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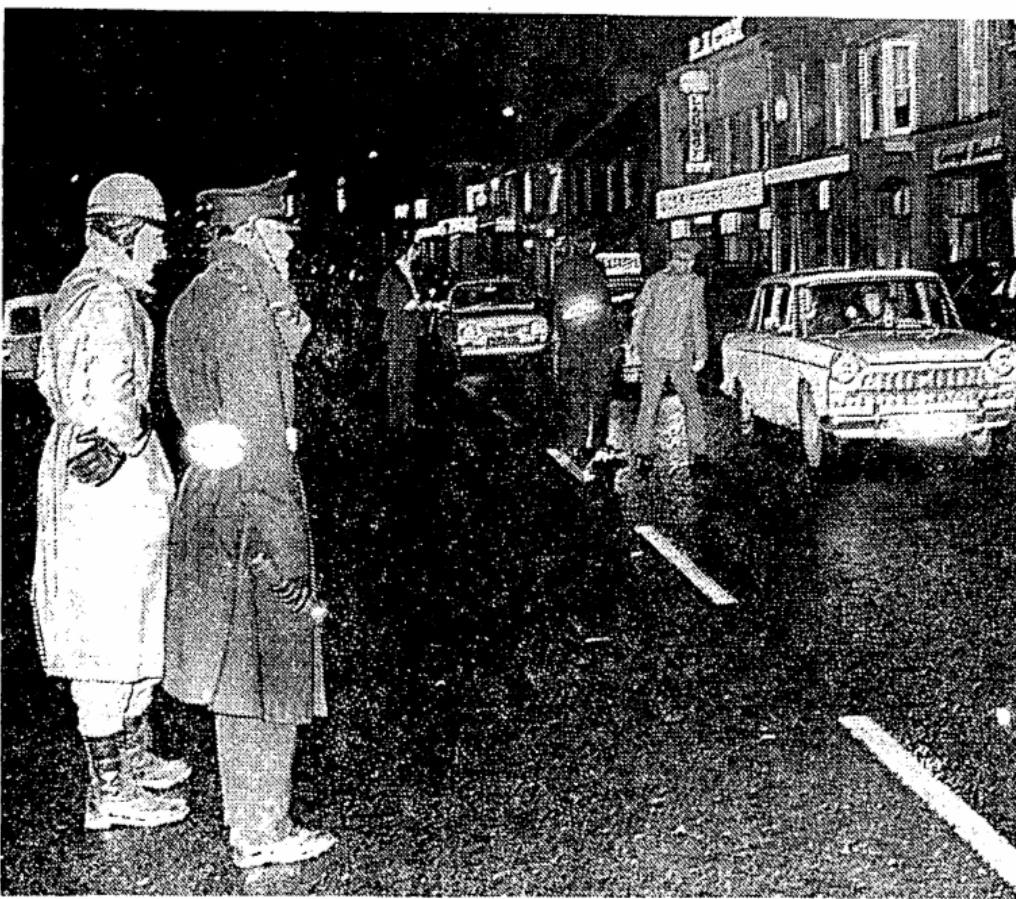
Hunt for 7 Curragh escapees

A NATION-WIDE manhunt was under way last night following the dramatic escape of seven prisoners who tunneled their way to freedom from the military detention barracks at the Curragh Training Camp last evening. All available military personnel and gardai were mobilised as a tight security net was thrown around the camp and roadblocks were set up over a wide area. Off-duty gardai were called in to reinforce the search parties.

An Army spokesman said last night that the escapees got out by tunnelling beneath a cell into the grounds of the camp and scaling the walls with a rope. The duty-officer prevented four other prisoners escaping.

An unarmed military policeman was overpowered by the prisoners when he tried to prevent them from reaching the perimeter wall.

The escapees were named as Thomas McGrath and Patrick Quinn, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone; James Hazlett, Dungiven, Co. Derry; James McCabe, St. Enda's Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin; Christopher Murphy, Rathblaney, Co. Limerick; Michael McVerney, Ravensdale, Co. Louth, and Colm Murphy, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh.



Military police and gardai manning a road-check on the main Dublin Road at Droichead Nua, Co. Kildare.

Drama touch at Ardfheis

Security and applause

By JOHN BOLAND

FURTHER POSSIBILITIES to pursue an unsentimental education led me to the Ardfheis of Sinn Féin (Kevin Street) at Liberty Hall, yesterday, where the applause from a packed, enthusiastic crowd almost equalled, in time consumed, the declarations from the platform.

Bomb threat disrupts Ardfheis

THE Ardfheis was threatened with disruption for a time yesterday afternoon when gardai got an anonymous phone call warning that a car "packed with stuff" had been parked outside Liberty Hall.

The male caller gave the registration number of the car and said it could not be moved because a second car had been used to hem it in. A quick check by the gardai confirmed the caller's allegations; all traffic was diverted from the area and up Eden Quay and an Army bomb disposal squad was called.

The scare ended, however, when one of the delegates claimed ownership of the vehicle. It was the second bomb threat of the day for the Ardfheis.

WEATHER

A south-westerly airstream covers Ireland.

Forecast 6 a.m. to midnight: sunny spells and scattered showers. Showers will tend to be out later. Strong, gusty out-west winds in the west and north at first, moderating later, rather cold.

Further outlook: Frost in places tonight. Bright tomorrow with occasional showers. Luncheon weather report yesterday included the following temperatures in Celsius and Fahrenheit:

- Amsterdam, sunny, 12, 54.
- Belfast, rain, 13, 55.
- Berlin, cloudy, 11, 52.
- Brussels, sunny, 13, 55.
- Cork, rain, 12, 54.
- Dublin, cloudy, 15, 57.
- Guernsey, cloudy, 13, 55.
- Innsbruck, cloudy, 8, 46.
- Jersey, rain, 14, 57.
- Las Palmas, sunny, 23, 77.
- Lisbon, sunny, 14, 57.
- London, cloudy, 14, 57.
- Madrid, sunny, 12, 54.
- Majorca, sunny, 19, 66.
- Malaga, sunny, 19, 66.
- Manchester, cloudy, 14, 57.
- Nice, sunny, 18, 64.
- Paris, fair, 13, 55.
- Rome, sunny, 19, 66.
- Shannon, rain, 13, 55.
- Venice, rain, 13, 55.

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URSCEALA

MULTIPLE CAR CRASHES
Truck travelling from the Lychny Road last night, then, a little further on, it crashed into four more, causing damage to all seven cars and injury to about six people. Donnycarney three cars crashed near the church and victim of the accident had to be cut from the damaged car and taken to Jervis Street Hospital and detained.

Alarm

Dusk was falling as the general alarm was sounded at 5 p.m. and all units were alerted. Within minutes, all roads leading to the prison were sealed off and off-duty troops were called out to form search parties.

Comdt. Gerald Enright, governor of the prison, was told immediately. The escapees throughout Kildare and surrounding counties were alerted. They were joined at roadblocks by military policemen.

Traffic built up on all main roads as cars were halted and drivers questioned. Troops and gardai were also rushed to railway stations, and they searched the big network of railway lines in the Kildare region.

Coinciding with the Sinn Féin (Kevin St.) Ardfheis, the break-out is certain to cause considerable embarrassment to the authorities, especially as the relatively small prison was heavily guarded round the clock.

Whether there was direct involvement, as is clearly suspected by a group who attended the Ardfheis, or whether the escape was planned as an exercise to embarrass the authorities, is not yet clear.

Activity

Among the first to be notified of the break-out were the Taoiseach and the Minister for Justice, Mr. O'Malley, and the general staff at Army H.Q.

The Curragh Camp duty room became the scene of feverish activity as the search was being co-ordinated under the camp O.C.

Supt. Thomas Broderick, Kildare, had charge of the Gardai at Newbridge, and later last night was joined by Chief Supt. B. Clinton, Naas.

The remaining prisoners shouted and chanted derisively when they learned of the escape. The guard on the detention centre has now been doubled.

Detectives in Liffey rescue

THREE DETECTIVES of the Drug Squad last night rescued a man from drowning in the Liffey. The drama began when the man, aged 30, went down the iron ladder at the Liffey wall, near Essex Bridge.

A crowd collected and he threatened to jump into the river every few minutes. Eventually he did jump in, and Det. Charles Byrne, who was in the crowd, jumped in after him and got him to safety with the help of two colleagues.

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Hijackers free Munich killers

Seized plane flown to Libya

THREE Palestinian Black September guerrillas yesterday forced West Germany to release the three Arabs held for their part in the Munich Olympic massacre. And later the six, together with 13 passengers, flew from Zagreb, Yugoslavia, to Tripoli, Libya, in a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner.

Earlier yesterday, the commandos hijacked the Lufthansa Boeing 727 shortly after take-off from Beirut for Ankara with the 13 passengers and seven crew.

The Israeli government were furious at the "West German capitulation" to the hijackers. During the drama Israel appealed to Bonn not to bow to the hijackers' demands. Minister without portfolio, Israel Galili, was "astonished that no real attempt was made to thwart the Arab terrorists".

The three freed guerrillas Samer Abdullah, Ibrahim Badran and Abdel Kader al Danawi claimed they had been "very badly mistreated" in their Munich jail, according to the newsagency Mena. "They forced us to sleep naked on the ground. Food was so bad we refused to eat for four days. Wardens used to break into our cells and beat us, spit in our faces, disregarding our wounds," they claimed.

The hijacked plane first refuelled in Nicosia, Cyprus, and arrived in mid-morning at Zagreb.

After refuelling the plane took off for Munich. However, while circling over the Bavarian capital, the hijackers decided not to land there, but to return to Zagreb.

Meanwhile, the West German government yielded to the hijackers' unconditional demand for handing over to them the

jailed Arabs arrested in Germany for their part in the massacre of the Israeli athletes.

The Boeing plane returned to Yugoslavia air space and circled over Zagreb waiting for a Hawker Siddeley executive jet, in which the three Arab guerrillas were flown from Munich to

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Did UVF plant bombs?

The illegal Ulster Volunteer Force may have planted the bombs in Dublin at the weekend, says a U.D.A. chief.

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Festival director to resign



Mr. Brian Dickie

IN A SURPRISE announcement at a press conference in Wexford yesterday, Mr. Brian Dickie said he will resign as artistic director of the Opera Festival after next year's event.

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Even the goalie scored...

At the Sligo Showgrounds yesterday, Shelbourne's goalkeeper, Paddy Roche, scored a goal in his team's 4-1 win over the home team, Sligo Rovers.

Making a hefty clearance in the second half, he saw the wind sweep the ball past his opposite number, Gary Seathorn.

The last time such a feat was achieved was a couple of seasons ago at Milltown, when Waterford's Tommy Taylor's clearance ended up in Shamrock Rovers net.

£2,000 in art sales

Sales of paintings and sculpture at the Oireachtas Art Exhibition in the New Library, Trinity College, Dublin, have already exceeded the £2,000 mark. Among the buyers were the Arts Council.

A collection of sculptures by Imogen Stuart of Church Art has also been put on display during the exhibition.

All-Irish Council proposal

By IRISH PRESS Reporter

THE LONG-AWAITED discussion paper on the future of the North, to be published today, is expected to contain a suggestion for an all-Ireland Council—a proposal which could cause a wave of anger among North of Ireland loyalists. The revival of the council idea was hinted at in a number of British newspapers yesterday, including the Sunday Times. It was first mooted as a way towards complete Home Rule in the Government of Ireland Act of 1920.

