Editorial

The Drumcree Orange protest received plenty of headlines this week. But little mention was given of a visit of a Limerick delegation to observe the Twelfth celebrations in the North. The Irish Peace Institute, based at the University of Limerick, organised the visit to highlight the need for dialogue and understanding on both sides. It has been a fact-finding mission: educational and very worthwhile. A busload of people went North this time. Do we understand what is going on there? How many of us try to find out both sides of the story? Politicians ranting on TV. We watch them, but we are not being told the whole truth. Dr Brendan O’Regan and former MEP Tom Mc Alinden have been to the North to promote the Peace Institute. They are quietly and diligently going about their job of developing cross-border relations.

The Peace Institute is also seeking to encourage a process of peacemaking through programmes of education and outreach. It has put forward a Development of Mutual Understanding and Cooperation (DMUC) programme.

The Peace Institute has initiated numerous projects, including the Community Links Programme. One of these is the group of 12 from the South who visited the North last week. They have been to Derry and Belfast, and they have met with community leaders and police officers. They have also visited some of the peace projects in the North, such as the Cross-Border Peace Project.

As the editor of this newspaper, I strongly urge all our readers to support this peace process. We must work together to build a better future for all the people of Ireland. The Peace Institute is doing great work, and we can all play a part in this. Let us all work together to achieve peace in Ireland.

By MARTIN BURRUS

Feature

Story of 27 policemen shot here in Limerick

By RICHARD ABBOTT

Twenty seven policemen were killed in Limerick during the height of the Troubles. But, twenty seven policemen died in Limerick.