length. He adds:

"Regarding the erection of a wall and fence at the end of Galvone Road, Mr. Colery, who presided in the unavoidable absence of the City Manager, Mr. McDermott, agreed that some positive steps should be taken to eliminate the danger to children which existed because of inadequate fencing, and promised to examine the possibility of having a wall erected at this danger spot as soon as possible.

"Regarding the erection of bollards and levelling and seeding of greens, Mr. Colery stated that the bollards were at present in the Corporation stores, and that the work on these and the levelling of the greens would commence as soon as possible.

Mr. Higgins states that since the meeting, work has begun on the bollards and greens, and he would like to convey his sincere thanks of his chairman, Mr. Eddie Quinn, and the members of the committee to the Manager and officials for the minimum delay.

Hospital staffs' pay rises

The Limerick Health Authority has applied for the terms of the Public Service's Pay II recommendations to nursing and non-nursing staff employed in hospitals under its jurisdiction. This means that males and females have received an increase of 2 1/2% over an eighteen month period. Males received 50% from April 1, 1970, and 34% on January 1, 1971. Females will receive 40% and 27% from the same dates, and a further 17% on November 1, 1971.

Nursing staffs receive 7 per cent from April 1, this year, and 10 per cent from January 1, next year. The agreement ends on December 31, 1971.

A spokesman for the No. 2 Branch of the I.T.G.W.U. said that a feature of the Recommendations was that women were awarded the same increase as men. This was a step forward in the union's policy of equal pay for equal work.

'Bobs-your uncle to Limerick'

Mr. George O'Malley, chairman of Shannonside, the Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation, speaking at the reception given in Kenilogue Castle by Shannonside Holdings Ltd., the new company which is establishing an international resort centre at Kildysart, referred to the possible confusion which might arise through the new concern using the name "Shannonside."

Mr. Ignatius Houlihan, solr., a legal adviser to Shannonside Holdings Ltd., replied: "We hold the certificate of registration of the name of 'Shannonside'—and Bobs-your-uncle to Limerick."

Feile Luimni meeting

The annual general meeting of Feile Luimni will be held at Cruise's Hotel on Wednesday, October 21, at 8.30 p.m. Last year's festival was an unqualified success and as a result the Feile is solidly on its feet again.

However, the Exec. Committee has suffered a grave loss in the untimely death, during the year, of its enthusiastic and hard-working chairman, Mr. Tadhg Kelly.

Work on next year's Feile will begin immediately and all those interested in this cultural work are invited to Wednesday night's meeting.

Vienna Boys

One hundred seats at ten shillings each are unexpectedly available for the Monday night performance at the Savoy Cinema, Limerick, by the Vienna Boys' Choir.

These seats are available singly at the box office at the Savoy.

Anti-strike

Limerick secondary teachers have overwhelmingly voted against strike action in the dispute with the Department of Education.

Twinning gets backing



Alderman Patrick Kennedy pictured with John Hume, M.P., and Michael Canavan, Chairman of the Derry Citizens' Central Council at Mr. Hume's house in Derry City.

LIMERICK LINK? YES SAY DERRY TRIO

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MR. JOHN Hume, M.P., has welcomed the proposed "twinning" of Limerick with Derry.

So have Mr. Brian Morton and Mr. Stephen McGonagle, chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of Derry Development Commission.

Limerick's Alderman Patrick Kennedy, who suggested the "twinning" some weeks ago, visited Derry recently.

There he had talks about the idea with Messrs. Hume, Morton and McGonagle.

"They were all in favour of the plan, and promised every assistance," he said this week. Alderman Kennedy added that he toured the Bogside and had very fruitful discussions with many people representing several organisations in the city, with a view to initiating contracts at every level—civic, commercial, tourist, educational, cultural and historical.

Affinities

"Of particular interest were the affinities of both cities—sieges, city walls, population similarities, city gates, general historical background and present day social and economic problems," he said.

He is confident that the pairing of chambers of commerce, sporting clubs, schools, the pairing of Limerick Corporation and the Derry Development Commission and a wide range of other pairing activities can be achieved within a short while. "I hope that Derry will succeed in pulling itself out of the present quagmire of discontent and that the breaking down of ignorance and prejudice between North and South can be achieved."

Limerick Boat Club are winding up their successful Centenary Year celebrations with a ball at the Parkway Motor Inn on Saturday, October 24th. Bud Clancy and his Orchestra will be on the bandstand. Tickets, £2, are available at the clubhouse.

Disturbance in city

No. 21 was made after a disturbance in Bedford Row on Thursday night. A crowd of several hundred youths gathered on the footpath and caused an obstruction. Gardai were called and forced the crowd to disperse.

There were reports that stones were thrown by some of the youths as they were forced to move.

Centenary Ball...

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CITY BUS FARES UP

Present city bus fares—9d. and 1/- become 3d. and 1/3d., respectively, as a result of the increases announced by C.I.E. Children's fares will be approximately half of the new fares.

David to go Lourdes?

Only we published a report about three-year-old David. He has leukaemia and his parents wish to take him to Lourdes.

In this article appeared, people have called to use of Mrs. and Mr. David's. In Ballynanybeg to assist.

Cruise's Hotel

Owned by our reporter, a man for the I.T.G.W.U. at agreement had been with the management of Hotel to commence negotiations on a comprehensive covering wages and conditions. A joint conference arranged with the Employers' Federation to represent the hotel employees have become members of the I.T.G.W.U. section, said the spokesman.

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