Well-informed sources in Belfast last night suggested that the Green Paper did not rule out the possibility of links between the 26 Counties and the North.

It is anticipated it will once again reaffirm Britain's conviction that there will be no change in the constitutional position without the consent of the majority—but is expected to say that any settlement reached must also recognise Northern Ireland's position within Ireland as a whole, and must take into account the relationship of the North with the 26-Counties.

The sources suggested that it will be made very clear in the paper that Northern Ireland is part of the entire island and so shares common problems with the 26-Counties.

The paper is expected to mention the strength of the minority in the North and is expected to say that Britain will never stand in the way of a united Ireland if mutual agreement is achieved on conditions acceptable to all the people in the country. There is no doubt that the relationship between the Republic and Britain will also be taken into account.

It is almost certain too, that the unwisdom—indeed the impossibility—of U.D.I. for the North will be underlined, particularly in the light of the millions which the North is costing the British taxpayer this year alone. In fact, the paper is expected to point out that discrimination has taken place under continuous and complete control of one party.

As one source put it: "It would appear from what will be contained in the Paper, the British Government wishes to gently push the North and South together while continuing its guarantee to the Northern loyalists."

In all, the Paper is expected to contain a mass of possible alternatives for the future of the North, including the possibility of handing over some counties to the South, government by condominium, and the pattern of joint sovereign responsibility for the North.

Internment too, and the obstacles it has created towards political advancement will be mentioned, the sources said.

English Sunday newspapers were saying yesterday that Stormont would only be restored as an assembly along the lines of the Greater London Council and with somewhat similar powers. This has a membership of 100 and has various committees operating within an administration that is concerned mainly with the development, social, commercial and business spheres.

Capt. Orr's warning: Page 5.

Youth dies after car shooting

ONE OF TWO YOUTHS shot from a passing car at Cliftonville Ave., Belfast, yesterday, died two hours later in hospital. After the shooting, the car crashed at nearby Brookvale Avenue, but the gunman, of whom there were at least two, got away.

The dead boy who was later named as Michael Vincent Turner (16), Ophir Gardens, off the Antrim Road. His companion was hit in the shoulder, but his condition is understood not to be serious.

In Strabane, a temporary welfare clinic was destroyed by fire following an explosion last night.

A soldier was flown to hospital and two others are believed to have been injured by an explosion yesterday afternoon at an army checkpoint on the Fermanagh-Cavan border near Derrylin.

The soldier, taken by helicopter to the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen, was described as "not serious".

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SEVEN BREAK OUT OF CURRAGH CAMP

Tunnel from cell and then over 15-foot wall

FOUR FOILED BY DUTY OFFICER

Irish Times Reporters

SEVEN MEN, four of them from the North, yesterday escaped from the military detention centre at the Curragh Camp. Four others who had tunneled with them from a cell were prevented from escaping by the duty officer at the prison.

The breakout occurred at 4.45 yesterday afternoon, according to an Army spokesman. He said they made their escape by tunnelling from a cell and by scaling the 15-foot outer wall of the prison, using a makeshift rope. "One unarmed military policeman within the precincts of the prison was overpowered by the men," the spokesman said.

A massive search was immediately launched by troops and gardai. Off-duty troops were recalled and all roads leading to the detention barracks were sealed off. Roadblocks were set up throughout Co. Kildare and surrounding areas and traffic built up as cars were halted and their drivers questioned. Railway stations were also searched and a watch was being kept on all railway lines in the vicinity.

Among the first people to be notified of the escape were the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, and the Minister for Justice, Mr. O'Malley. It is understood that Mr. O'Malley was in contact with garda and army chiefs and was keeping in close touch with developments as the search was mounted.

The breakout is likely to cause embarrassment to the authorities especially as about a quarter of

When the other prisoners learned that seven men had successfully got away there was cheering and shouting and the guard on the prison was doubled.

Six of the men who escaped had been convicted of offences while the seventh was on remand.

Prisoners were first moved to the Curragh detention centre last May after rioting by Republican prisoners in Mountjoy Prison led to severe damage there. Shortly afterwards the centre was designated a prison under the Prisons Act which was rushed through the Dail. There have been a number of protest demonstrations at the camp over the holding of prisoners in military custody and prisoners themselves have gone on hunger strike over conditions. Military personnel on duty at the prison are not armed, according to an Army spokesman.

There have been two major escapes from the Curragh in this century. The camp is regarded as one of the most difficult places to escape from in Britain or Ireland. The first escape happened during the Civil War when thousands of

men, some of them later to become members of Government, were interned in the camp. The second was at the end of the 1950s when the wire barricades surrounding the camp were cut from inside to allow prisoners to escape.

The tunnel was believed to have been about 10 to 12 feet long and brought the men to a corner of the compound by the wall at which there is shrubbery and trees. At that point the wall runs parallel with the perimeter of the camp and, because of the shrubbery, is not open to view as the other sides of the compound. It is believed that that section of the wall was not as heavily watched and patrolled as the other sections.

Tracker dogs were brought into use by gardai and it was suggested that the men may have headed for the west Wicklow area where it would be easier to hide out. Late last night there was an unconfirmed report that four of the men had been recaptured in the Kilkenny area, but a gardai source indicated that there was probably little truth in the report.

Germans surrender Olympics gunmen after Arab guerrillas hijack Lufthansa airliner

THE long-awaited coup by the Palestinian "Black September" guerrillas to procure the release of three of their members held in West Germany after the Olympic massacre, came yesterday when a Lufthansa jet was hijacked west of Beirut and finally ended up in Tripoli, where the hijackers left in a car.

The aircraft, a three-engine Boeing 727, was seized by three Arabs during a flight from Damascus to Frankfurt, with stops scheduled at Ankara, Beirut and Munich.

It left Damascus at 2.34 a.m. (all times are G.M.T.) without any passengers and only the crew of seven aboard. It landed at Beirut at 3.05 a.m. and took on 13 passengers.

Of these, one was reported to be British, one American, one West German and one Spaniard, according to statements in Munich from the Bavarian Interior Ministry, the Munich police and Lufthansa officials. The remaining nine were all Arabs, all of whom were men, in control of the plane, by threatening to blow it up shortly after the take-off from Beirut.

Accomplices of the guerrillas had placed a container with hand-grenades, pistols and other weapons inside the plane's passenger cabin at Damascus while it was being cleaned, according to sources in Damascus, to ensure that the Arabs would not be caught in any security check at Beirut.

Of the 13 passengers five had tickets to Frankfurt, five to Ankara and three (presumably to the guerrillas) to Munich. At 5.58 a.m., the aircraft landed at Nicosia, took on 17 tons of fuel, and left there at 7.01 a.m.

At 8.45 a.m. the Boeing landed at Zagreb to take on ten tons more fuel, so that the guerrillas could get to Munich, collect the three prisoners and take off again without delay for their agreed destination in the Middle East.

So, by 10.30 a.m. the aircraft had entered West German air space



German security guards escorting one of the three Arab guerrillas to the Hawker Siddeley aircraft which flew the released men from Munich to Zagreb yesterday.

and spent between 30 and 45 minutes circling over Munich.

Meanwhile, on the ground, the West German authorities went into action. The guerrillas' original demand over the aircraft's radio was for the three Palestinian prisoners to be waiting at Munich's civil airport. But the Bavarian authorities said that as each man was in a different prison, this could not be done quickly. The Bavarian State Prosecutor's office agreed that the prisoners should be released and they were brought to Munich.

The Bavarian Government decided to allow the prisoners to leave the country rather than risk the deaths of the passengers. Heavily armed police surrounded the airport, which remained closed to all traffic while the hijacked aircraft circled over the south-west of the city.

KEPT INFORMED

The Federal Government in Bonn was kept informed of all developments, but only intervened directly when the emergency re-

quired them to deal with a foreign Government—that of Yugoslavia.

The hijacked aircraft left Munich air space at about 11.15 a.m. and headed for Zagreb. The guerrillas said they did not want to land at Munich if the prisoners were not ready and waiting at the airport. They proposed a rendezvous at Salzburg, just over the Austrian border.

The Germans said that this would lead to further delay as the Austrian Government would have to be asked for permission to land

for both the hijacked aircraft and a German helicopter with the prisoners. Another guerrilla proposed for a landing at Nuremberg in Bavaria, but this was ruled out because it would also involve delay.

The guerrillas then decided to return to Zagreb in fulfilment of their promise. On arrival they resolved to stay there and use it as the rendezvous. The Germans meanwhile brought the three prisoners to Munich airport and chartered a Hawker Siddeley 688 125 two-engine Executive Jet from a Lufthansa subsidiary.

The prisoners, in handcuffs, were put on board the eight-seater aircraft with two armed policemen, the chairman of the Lufthansa board, Dr. Herbert Culmann, and Lufthansa's deputy chief pilot. Two volunteer pilots manned the aircraft.

FLIGHT TO ZAGREB

At 2.45 p.m. the HS 125 took off and circled over Munich for 45 minutes. In Zagreb, the hijacked Boeing took off again and also circled over the city. At 4.00 p.m. the HS 125 landed at Zagreb, followed by the Boeing ten minutes later.

According to a U.P.I. report, the hijackers spoke to a spokesman in flawless English and showed an expert knowledge of their prison aircraft, airport officials said at Zagreb. "They spoke to us very business-like English and seemed to be experts on the Boeing 727," a Zagreb control tower engineer, Mr. Zlatko Barac, said.

A Lufthansa Airlines official, (Continued in page 9)

Man killed in U.S. hijacking

AN Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 hijacked from Houston to Havana with 40 people on board arrived safely in Miami, Florida, yesterday morning. The hijackers also shot a man and injured another, as airlines spokesman said.

One gunman had shot and killed a ticket agent at the gate in the plane at Houston's international airport. The hijackers also shot a maintenance man twice in the right arm after he spotted the stain ticket agent, Mr. Stanley Hubbard (34).

The condition of the injured man, Mr. Wyatt Wilkerson, was stated to be good. Earlier unconfirmed reports had said that four other people had been killed on board the plane. The aircraft was seized while stopping at Havana en route from San Antonio, Texas, to Syracuse, New York.

Mr. Hubbard was found clutching an overcoat with 11 cartridges, most of which were identified as Charles A. Tuller (48), a former \$25,000-a-year (10,400 U.S. Commerce Department executive, and his 19-year-old son, Bryce.

The Tuller boys were charged with murder and attempted bank robbery in the unsuccessful hold-up last Wednesday of the Arlington, Virginia Trust Co., in which the bank manager and a policeman were slain. The F.B.I. said that the Tullers were identified from pictures taken of the hijackers. — (Reuter, U.P.I.)

BELFAST REPUBLICAN CLAIMS CONTACTS WITH LOYALISTS

I.R.A. leader offers talks at any time

By Dick Grogan

THE PRESIDENT of Sinn Fein (Kevin Street), Mr. Ruairi O'Bradaigh, told the organisation's ard-fheis in Dublin yesterday that the proposed plebiscite in Northern Ireland might include an option of a federal link-up with the 26-County State, and he said that the plebiscite should be totally boycotted.

The attendance of almost 1,000 at the two-day conference heard the Chief of Staff of the Provisional I.R.A., Mr. Sean Mac Stiofain, declare on Saturday that there would be no further truce with the British Army unless the three basic demands of the Provisional I.R.A.—including a commitment to meeting the British ultimatum withdrawal—were conceded.

Only a portion of the conference took place in public session, with press representatives present, but one of the more important motions passed during this session resolved "that we invite members of loyalist organisations to discussions on the subject of how the Army can be brought to the Irish people."

The high point of the ard-fheis

was the "state-of-the-nation" address by Mr. O'Bradaigh, who was given a tumultuous reception by the audience when he delivered his speech.

In the course of his address he referred to Mr. Lynch's Government, attacked to growing unemployment and stagnation in the Republic, and called on Sinn Fein members to get involved at local level in trade union issues and cooperative enterprises.

According to accounts of Mr. Mac Stiofain's 10-minute statement, which was delivered during the private sessions of the ard-fheis on Saturday, he said that the movement did not want a war with Protestants. They did not want a sectarian conflict.

He hoped that Unionist support-

ers would come to realise that their place was in the Irish movement. He also urged that they should take a "serious look" at the regional government proposals, and indicated that the Provisional Republican Movement was prepared to meet and talk to Loyalists at any time.

Mr. Mac Stiofain also reportedly said that the military wing of the movement was stronger, organisationally and in every other way, than it had been since 1921. He declared that there could be no further truce unless the British accepted the three conditions laid down by the movement.

UNDER ESCORT

A number of young men escorted Mr. Mac Stiofain to the auditorium at Liberty Hall and left with him afterwards. The entrance to the hall was watched by Special Branch detectives from outside across the road all through the ard-fheis.

During the public session yesterday, an emotional speech was made by Daili O'Connell in support of a resolution which called on the British Government to concede three demands.

These were: To acknowledge the right of the Irish people to determine their own future without let or hindrance; announce a date for the withdrawal of British armed forces from Ireland, and declare a general amnesty for all political prisoners and for all on the wanted list.

Mr. O'Connell said that this resolution defined the central theme of current Republican policy. The actions of the entire movement, he said, were directed to securing these demands, and there was no hope of a future of any sort for Ireland unless they were met.

NO COMPROMISE

"Let it go forth clearly from this gathering to the British Government that we reiterate that demand—the demand to be free," he said. "We make that demand from a position of strength. We state clearly, too, to the British Government that on this fundamental issue there is no compromise—it is not negotiable."

Mr. O'Connell said that the issue was a question of sovereignty, not a question of unity. He asked Loyalists in the North to view the Republican case on this basis. "What they ask for is a united Ireland, he said. "We have no doubt that we will have a united Ireland, but we will have it on our own terms."

He also commented: "We would wish for more clarification from the Loyalists as to what their objectives are. One notes a great degree of confusion. We state clearly, too, to the British Government that if they believe they are asserting sovereign rights, then we can discuss 'with them.' We said, 'We want a partnership, overt and free, in the country, so that together we will move forward to build a new Ireland.'"

Calling for a withdrawal of British troops, who, he said, were not wanted in the Shankill or in the Falls, he O'Connell said: "We have noted a recent commitment by the U.S. Government to pull its forces out of Vietnam within 60 days. We would hope that Britain will learn something from that."

He wished a sincere expression of good wishes for the welfare of (Continued in page 8)

Bishop urges reconciliation



The Rt. Rev. Dr. McAdoo, Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, who has appealed for "a reconciled Ireland," Preaching at a Wexford Festival Service, Dr. McAdoo said that it was time for a positive effort to seek reconciliation. Regardless of the future shape or political structure of Ireland, we all needed each other, he said. (Report: page 9)

Security alert follows bomb find in Dublin

FIRE DAMAGE TO HOTELS

GARDAI HAVE ordered increased security at all rail, bus, sea and air terminals in Dublin after a 12lb. bomb was found in Connolly station at Amiens Street, and rooms in four city hotels were damaged by fire bombs during the weekend.

Top level investigations by gardai and the Army into the concerted attack—the worst yet in the city—were being carried out yesterday, and it is expected that a full report will be furnished to the Cabinet for a meeting this week. Gardai are working on the assumption that the bombs were placed by Northern loyalists, possibly to coincide with the Sinn Fein (Kevin Street) ard-fheis, which was held in Liberty Hall at the weekend.

In the case of the damaged hotels, it is understood that people with Northern accents, who booked into the hotels and left shortly afterwards, are suspected of having placed the fire bombs in the bedrooms. The Ulster Defence Association, through its vice-chairman, Mr. Tommy Herron, has denied responsibility, and it is thought that the more militant Ulster Volunteer Force may be responsible.

The bomb in Connolly station was found on Saturday evening by a C.I.E. porter. It had been placed in a cubicle in the men's toilet and the door had been chalked "out of order." The porter was suspicious and opened the door and found a suitcase containing the 12 lb of gelignite and sodium chlorate attached to an alarm clock timed for 10.30 p.m. The station was cleared, and the bomb was dismantled by an Army explosives expert, Captain Patrick Treary, from Clancy Barracks.

ANONYMOUS CALLER

Shortly before the bomb was due to explode, gardai in Dublin received a phone call from the R.U.C., who told them that an anonymous caller to the Sunday News in Belfast had said that there was a bomb in the station and another bomb in Bonarus. The bus station was then cleared and searched by gardai, but nothing was found.

The hotels in which bedrooms were damaged by fire bombs were Wynn's, in Lower Abbey Street; the Gresham, in O'Connell Street; the Skyline, on Upper Drumcondra

Salmon netting licence curb expected

FISHERY BOARDS in the Republic are considering the credentials of applicants for salmon netting licences, with the intention of curbing those who are not genuine fishermen. The issue of drift net licences has risen by one-third in the last few years.

In the 1972 netting season drift nets, working in offshore areas and estuaries, had extremely high catches which were enhanced by high prices. Draft netmen working in estuaries did not do so well, as shoals were interrupted offshore. Overall, it is agreed that heavy netting will put spawning stocks at serious risk, and the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries is preparing an order which will fix a maximum for net licences in every district.

Full story in page 13.

70 vehicles collide on Britain's M1

ONLY TWO people were seriously hurt out of 27 taken to hospital after about 70 vehicles crashed into each other on Britain's M1 motorway yesterday evening.

Both north and south carriageways of the M1 were closed for four hours near the Watford Gap junction with the M6, north of Northampton.

The first crash was apparently when a car hit the central barrier and was then itself hit by following cars. The road had been made very greasy by heavy rain after a dry spell. Although the rain had stopped and visibility was clear, car after car piled up.

The R.A.C. said: "It just needs a touch on the brakes in those conditions to lead to difficulties, especially at speed."

A fleet of ambulances ran a shuttle service to Northampton General Hospital. At least one person had to be rescued by firemen from the wreckage of a vehicle.

Letters burned into man's arm

Gardai are investigating an incident in which a 22-year-old Ballina shop assistant, Mr. Vincent Beatty, Abbey Street, Ballina, had the letters U.V.F. burned into his left arm on Saturday night.

Mr. Beatty, father of a seven-month-old child, left a licensed premises in Ballina around 11 o'clock to throw a lift into Foxford, eight miles away, to collect his wife. He told gardai he was picked up by two men whom he did not know, and was driven in a car which he did not identify. He was later found wandering in the vicinity of Ballina Railway Station and had an injury to his head.

BLACK BOX FOUND

An investigating magistrate at Noireahle, France yesterday ordered the seizure of the flight recorder and post-mortem of the three-man crew of the French Vickers Viscount which crashed on Friday night killing 39 of the 54 people on board.

The recorder was discovered intact in the wreckage of the four-engine Air Inter plane which ploughed into a hillside during landing approach on a flight to Chateaufort—(Reuter).

Four killed in weekend accidents

FOUR PEOPLE died as a result of traffic accidents over the weekend. Two young boys, aged four and 11, were killed in two separate accidents. The others who died were a 62-year-old man and a 37-year-old leader of a ballad group.

Mr. Paddy Lott (37), of Shelton, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, died yesterday as a result of injuries he received in a three-car crash at Temperance, Arklow, on Saturday night.

Mr. Lott was the leader of a ballad group and was returning home after playing in an Arklow singing lounge at the time. He was taken to Loughlinstown hospital, where he died.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Mr. Kevin Gill, Ballymerigan, Greengully, Co. Wicklow, was in collision first with an approaching car driven by Mr. James Quinn, Bray, and he then struck the following car driven by Mr. Lott.

Mr. Quinn and two of his four passengers were injured, as were the three passengers in Mr. Lott's car. All are stated to be comfortable in Loughlinstown hospital. Mr. Quinn and his passenger escaped injury. Dr. Gerard Liddy, of Arklow, was struck by another car while attending the injured.

Niall O'Brien (11), son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien, 2 St. John's Terrace, Limerick, died as a result of falling from a low loader as it rounded a corner near his home.

Dean Redford (four), who lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. Eileen Redford, and young brother, at Drumragh Park, Armagh, was struck and killed by a car on Cathedral Road on Saturday night.

The other driver, Mr. Kevin Loughlin, of Greengully, Co. Wick, was killed when struck by a car while cycling on the Derry-Limavady Road at Campsie, on Saturday night. Mr. Loughlin was dead on admission to hospital.

Five people were taken to Monaghan County Hospital early yesterday after a crash involving two cars on the main Dublin-Derry Road, near Carrilbeg, Co. Wick. They were: Mr. John O'Hanlon, Armagh, driver of one of the cars, and his three passengers, Mrs. Barbara Donaghy, Clarebane, Carrilbeg, her son, Martin, and daughter, Evelyn. Mr. O'Hanlon was described as "ill" at the hospital last night, while the three others were stated to be satisfactory.

The other driver, Mr. Hugh Leonard, of Tullyharratt, Carrilbeg, who was unaccompanied, was stated last night to be comfortable.

STRONG WINDS STOP FLIGHTS

About 400 passengers bound from London to Belfast and Guernsey had their flights cancelled yesterday because of strong crosswinds. B.E.A. had to cancel one Vanguard and two Trident flights from Heathrow to Belfast. The airline also cancelled a Viscount service from Heathrow to Guernsey and another Viscount flight from Gatwick to the Channel Islands.

A B.E.A. spokesman said: "There were crosswinds of 25-30 knots which were too strong for landing. The passengers to Belfast went by boat and the Guernsey passengers were re-booked." — (P.A.)

Forty Island, 11 miles off the Donegal coast, was again cut off yesterday by Atlantic storms for the seventh day in succession. Mountaineers have forced inland ferries to haul all vessels ashore.

Wexford festival director resigns



Mr. Brian Dickie, artistic director of the Wexford Festival Opera since 1967, who has resigned with effect from next year.

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Youth shot dead in Belfast

From Our Northern Staff

A YOUTH DIED after being shot from a passing car in the Cliftonville Road area of Belfast yesterday afternoon. Another youth was injured. The car later crashed but the occupants escaped.

On Saturday, a soldier was killed in Derry and a young boy injured in the same incident. Early yesterday morning, a man was seriously wounded near his home in the Ardoyne area of the city. Two men were wounded in shootings in Armagh and Belfast on Saturday night.

The victim of the shooting in Belfast yesterday was aged 16. He was with a 15-year-old companion when shots were fired at them at Cliftonville Avenue. The youth who died was hit in the head and the other in the shoulder. The attackers' car crashed at Brookvale Avenue and those inside ran off.

A police spokesman said that there would be some delay before the name of the dead youth was released, as his parents were away for the weekend.

The man seriously wounded in Belfast early yesterday was a 40-year-old Protestant. He was found at 3 a.m. in Wheatfield Gardens, in the Ardoyne area, with gunshot wounds in the stomach and with head injuries. A police spokesman said the man lived in the area. He had gone out for a walk after coming home from a night out with his wife.

The soldier who was killed in Derry on Saturday was Lance Sergeant Thomas McKay (29), of C. and B. Battalions of the Scots Guards. He was married with two young sons, and lived in Edinburgh.

He was in the passenger seat of a Land Rover which came under

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Green Paper out today

The British Government's Green Paper on the future of Northern Ireland will be published today in London and Belfast. It will be a consultative document and will set out a framework to the British Government's White Paper, which, it is expected, will be published only in the New Year.

Mr. Paddy Kennedy the Belfast Republican Labour M.P., complained last night that M.P.s had not received the complete copy of the Green Paper. He said: "Members of the press and others have had advance copies of this important document, but it is a matter of the complete copy which we Northern Ireland M.P.s that we have been treated like this?"

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TODAY'S WEATHER
Sunny spells and scattered showers. Gusty winds. Cold.
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Britain will recognise our role in North

By CHRIS GLENNON
Our Political Correspondent

THE ROLE of the Republic in any future settlement on the Northern conflict is expected to be formally acknowledged in the British government Green Paper due to be published today.

The paper is likely to be quite brutal in its handling of Unionist hopes of perpetuating the Unionist rule in the North.

Mr. Brian Faulkner, the ex-Premier, and his Unionist colleagues are almost certain to be told that there must be a place for the Government of the Republic in future settlement efforts and that the Unionist must try to accept the British way towards settlement "or else."

The Taoiseach will be studying his copy of the paper soon after he reaches Government Buildings this morning. A copy may be formally presented to him by the British Ambassador, Sir John Peck.

Formal acknowledgment by Britain of the Republic's future role will not really come as a surprise. The fact that there has been and will be a role has been underlined by the continuing meetings between the British Premier, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Lynch. Within the last seven weeks there have been two such meetings, one at Munich and the second in Paris.

Mr. Heath's government, trying desperately for a settlement before the Northern strife is further aired before the Common Market countries has obviously accepted that there are four parties to any settlement effort, the British and Irish governments and the elected representatives of the two communities in the North.

An indication that the Unionists already have a good idea of what is in the Green Paper came yesterday in a radio interview by Mr. John Taylor, the hardline former Junior Minister for Home Affairs in the North.

'Have to learn'

He said that the Catholics in the North would have to learn "that they could not win." But even more significantly he said that the Protestant population would have to realise that they could not govern without the consent of the Catholic population.

Obviously, Mr. Taylor—and it can be presumed other influential Unionists—know that Britain is about to impose a settlement involving the Republic. Last night, his comments were being interpreted as meaning that he and other Unionists must be prepared to sacrifice some of their power to achieve a settlement in which Britain would continue its heavy subsidies to the strife-torn province.

The Green Paper will likely lay considerable emphasis on the inter-dependence of both sections of the country once Ireland and Britain enter the Common Market in the New Year. It should be obvious, the Paper will point out that an at least partially integrated economy would provide better hopes for the future of all the people of Ireland than would a divided country with warring factions.

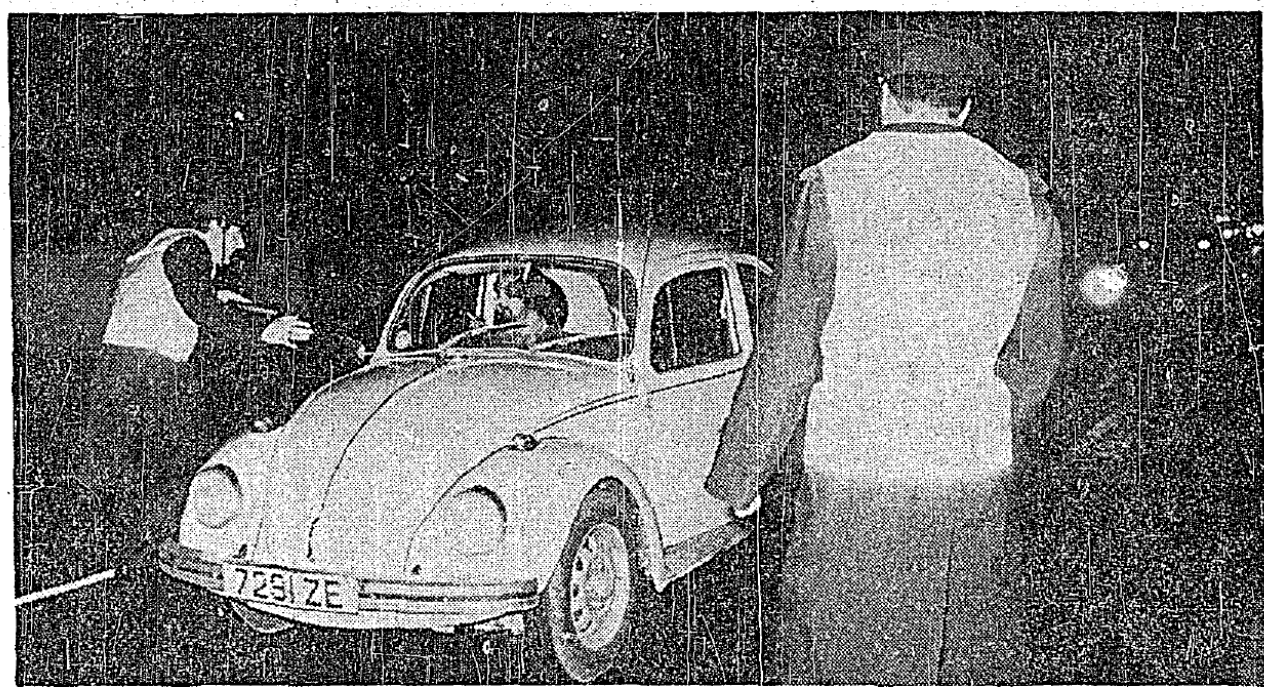
Share security

In acknowledging the role of the Republic, the Green Paper will probably also place a share of responsibility for over-all security on Mr. Lynch's Government.

The British government has felt for some time that the Dublin Government could play a greater role in keeping down cross-Border activities by illegal groups. The attendance of Neam Mac Stiophain at the Saturday session in Dublin of Kevin St. Sion Fain will probably lead to renewed pressure by Britain to secure more stringent efforts by Mr. Lynch's Government against the I.R.A. and its supporters.

The inter-dependence of security of both sides of the Border is in fact likely to be a major point of the Green Paper proposals. For the British attitude is that if the Republic is to get an acknowledged major say in the future of all of Ireland, the Dublin Government would have also a major responsibility in ensuring safety and freedom of all.

Seven tunnel way to freedom from Curragh



Garda checking motorists at Naas following the break-out at the Curragh last night.

By Michael Brophy and Michael Denieffe

A TOP-LEVEL Army investigation is to be ordered into the dramatic tunnelling to freedom of seven Republican prisoners from what had been called the "unbreakable" Curragh Military Detention centre last night.

As massive Garda and military searches, complete with armed road blocks, were set all over the country high level Army officers were puzzled about how the seven prisoners managed so successfully to dispose of the tons of earth removed over the past few weeks by the tunnellers.

The men made their dash to freedom when they emerged from the concealed tunnel entrance and scaled two high walls — topped with barbed wire entanglements — with do-it-yourself ropes made from sheets and blankets.

During this dash they overpowered an unarmed military policeman who spotted the escape. They tied and gagged him before running clear of the heavily guarded military camp. Army officers and Garda believe cars may have been waiting to whisk them to safety.

An escape bid by four more prisoners was foiled when a duty officer making a routine check discovered the bound and gagged military policeman in a remote corner of the "glass-house".

CIVILIAN CLOTHES
The escapers were: Thomas McGrath, Coalistan, described as well-built with a short dark beard and a cast in one eye; Patrick Quinn, also of Coalistan, heavily built, wearing long dark sidelocks; and Gerald Hazlett, Dungiven, Co. Derry, 5ft. 6 ins., slim built, pale complexion with dark hair; James McCabe, St. Edna's Drive, Rathfarnham, 5 ft. 6 ins., red complexion, fair hair; Chris Murphy, Rathbane, Limerick, average height and fair hair; Michael McVerney, Ravensdale, Dundalk, wearing a black beard, well-built and slim built; Bellick, Co. Fermanagh, 5 ft. 5 ins., small and slim built. All were wearing civilian clothes.

The escape, which was carried out with precision timing, began shortly after lunch when the men — some of them from the North — dropped into their prepared tunnel under one of the Detention Barracks. They broke through a thin retaining wall before overpowering the military policeman who spotted them scrambling to freedom.

Six of the men who broke out were serving sentence while the seventh was on remand. It is believed that some of the escapers were involved in the recent hunger strike at the Centre, when the 33 prisoners there protested against the bad conditions. A full Army inquiry is expected into how the tunnel went undetected for so long and how the men managed to get clear of the Camp in broad daylight.

The discovery of the escape sent alarms ringing in surrounding Army installations at Kildare and Naas. Red alerts were flashed to Garda and Army Headquarters in Dublin and all available men were rushed into the area.

Immediately after the discovery at 4.45 p.m. road blocks were set up on all roads surrounding the Camp and hundreds of cars on the main Dublin-Cork Road which crosses the Curragh plain were stopped and searched.

The roadblock network was extended throughout the whole country with particular emphasis on the Border areas. (Continued on Back Page)

Who IS in control?

An intriguing piece of "back-passing" revealed itself during our early inquiries to determine the names of the seven escapers. An Army officer who invited questions on the escape said he was not prepared to release the names of the men. This portion of the Curragh, where the men were held, is under the Department of Justice Prison Regulations and is subject to the rules and conditions of the Department of Justice, he explained. This, he admitted, was the reason for the overpowered military policeman who was on duty there being unnamed.

"For this reason we do not consider it appropriate that we should release the names," he said.

Then the amusing sequel. We asked the official spokesman for the Department of Justice if he would release the names. "Sorry, no," he said.

If the names are to be released they must come from the Army. "The Curragh is completely and utterly under the charge of the Army; it's their baby, it's their prison. As a military prison they are completely in charge," he said.

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THE ODESSA FILE

Brilliant best seller for the Irish Independent

IN A MAJOR publishing enterprise, starting today, the Irish Independent begins serialisation of the brilliant best-seller, *The Odessa File*.

Written by Frederick Forsyth, author of "The Day of the Jackal," it is the taut, suspenseful story of a sinister grouping of ex-S.S. officers hiding beneath the surface of middle class respectability in West Germany today.

It is the story of their insane plan to wipe out Israel by germ warfare, and of one young man's desperate efforts to wreck their appalling campaign of destruction.

At the end of "The Day of the Jackal," based on a plot of assassination of the late General de Gaulle, readers inevitably asked themselves:

CAN this be fiction?
Just as inevitably, they will ask the same question after reading *The Odessa File*.

The first long episode starts today on Page Seven.

prices desk

THIS MORNING Prices Desk goes International.
Raymond Smith looks at the E.E.C. inflation summit which opens today in Luxembourg.
Smith says the E.E.C. Commissioners will suggest that all member countries act together to curb rising prices.
And, he adds, this may leave the Taoiseach no option but to act within the next ten days. See page eleven.
At home a Prices Desk reporter reveals that fruit prices will jump by 5% on Wednesday when VAT is introduced here. Full story: Page eleven.
Prices Desk was set up by Independent Woman and the Irish Independent Newsroom as a service to our readers. If you have a price increase complaint, phone Prices Desk 44042

10 hurt in accidents in city

AT LEAST 10 people were injured seriously in three pile-ups in north Dublin last night. All were detained in Jervis Street Hospital after treatment.

At Mobhi Road, fire brigade personnel had to use cutting equipment to free trapped passengers after a three-car crash. Nearby, in Home Farm Road, another fire brigade ambulance was engaged at the scene of a two-car collision.

In Donnycarny, three more cars were involved in an accident. Jervis Street Hospital refused to give information on the number, condition or names of their patients.

Search for men

An Air Corps helicopter was reported ready at first light today to help in the search for a lobster boat containing two men and which disappeared off Rush last night.

Howth Lift-Boat became involved after the 30-foot craft was reported missing. Fires were reported seen by many along the coast.

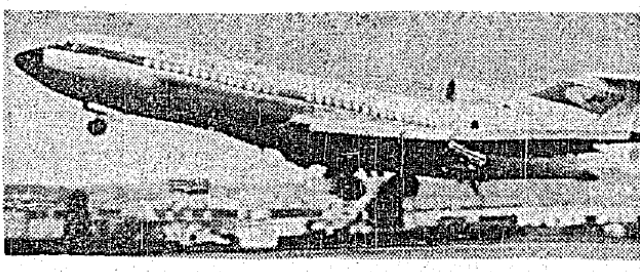
LATE NEWS

REPUBLICANS STILL FREE

By 3.30 o'clock this morning the seven Republican escapers from the Curragh Detention Centre were still free.

'Munich' Arabs hijacked to freedom in Tripoli

ARAB guerrillas yesterday hijacked a Lufthansa airliner, forced the West German Government to release the three Arabs held for the "Olympics Massacre" at Munich, flew to Tripoli with the released men and the 17 passengers and crew, and drove off into the Libyan capital, their faces masked with strips of linen.



A Lufthansa Boeing 727 passenger plane similar to the one which was hijacked by Palestine guerrillas.

Libya, up to late last night, made no official comment. Israel, after pleading with Bonn not to give in to the hijackers, said last night that a "terrible deed" had been done and a "dangerous precedent set that could not be forgiven."

A Bon spokesman replied that his Government had "nothing to say".
The three released Arabs were met by Abu Tarek of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and a Libyan Government official. Late last night Tripoli reported that the passengers and crew had decided to stay overnight as "guests of the Libyan Air-
morning when the jetliner, bound from Damascus, via Beirut, Ankara and Munich, to Frankfurt, was hijacked by three Arabs after taking off from Beirut in mid-morning. They said they were members of the Black September organisation. They had hand grenades.
The plane refuelled at Nicosia, flew to Zagreb, went on to Munich but did not land there. The hijackers decided to go back to Zagreb. All the time, the radio negotiations were going on — between Bonn and the hijackers, between Bonn and Zagreb, between Bonn and Tel Aviv.
The West Germans decided to release the three guerrillas held since the Olympics massacre in return for the safety of the airliner's passengers and crew. The hijackers demanded that car and were driven away. Newsmen were prevented from following. The Middle East News Agency said the guerrillas were "in high spirits."
The West German Ambassador to Libya was waiting at the airport for the landing. The drama began yesterday
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Seven Republicans tunnel and climb to freedom, four held DOGS OUT ON CURRAGH AFTER ESCAPE

TROOPS and Gardai with tracker dogs were last night searching the windswept Curragh and West Wicklow regions in atrocious weather conditions for the seven republican prisoners who escaped yesterday afternoon from the Curragh Detention Camp in Co. Kildare.

An official statement issued from Army headquarters last night said that the seven escapees succeeded in tunnelling from cells to an inner compound. An unarmed N.C.O. was overpowered within the compound and the men used a home-made rope to scale the fifteen foot outer wall at 4.45 p.m. It is believed that they were then whisked away in waiting cars.

They eluded military policemen patrolling the perimeter. Four other prisoners were caught while trying to escape by the Duty Officer. The N.C.O. was not injured.

Guards at the prison are unarmed since it was designated a civilian prison last May following riot damage at Mountjoy jail. An inquiry into security there is expected to be demanded.

Six of the men were serving prison sentences and the seventh was on remand awaiting trial. Four are from Northern Ireland and all are members of the Provisional I.R.A.

SIREN SOUNDED

There was consternation within the Curragh Camp immediately after the break-out. Shortly before 5 p.m. the camp siren sounded incessantly and

crowds gathered as troops rushed to report for duty. Within minutes all roads leading to the prison were sealed off and off-duty troops were called out to join search parties.

The Governor of the prison, Comdt. Gerry Enright, was informed immediately, and Gardai from all surrounding stations were joined at roadblocks by military policemen.

CARS HALTED

On all roads in the Kildare-Wicklow area last night cars were halted and the drivers questioned. Troops, Gardai and detectives were rushed to railway stations and they searched the big network of railway lines in the Kildare region.

Coinciding with the Sinn

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Military police and Gardai inspect cars at a road check in Newbridge, Co. Kildare, three miles from the Curragh, on the main Dublin-Cork road.

BLAST ON U.S. CARRIER

The U.S. Navy said yesterday that an undisclosed number of personnel were killed and injured in a fire aboard the aircraft carrier *Saratoga*, which has been operating in Indochina waters.

Pentagon spokesmen confirmed the report of an accident aboard the ship somewhere in the vicinity of Singapore. He did not say whether the ship was at sea or in port when the fire occurred, nor how serious it was. Details were being held up pending notification of next-of-kin.

Security chiefs discuss Dublin bomb attacks

GARDA and Irish Army security chiefs who met yesterday to discuss Saturday night's wave of fire bombings in Dublin, are expected to present a full report to the Cabinet early this week.

Last night details of the meeting were being kept secret but it was known that strict security measures had already been taken to prevent a recurrence of the attacks which damaged three leading Dublin hotels and nearly blasted a railway station. Orders were sent out from the Assistant Garda Commissioner

Fianna Fail group criticises textile report

The Atkins Report on the Textile Industry came in for severe criticism from members of Middleton Fianna Fail at a meeting presided over by Mr. Tom Wallis, U.D.C.

Mr. Charles McAllister, an employee of Middleton Worsted Mills, one of the firms involved in the Report, said that ten months ago consultants were to come and investigate the structure of the textile industry in Ireland with a view to rationalisation. However, they did not come until June. He said the investigation was held under the Atkins group, which carried out a similar investigation in the British textile industry which was published in the British Press. "I cannot however see," he added, "why the Minister for Industry and Commerce cannot divulge the findings of the Irish papers of the Irish report and so put the employees in the textile industry out of the worrying state of mind in which they are at present."

Mr. Ted Murphy, supporting Mr. McAllister, said that when public money is spent on a report, have not the public the right to know the results? It was decided that a four man deputation would meet the Minister for Defence, Mr. Gerry Cronin, and Sean Brosnan, T.D., this weekend. The deputation will consist of four employees of one of the mills involved.

It was also decided to write a strong worded letter to the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Demand that the report be made public.

Ex-minister under house arrest

Former Egyptian War Minister Lt. Gen. Mohammed Ahmed Sadek, has been placed under house arrest after his resignation.

In sweeping moves, apparently designed to purge the armed forces of anti-Soviet elements, President Sadat cashiered more than 700 officers, some of whom were high-ranking commanders, the paper said.

"This move was launched on Thursday night. It was led by President Sadat himself." Al Anwar also said in a report from Cairo.

Sadek, known for his strong anti-Soviet feelings, has been replaced by Gen. Ahmed Ismail Ali, a former chief of staff and head of the general intelligence service.

Gen. Sadat later dismissed the commander of his naval forces, Gen. Mahmoud Fahmy.

Teenager shot dead

A teenage youth died last night after being gunned down with a friend in a Belfast street. The bullets were fired from a passing car.

The boy, aged 16, died in hospital after being hit in the head. The other was not seriously injured after being shot in the shoulder. The incident happened in the city's Cliftonville area.

Shortly after the attack the car involved crashed in nearby Brookvale Avenue and a number of men ran off. Security forces launched a search.

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North Green Paper may stress unity

The British Government's long-awaited "discussions" paper on the future of Northern Ireland will be published today.

It could cause a wave of anger among Protestants. For it is expected to emphasise that links with the Republic cannot be ruled out.

But at the same time it is likely to assure loyalists that the North will remain part of the United Kingdom so long as the majority wish it.

There will be a mass of possible schemes set out in the document, published as a government Green Paper. It will list all the ideas for debate before the government decides its final course.

WANTS CONFERENCE

Northern Ireland Secretary Mr. William Whitelaw wants to get all interested parties to a round-table conference once they studied the proposals.

When their views have been sifted—probably early next year—the government will produce the vital White Paper setting out its policy.

Sinn Fein put on their Sunday best

By Anthony Ring

SINN FEIN (Kevin Street) organisers could feel well-satisfied last night with their annual Ard Fheis. They had a crowded theatre at Liberty Hall. It was standing room only and wildly enthusiastic for the four hours I was allowed to remain there as a journalist.

Of course, those of us like myself who have the course of our careers attended more political party annual conferences than we care to remember know very well how delegates can be produced by the best of party organisers and that one swallow never made a summer.

It is made important, perhaps, to consider why Sinn Fein (Kevin St.) strove to make such an apparent success of their 1972 conference rather than question the credentials of even one of the delegates. Undoubtedly they were keen to have the media men there for a selected diet, although from the repeated frisking for weapons, and the demands at every few yards for the production of press cards, one might have been confused as to the welcome or otherwise. Certainly it seemed that for once the pen was indeed mightier than the sword.

HEROIC EFFORT

However, when the journalists representing Irish, British, American and other news outlets eventually sat down in the front

THREE BELFAST MARCHES PASS QUIETLY

Three marches in Belfast yesterday were completed without incident.

Two were staged in the Andersonstown district — by the People's Democracy and the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association—as protests against internment and army occupation of certain areas. They attracted fewer than 1,000 people in poor weather.

In the city centre, Orangemen marched to church services.

LIFEBOAT SEARCH FOR TWO MEN

Howth lifeboat was last night searching for two men missing off the North Dublin coast in a thirty-foot lobster boat. The men whose names have not been released, put out from Howth about half past two yesterday afternoon. The boat was last seen apparently at anchor off Rush at half-past seven.

70 vehicles in pile-up

DOZENS OF VEHICLES hurled into each other on a motorway which resembled a skid pan last night.

But only two people out of the 27 taken to hospital were seriously hurt.

Both north and south carriageways of the M1 were closed for four miles near the Watford Gap junction with the M6 north of Northampton.

Heavy rain after a dry spell had turned the motorway into a nightmare.

Although the downpour had stopped and visibility was clear, car after car piled up.

In all there were about 70 "shunted" vehicles. A fleet of ambulances ran a shuttle service to Northampton General Hospital and at first it was feared that the casualty toll would be high.

At least one person had to be rescued by fire-

SIX MEN WANTED

But what were believed to have been incendiary devices damaged bedroom accommodation in three city hotels, Wynns, the Skyline and the Crofton Airport.

Gardai said yesterday that they wanted to question six men who checked into some of the hotels but left shortly afterwards. Some of the men, it was stated, had Northern accents.

The porter found the bomb in

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TRUDEAU RESTS HIS CASE

Mr. Pierre Trudeau yesterday rested his case for a second term as Canadian prime minister and awaited today's verdict of the 13 million voters.

Although his Liberal Party is leading in public opinion polls over the major opposition—the Progressive Conservative Party—there is a sufficient margin of voters still wavering to make the outcome very much in doubt.

The latest gallop poll reported 17 per cent of Canadians undecided how they will vote, with the Liberals leading the Conservatives by four per cent.

Two other recent polls showed an even larger proportion of voters not able to make up their minds—31 and 21 per cent respectively.

At the last election in 1968—the first fought by Mr. Trudeau as leader of the Liberals, winning 155 seats in the 264-seat parliament. The Conservatives won 72 seats, the New Democratic Party 22, the Right-Wing Social Credit Party 14 and Independents one.

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THE TWO Palestinian guerrillas who hijacked a West German jetliner with 20 persons on board yesterday, and obtained the release of three Arab commandos accused of taking part in the Olympic massacre, landed safely in Tripoli last night with their hostages.

The Middle East News Agency said the hijackers and their three released comrades emerged, their faces covered with masks. The hijackers then entered a car and were driven away.

The three guerrillas were detained in a heavily guarded room at the airport. The 13 passengers and seven crew were taken to a local hotel where they spent the night. Some were expected to fly to West Germany today and others will return aboard the plane after it has been checked and refuelled.

Earlier the West German Government set up an emergency operations group in Bonn under the chairmanship of Interior Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Chancellor Willy Brandt was kept constantly informed of developments about the hijacking.

A government spokesman said the decision to free the three Arab commandos captured during the Olympic raid was taken by the Bavarian state authorities after consultation with the Bonn Government. The release came within the competence of the Bavarian State Government.

Chancellor Willy Brandt, in his first public comment on the

hijacking, deplored that "such acts of violence repeatedly disrupt the peaceful life of citizens here and in other countries."

WAR OF WORDS

The commandos were flown to Zagreb in Yugoslavia on board an Executive jet where the hijackers were circling the airport aboard the Boeing 727 airliner.

The hijackers originally headed for Munich but switched destinations several times and then flew back in the early afternoon.

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Corkman dies after accident

John Stanton, 356 St. Brendan's Road, Farranree, Cork, died in the North Infrmary last night, about an hour after being involved in a traffic accident.

He was crossing the road at Blackpool Church at about 10.30 when he was struck by a motor-cycle.

He was removed to hospital by Fire Brigade ambulance.

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People from all over Ireland joined the locals in celebrating a great literary tradition in Doneraile over the weekend. "Writers' Week" report Page 10

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Britain Admits: "Province Part Of Geographical Entity Of Ireland"

Close Ties With Republic Must Be Considered

"IT is a fact that Northern Ireland is part of the geographical entity of Ireland", admits the British Government's Green Paper on Northern Ireland, published today.

"No U.K. government for many years has had any wish to impede the realisation of Irish unity if it were to come about by genuine and freely given mutual agreement".

But in a report which has already caused widespread indignation among Unionists, this assurance is given to them: "The guarantee to the people of Northern Ireland that its status as part of the U.K. will not be changed without their consent is an absolute. This pledge cannot and will not be set aside".

Referring to Northern Ireland as a "province", the Green Paper says: "Northern Ireland's close ties with the Republic must be taken into account in any arrangement for the future. Whatever arrangements are made for the future administration of Northern Ireland must take account of the Province's relationship with the Republic. As to the extent that this is done, there is an obligation on the Republic to reciprocate".

"REGIONAL AUTHORITY"

In addition to calling Northern Ireland a "Province", the paper also talks of a "Regional Authority" — a concept which Loyalists would consider a downgrading of Stormont's former powers.

For the first time the date of the plebiscite on the Border is narrowed down to "early in the New Year".

In the critical passage dealing with the Republic, the paper stresses that a settlement must recognise Northern Ireland's position within Ireland as a whole.

Saying that Northern Ireland is part of the geographical entity of Ireland, it goes on: "It shares with the Republic common problems such as the under development of western areas. And in the context of membership of the European Communities Northern Ireland and the Republic will have certain common difficulties and opportunities which will differ in some respects from those which will face Britain".

The paper mentions the minority in Northern Ireland which sees itself as simply part of the wider Irish community.

Whitelaw On 'Unalterable Facts Of Life'

In a foreword to the Green Paper, titled "The Future of Northern Ireland, a paper for discussion", Mr. William Whitelaw says the Government's objective is to deliver the people of Northern Ireland from violence and fear, and bring about a peaceful future.

The paper does not set out any single scheme for the future but defines some of the fundamental conditions which must be met by any settlement.

Mr. Whitelaw says the purpose of the paper is to place the Northern Ireland situation "in the wider context of certain unalterable facts of life — political, economic and military — which must fundamentally influence any settlement."

He adds: "This paper is intended to provide a comprehensive basis for further discussions which I now propose immediately to put in hand."

"These must go ahead with the utmost urgency. What is at issue is the future of Northern Ireland..."

In a section the Loyalists may find hard to swallow, the paper says that Northern Ireland's status as part of the United Kingdom "does not preclude the necessary taking into account of... the Irish dimension".

The objective now must be to advance rapidly as possible towards the preparation of a comprehensive new scheme for the government of Northern Ireland which will satisfy these fundamental conditions." It also mentions the possibility of extending the Act which brought in direct rule. This ends on March 30.

But the paper says that while it is possible to extend it for a further limited period "there are strong grounds for keeping such a period to a minimum".

"The problem of accommodating that minority within the political structures of Northern Ireland has to some considerable extent been an aspect of a wider problem within Ireland as a whole."

"No U.K. Government for many years has had any wish to impede the realisation of Irish unity if it were to come about by genuine and freely given mutual agreement and on conditions acceptable to distinctive communities."

"It is therefore clearly desirable that any new arrangements for Northern Ireland should, while meeting the wishes of Northern Ireland and Great Britain, be so far as possible acceptable to and accepted by the Republic, which from January 1 will share the rights and obligations of membership of the European Communities."

"It remains the view of the U.K. Government that it is for the people of Northern Ireland to decide what should be their relationship to the U.K. and to the Republic and that it should not be impossible to devise measures which will meet the best interests of all three."

CHANGE IN STATUS?

The paper goes on: "Such measures would seek to secure the acceptance, in both Northern Ireland and in the Republic, of the present status of Northern Ireland and of the possibility — which would have to be compatible with the principle of consent — of subsequent change in that status."

They would also "make possible effective consultation and co-operation in Ireland for the benefit of North and South alike" and provide "a firm basis for concerted governmental and community action against those terrorist organisations which represent a threat to free democratic institutions in Ireland as a whole".

THE PROPOSALS

The paper lists proposals put by political parties and individuals for the future of Northern Ireland.

The arguments, it says, range from a regional authority at one extreme to a parliament which would exercise more freely existing powers of the Northern Ireland Parliament.

But the British Government lays down eight criteria which any firm proposals must meet.

The key one says: "In accordance with specific pledges given by successive U.K. Governments, Northern Ireland must and will remain part of the U.K. for as long as that is the wish of a majority of the people — but that status does not preclude the necessary taking into account of... the Irish dimension".

Other points stress: The sovereignty of the U.K. Parliament must be acknowledged as long as Northern Ireland remains part of the U.K. Division of powers and responsibilities between national and regional authorities must be

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Fine Gael Welcomes Report

Fine Gael, the leading Opposition party, said the N.I. Green Paper was a refreshing recognition of a simple trust.



MR. WHITELAW



MR. HEATH

Big Manhunt Continues For Escaped Prisoners

THE search continued throughout the day for the seven I.R.A. prisoners who escaped from the Curragh detention barracks yesterday, leading to one of the most intensive manhunt for years.

Early today, groups of gardai and troops converged at strategic points in a co-ordinated sweep of the countryside in case the men had not yet left a confined area. Late last night tracker dogs were used.

The men who escaped are Thomas McGrath and Patrick Quinn of Coalisland, Co. Tyrone; James Hazlett, Dungiven, Co. Derry; James McCabe, Dublin; Christopher Murphy, Rathblaney, Co. Limerick; Michael McVerney, Ravensdale, Co. Louth; and Colin Murphy Belleek, Co. Fermanagh.

At dawn this morning Army and Garda chiefs who were in constant touch with the Departments of Defence and Justice met to discuss the progress of the intensive search and it is understood that there will be further conferences later.

INQUIRY LIKELY

It is believed that an inquiry into the escape will be ordered. News of the escape was conveyed to Mr. O'Malley, Minister for Justice and to the Taoiseach who was one of the first to be informed.

Throughout the morning the homes of known I.R.A. sympathisers in the Kildare, Wicklow and Laois region were visited by detectives and gardai. As the day wore on, the suspicion grew stronger that the breakout was part of a well-laid plan and that the escapees were picked up by supporters outside.

The men tunneled from a cell block to an adjacent compound or exercise yard and used an

improvised rope to get over the 15ft outer wall, after overpowering an unarmed military policeman.

Four other prisoners who tried to escape were foiled by the duty Officer, and were returned to the cells.

Late last night a rumour that four of the men had been recaptured in the Kildare area was denied officially.

The guard at the Curragh Prison has been doubled and it was learned today that there are proposals to floodlight an area around it.

The last time the Curragh military base was used as a detention centre in the late 1950s a total of 20 I.R.A. men escaped.

Three were immediately recaptured, but the others succeeded in staying free until internment was ended in the Republic in March 1959.

Ruairi O'Bradaigh, now president of the Provisional Sinn Fein, and David O'Connell, vice-president, were successful escapees from the Curragh.



Mr. Tom Wallis, Chairman Midleton U.D.C., seen presenting the trophy for the Tidy Streets Competition to Michael Savage U.D.C., for handing over to the residents of Tim Daly/Tom Clarke's Terrace, this year's winners. Included are: Councillors Noel Collins, David Keane, Con Carey M.C.C., Phil Glavin, Anthony Barry, M. J. O'Sullivan, engineer; and Donal Counihan, Town Clerk. —(O'Reilly)

"LAW AND ORDER CONTROL MUST COME FROM WESTMINSTER"

The Green Paper says: "In any situation where the army and the civilian police force are both involved in maintaining law and order and combatting terrorism, it is essential there should be a single source of direct responsibility."

"Since Westminster alone can control the armed forces of the Crown this unified control must mean Westminster control."

"For the future, any arrangements must ensure that the U.K. Government has an effective and a determining voice in relation to any circumstances which involve, or may involve in the future, the commitment of the armed forces, the use of emergency powers, or repercussions at international level".

Another Hotel Fire In Dublin

A fire in another Dublin hotel this morning — the fifth city hotel fire since Saturday — increased fears that a campaign of attacks on the capital had begun by the illegal Northern U.V.F., in which bombs and incendiary devices are the main weapons.

Three sections of Dublin Fire Brigade fought this morning's outbreak in a bedroom in the North Star Hotel opposite Connolly (Amiens St) Station where 12 lb. gelignite bomb was found in a toilet and defused by an Army officer half an hour before it was due to go off at 1.30 pm on Saturday.

Rumours were flying that the North Star blaze was started by an incendiary device as happened in the four hotel fires on Saturday night but a Garda spokesman declined to comment until their investigations had been completed.

After the outbreak had been brought under control within about a half an hour, experts from the Garda Technical Bureau and detectives moved in to sift through the remains of a number of damaged bedrooms looking for clues to the cause of the blaze.

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The Green Paper

THE Green Paper on the North begins to admit that the fourth green field may one day be joined again with the other three.

The virtue of the British Government is that it seems to have provided some hope for a variety of viewpoints. So much so indeed that one tries to insulate one's hopes from the old saying about how one can "please all the people all of the time."

Yet, on paper at least, the British Government promises an advance and William White-law must be credited with sincerity in trying, after Darling-ton, and to some extent succeeding.

Concerning the N. Ireland, Britain, S. Ireland, he almost seems to be a sort of political man for all seasons.

The welcome the Green Paper has so far received is, of course, no guarantee that fractious elements in the North will discern the virtue of its contents.

By admission and by veiled implication, the British Government has gone far to as-sure that jungle of fears and hopes and violence that N. Ireland has now become, with all its chaos of prejudices.

The Green Paper at least shows that Whitelaw, Heath and the British cabinet are cap-able of a diplomatic virtuosity that can perceive the elements of a tangled and disastrous situation in a masterful fashion.

It now remains to be seen whether the strife-torn con-stituents of the Northern tra-gedy can digest with reason and impartiality a document that points the way for peace and justice and dignity for all con-cerned.

If this is too much to hope for then we had better get down on our knees and pray for night.

Five years with Department

CARLOW urban councillors decided at their meeting on Tuesday (October 24) to send a deputation to the Department of Local Government as soon as it could be arranged. This is in protest at the Depart-ment's failure to sanction the water improvement scheme for Carlow sent in five and a half years ago.

Referring to the large amount of correspondence between the council and the De-partment over the last few years on the water improve-ment question, Co. Manager,

Mr. E. M. Murray said "They (Dept.) seem to be bogged down."

Mr. Sean Prendergast, chair-man, said the town had need-lessly suffered in the failure to get the water improvement works.

Councillor James referred to the foresight of the Co. En-gineer, Mr. Paddy Barnard: "If it were not for the Burrin scheme we would be very badly hit with the reservoir as it is at the moment," he said.

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NOT HAPPY WITH GRANTS SCHEME



Students from the Regional College marching through the streets of Carlow.

Students out in protest

STUDENTS of Carlow's Re-gional College came out on the streets of the town on Friday, October 24, in protest at the Government's education policy in the universities and re-gional colleges.

The 350 students walked

with placards and banners from the college to the CEO's offices in Athy Road. They handed in a letter out-lining their protest to a re-presentative of the CEO. He told the students he would bring their protest to the notice of the Board of Manage-ment.

The protest, similar to those held all over the country on the same day, is the start of a campaign by USI (Union of Students of Ireland) to get a better deal for students and to make higher education avail-able to more young people.

In a press release the USI said "Never yet has the Govern-ment seriously negotiated with USI on the planned intro-duction of a comprehensive grants scheme."

They quoted the Irish Con-gress of Trade Unions: "At pre-sent only a small fraction of university students come from lower income families and in this respect we are far behind most other European coun-tries."

The students say their cam-paign in seeking the support of the public is not one where "we will ask the work-ing class taxpayer to give more for the education of mid-dle class children, but where we ask the working class

taxpayer to oppose an educa-tional system which discrim-inates against him." The state-ment continues: "The regional technical colleges were ac-claimed as the paramount ach-ievement of educational de-velopment in the '60s. Yet not one course in these colleges is considered as eligible for grants in the Dublin VEC Colleges, out of over 4,000 students in '70/71 only 13 re-ceived grants."

Comparisons on the amount of money expended on educa-tion are made with Northern Ireland, in '70/71 the Re-public with a population of 2,978,248 spent £72,865,000 on education; Northern Ireland with a population of 1,484,775 spent £69,109,000.

"The Republic spends £562,000 on students grants and scholarships while the North-ern Ireland Government spends about 4 1/2 times more with £2,529,000.

"In the Republic the Govern-ment spends £384 per uni-versity student. In the North-ern government therefore spends about 3 1/2 times more on each university student.

"The only way to get the Department of Education to

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Sugar beet is all right but not vegetables

THE future for the Irish Sugar Beet industry will continue to be prosperous, predicted Mr. John Fardy, Chairman of the Irish Farmers' Association's Sugar Beet and Vegetable Section on Tuesday (October 31).

Mr. Fardy, Vice-President of the Irish Farmers' Association, was presiding at the annual general meeting of the Sugar Beet and Vegetable Section in the Irish Farm Centre.

He said that as this was their first annual general meeting since joining together with four other farming organ-isations to form the Irish Farmers' Association, he felt

we should pause to consider what has been achieved, and what the future holds for the Irish sugar beet producer.

Now with our entry into the EEC, new markets will be opened up for our sugar products and the Beet and Vegetable Section will do everything possible to prepare the industry on the production side to face any new com-petition.

While new markets will be opened up to us they will not be handed to us. We will have to go out and work to get our share of those markets.

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Young Abbey group coming to Carlow

Will perform in schools and youth centre

THE ABBEY "Theatre in Edu-cation" will be making its first venture outside Dublin when they visit Waterford this week and Carlow on Thursday next, November 9.

The visit to Carlow is being organised in co-operation with the local branch of the National Association of Drama for Young People (NADYP), under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Ryan (Oisín Players).

This is the first provincial tour of schools, youth clubs

and other social centres by the Young Abbey group, which has been operating for the past two years on a part-time basis and is now a complete professional entity.

The group, under the direc-tion of Mr. Joe Dowling, will be putting on three shows in Carlow, the principal of which will be a presentation entitled "The Play's the Thing", in Carlow Youth Centre on Thursday night.

This is described as an ex-amination of theatres, players

'Thousand jobs lost in last ten years'

Carlow workers express concern about situation

"THE Regional College and schools in County Carlow are educating our children for dead-end jobs and for export to the EEC..."

"In the past ten years 1,100 jobs have been lost in Carlow, Tullow and Bagenalstow. How many hundreds have emigrated from the county? Yet in ten years we have got only one major new factory... (Erin Foods)."

"Next Summer there will be 1,000 unemployed. The IDA's report aiming at 450 new jobs for Carlow, Tullow and Bagenalstown is just scratching the ground..."

"The Chamber of Com-merce, the local Industrial Committee and other groups have no idea of the conditions of the unemployed in this town..."

"A sewing circus run by a women's organisation would do more for the unemployed of the town than have these in-dustrial bodies..."

ed that they approach the sha-dow Minister for Finance, Mr. Garret FitzGerald.

Mr. Tom Fitzgibbon said a loophole for escape had been left by the Deputies and Min-

ister concerning the alter-nate industry. Deputy Nolan had said there was a 65 per cent chance of

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Seven tunnel way out of Curragh

Four more foiled in effort

SUNDAY'S dash to freedom by seven Republican prisoners in the Curragh took place from what was considered the "unbreakable glass-house."

The 20 ft. tunnel which the men dug was a fast job, a week's work, and the speed and camouflage of the dig out clay was the key to the success of their escape.

The tunnel brought them to a corner of a wall at which there is shrubbery and trees. At this point the wall runs parallel with the perimeter of the camp, and, because of the shrubbery, is not as open to view as the other sides of the compound.

Three cars are said to have been waiting to whisk them away in the Dublin direction and the most commonly held belief is that when they got near the city they all went their separate directions with a car provided for each.

An escape bid by four more prisoners was foiled when a duty officer making a routine check discovered a bound and gagged military policeman in a remote corner of the "glass-house."

A massive search was im-mediately launched by troops and gardai. Off-duty troops were recalled and all roads leading to the detention bar-racks were sealed off.

Roadblocks were set up throughout Co. Kildare and surrounding areas and traffic built up on all main roads as cars were halted and their drivers questioned. Railway stations were also searched and a watch was being kept

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Trident pilot's heart attack

THE PILOT of the B.E.A. Trident aircraft on which 12 prominent Irish businessmen, including Michael Rigby Jones, Managing Director of Irish Ropes, Newbridge, lost their lives, had a heart attack shortly after take-off. The plane crashed at Staines, Middlesex, England, last June.

This was revealed in an autopsy on Capt. Stanley Key by a senior pathologist at Guy's Hospital, London.

Capt. Key had a history of coronary problems which in-cluded a hardening of the arteries. This medical evidence will be put forward at the public

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Elected

Mr. Brendan Brophy, Kells-town, has been elected Chair-man of The National Poultry Council at their meeting in Osbertown House, Naas, last week.

In control

The factory has also told the workers' committee that any form of alternative industry to be accommodated in the Erin Food plant would have to be more than 50 per cent under the control of the Sugar Factory.

"This root evil of labour control by the Sugar Factory will have to be stopped. As soon as it is we will have in-dustry."

Mr. Tony Geoghegan sug-gested that the committee con-tact Deputy Nolan with the purpose of getting a meeting with the Minister again.

Mr. Herbert Walsh: "Isn't it laughable. We have had these representatives in meet-ings and still we have unem-ployment. I think we want something more solid, a better movement."

"When we look for an an-swer about why the industry has not come we will be left on the long finger. Forty men are now working in Erin Food At the peak period 300 to 400 worked there."

Mr. Pascal Phelan suggest-

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The workers in Carlow are worried about jobs

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it coming to Ireland and a 90 per cent chance of it coming to Carlow if it did come to Ireland.

"I think we should ask him did the factory go elsewhere, to Middleton? And was political pull stronger in Cork than it was in Carlow."

Mr. Edward Brennan said that with four to five hundred unemployed after the campaign and the number who would be leaving the schools in the area and the Regional College, there would easily be 1,000 unemployed in the county next summer.

"I have every facility for educating our children but nowhere to put them working. We can only export them to the Common Market. The situation is very serious," he said.

Questions

Pascal Phelan said that on Wednesday morning he had requested Deputy Governor to ask two questions in the Dail—(1) What acreage Erin Foods would have this year and (2) What number of workers would be employed?

Mr. Tom Fitzgibbon said that there were chaps walking round the town with four honours in the Leaving Certificate. Shop assistants were being sought with Leaving Cert. standard.

Edward Brennan: "What are we educating them for? It's just a waste of talent."

Mr. Herbert Walsh: "We are educating them for dead-end jobs and emigration."

Edward Brennan said the Erin Foods management had said the unions would be informed of any moves or alterations in the company.

Chairman: "But they didn't."

Herbert Walsh: "Why aren't the workers brought in? We are the ones affected."

Pascal Phelan said the reports going up all round, is "The Nationalist" concerning unsuitability of Carlow soil for tillage and vegetable growing were completely false. He said it had 600 acres and there was no better tillage land in the country than Carlow and Wexford.

Mr. Tom Fitzgibbon said workers were only now starting to move to do something about the industrial weakness of the town and county because of the sudden beginning to disappear.

"Instead of nine months' work we have suddenly realised that there is, at a maximum, only ten weeks' work."

"It is being brought home to us as workers that Carlow town instead of being a boom town of lovely new housing estates going up all round, is a town with no jobs."

"This horrible realisation has made us take action," he said.

In an industrial review of the last ten years in Carlow the workers' committee accounted for 1,100 jobs lost. On July 6, unemployment figures for Carlow, Tullow and Bagenalstown stood at 836.

Governor's foot factory, 200 jobs lost; the Sugar Factory at its peak employed 1,100, now only 400 workers, that has dropped from 480 to 120 workers; Rosmore Collieries closed with 72 on its books; Mung, only ten workers, with a loss of 53 jobs. In Thompsons 80 have been made redundant; in Minch Nortons, seven jobs lost and in GEC several jobs lost.

There were no changes in the number of workers at Car-

corans. Two new shoe factories in the town employ about 70. Oak Park and the Regional College for the most part have given employment to professional and technical staff from outside the town, and so have not affected the unemployment situation.

In fact, the problem has increased because these people need accommodation, education and most important of all, employment for their own children in time.

The population of Carlow town is now 9,500 and is increasing. More young people are being educated, yet we have got only one sizeable factory in time.

Mr. Pascal Phelan said that the BVA had informed the committee that they were prepared to do extra acreage on vegetables. But the Sugar Co. had cut back the acreage and had compensated with extra beef acreage.

Fifty acres of celery had gone to Glencolumille and Skibbereen, ten to twelve weeks' work for 120 women; 400 acres of carrots; 280 acres of turnips; 35 acres of onions.

"We have eight to nine weeks' work instead of nine months," one man reported.

The IDA's report about creating 450 new jobs for the county in Carlow, Tullow and Bagenalstown is just "scratching the surface" the committee felt.

The committee outlined their five months' progress since their formation in June.

When the workers in Erin Foods heard of the coming closure of the factory, Deputy Tom Nolan was contacted through the trade unions with a view to arranging a meeting with the Minister.

During that time also a meeting was held with the management of the Sugar Factory.

"We were told they would be kept informed and they told us that the Erin Foods factory was a milestone around their necks and that as soon as they could shake it off the easier it would be to get some worthwhile alternative."

"We were told there would only be 7 to 10 weeks' work which was no good to anyone."

The BVA and the IFA and they stated that they were never consulted over the closing. The BVA told us they were willing to increase the vegetable acreage but that the Sugar Company had decreased the acreage and increased the beef acreage in compensation for the cut-back in vegetables.

Ministers

"We met the Ministers Colley and Lawlor and Deputies Nolan and Governor in Leinster House to discuss the unemployment situation in the town."

Mr. Colley stated that Erin Foods would not close before an alternative industry to absorb the workers was provided in the town.

Mr. Lawlor said a statement on the new industry would be made before the 1st of September.

"We met the Sugar Company head staff and heard the same story about wanting to get the Erin Foods, that they couldn't continue to lose money on it as they were at the moment."

"They showed us the alternative uses being re-dundant vegetable factories abroad and told us that the Sugar Company would have to give us a 'partnership' with whatever new industry came."

The work will be completed on the houses. He says completion of the work is the absolute priority.

Of the sixty houses involving about twelve are completed.

The architect representing the urban council, Mr. David Keane of McCormack, Keane and partners, architects, Dublin, said "We have asked McMahon builders to start again."

Ulster Bank opening

THE new Ulster Bank premises at Main St., Newbridge, which opened for business on Wednesday morning (Nov. 1) is one of the most modern in the country. A special feature is that a car park has been provided at the rear of the bank for customers and a press button security system has also been installed.

The manager of the new bank is Mayo born Mr. Sean O'Loughlin who is married with one child and comes on promotion from the bank's Ardee branch. He has been eleven years with the company in banking.

The bank was first established in Newbridge fourteen months ago and it was found the new premises were needed due to expansion of business. A reception to mark the official opening was held on Tuesday night, October 31.



Rev. Fr. P. J. Brophy, president St. Patrick's College, Carlow; Mrs. A. J. Synnott, Regional Chairman, Rehabilitation Institute South East Leinster; Mr. A. J. O'Neill, Regional Manager, Rehabilitation Institute, Carlow, and Dr. D. O'Brien, C.M.O., Carlow, at the Killarney M.H. Conference.

Towards becoming a complete person

Second of a two-part article based on a paper by Miss Ruth Lewis

THIS week we continue with the second part of Miss Ruth Lewis's paper to the Annual Conference of the Mental Health Association of Ireland at Killarney last week.

Miss Lewis, who is at present working with the Killarney Social Services, is an expert on youth work and conducts courses for school leavers in Killarney.

It is perhaps this way we want our young people to be... I think that much of the violence we see around us is creativity gone sour. (I am aware that we seem to be taking violence more and more as part of everyday living. How many of us are as conscientious of each death we hear about now in the North, as we were, say, eight or nine months ago?)

Violence

D. W. Willis in his recent book, *A Place Like Home*, which is a study of working boys living in a hostel, who were unwilling to join clubs, and who watched T.V. endlessly, writes:

"I cannot believe that all this T.V. violence, verbal and physical, is going to be without its effect on our social life. Watching it hour after hour, night after night, I do not see how these young people can avoid making the assumption that what goes on there with such monotonous regularity is a reflection of ordinary life, as it is lived."

Life in which business mouths habitually speak to each other in tones of insufferable offensiveness, and where husbands and wives do nothing but quarrel together, and commit adultery apart. It is quite customary if someone says something you don't like to smash your fist into his face, or your knee into his groin, and shooting is going on, everywhere, all the time."

Psychiatrist Derek Miller says that a group of drugged adolescents who sit in a circle, staring into space, may be likened to another group of people watching T.V.

But aggression, as Clara Tompkins, American Analyst, reminds us "is not necessarily

destructive at all. It springs from an innate tendency to grow and to master life, which seems to be characteristic of all living matter. Only when this life force is obstructed in its development, do ingredients of anger, rage or hate, become connected with it."

Our talents and gifts may be used at work and in our leisure hours. I believe that it is vitally important to be fulfilled and happy in work. I am sure that we all believe this—but... in practice, do we not sometimes force our children into safe, well-paid—and most important socially acceptable jobs—rather than allowing them to seek and find the job that they want to do?

Might we not also see in son or daughter, the opportunity for fulfilling ourselves, by proxy, as it were.

Some people are in jobs in which they are not in any way fulfilled and where no demands are made of their natural talents (though great demands may be made of them emotionally) and the strain of insufferable or unpleasant conditions of work.

What a joy it is to find, as I have done, a works foreman, so conscious of the handicap of a messenger boy on his floor, that he went to endless time and trouble to ensure that the boy was taught to read—slowly, painfully, at the age of sixteen, so that in time the lad could be given opportunities for a better job, with training.

It is incumbent on all of us to share whatever education we have, with those whose right also it is to have what we have had, but who, through no fault of their own, have not had the same opportunities.

If there are men and women unfulfilled in their daily work, how much more essential that

they should find satisfying leisure activities, which they will be happy to enjoy—alone or with others.

An awareness of peoples' needs is a first prerequisite for them with imagination and inventiveness... many leisure time interests may be pursued in limited accommodation, and with very limited resources.

And unemployment? Can those of us in safe, assured jobs even begin to know what it feels like to be without a job and with little prospect of finding one?

A young friend of mine of 21 had not worked for two years because he couldn't get a job. He went through all the depression, boredom and frustration that only an intelligent lad must feel when he is without work.

When he finally was offered a job, he lost it after two weeks, because he couldn't get to the job on time. It is hard to break the pattern of lying in bed because you have nothing to do, and it's easier to sleep away your worries and problems if you can—it's also easier to skip a meal in bed.

Suicidal

Without a job again he has become suicidal, for he has the feeling that nobody much cares. He is right to ask how many people do care.

There are creative talents in all of us which have to be developed if we are going to be really a complete person. What recreational opportunities are available?—cinemas, dance halls and then?...

A visitor to Ireland this Summer commented to me that everywhere he went there were crowds of young people standing about doing nothing. He assumed that this was just because of holidays. He

was partly right, but there are people of broad young people with nothing to do standing around in nearly every town.

What are we going to do for them? Are we aware of the drink problem, of the drug problem—two obvious forms of escape from this boredom? But perhaps we limit the ways in which we encourage others to develop, by the limits we put on the perception of the word talent. It is certainly more than skills and academic ability.

Qualities

What about the art of being creative with people? How better to do this than encourage full development of the qualities of manhood and womanhood in all of us. So we must help the young to learn about relationships of all kinds. They will learn, only by experiencing friendship. We need courage to allow them to move away from us towards other people in all sorts of directions.

Erich Fromm says that "man gives his life meaning by the unfolding of his powers, by living productively..."

I believe that in many situations we could offer to other people an opportunity for living more productively—thereby making them happier people.

I believe that we constantly underestimate what people can do and for nestness conformity or because of institutional structures we may confine and limit others as well as ourselves.

We need to be adventurous, generous—we may have to take risks—because mistakes will be made, but the Parable of the Talents gives an unmistakable directive to us all.

Who would dare to ignore it?

Seven tunnel way out of Curragh

Four more foiled in effort

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on all railway lines in the vicinity.

The escapees were: Thomas McGrath, Coaisland, described as well-built with a short dark beard and a cast in one eye; Patrick Quint, also of Coaisland, heavily built, wearing long dark sidelocks; and Gerald Hazlett, Dungeniv, Co. Derry, 5' 6", slim build, pale complexion with dark hair; James McCabe, St. Edna's Drive, Rathfarnham, 5' 6", red complexion with fair hair; Chris Murphy, Rathbane, Limerick, average height and fair hair; Michael McVerney, Ravensdale, Dundalk, wearing a black beard, well-built; and Colm Murphy, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, 5' 8", small and slim build. All were wearing civilian clothes.

there was no information available and that there was no one available to speak to. There was a complete clamp-down on specific information as to how the prisoners escaped. An Army statement simply said "Seven prisoners have escaped from the Military Detention Centre at the Curragh Camp at 16.45 on October 29. They got away the outside by tunnelling from a cell and scaling the outer wall. Four others were prevented from escaping by the Duty Officer. An unarmed M.P. within the precincts was overpowered. A search is now in progress for the escapees."

Among the first people to be notified of the escape were the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, and the Minister for Justice, Mr. O'Malley.

When the other prisoners learned that seven men had successfully escaped, there was cheering and shouting and the guard on the prison was doubled.

Prisoners were first moved to the Curragh detention centre last May after rioting by Republican prisoners on Mountjoy Prison led to severe damage there.

Prisoners were designated a prison under Prisons Act which was rushed through the Dail. There have been a number of protest demonstrations at the camp over the holding of prisoners in military custody and prisoners themselves have gone on hunger strike over conditions.

Military personnel on duty in the prison are not armed, according to an Army spokesman.

Inquiry

It is believed that some of the escapees were involved in the recent hunger strike at the Centre, when the 33 prisoners there protested against the bad conditions. A full Army inquiry is in progress into how the tunnel was constructed so long and how the men managed to get clear of the Camp in broad daylight.

Asked to explain how the military policeman who was overpowered by the escapees was unarmed, an Army Officer said that this was in compliance with the terms for guarding prisoners under the Department of Justice Regulations.

Pressmen were told that

Five years with Department

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Mr. Prendergast: "We will have to take the bull by the horns. This can't be allowed to drag on."

Councillor Callinan: "This water shortage has highlighted the inadequacy of water supply systems all over the country."

Councillor Alcock: "The point is that we have the water but we can't use it."

The Manager advised the council to send the revised estimate for the new water scheme to the Department. It has risen from £65,000 to £80,000 since the first request for the scheme.

Councillor John O'Brien said the public should be made aware of the amount of work and correspondence undertaken by the council for the new water scheme, because with the present water situation the council would be slated for the Department's failure to sanction the new works.

The Manager then traced the efforts of the council.

In 1967 a team of consultants submitted a report to the Department on the scheme for Carlow. This was approved in principle by the Department in July '68. Between July '68 and December '70 steps were taken by the council to have the water order made and plans and specifications for the scheme were submitted to the Department in April 1971.

Since then the council has been pressing for approval of the scheme to go ahead and seek tenders.

"It's nearly five and a half years since we first put in for the scheme," said Councillor O'Brien. "And it is going to cost a lot more now."

Councillor Alcock asked could not Killarney Reservoir be improved and cleaned out? Mr. Barnard said: "It is too dangerous to clean out at the moment."

In answer to Councillor James, who said that there seemed to be a major leak from the reservoir, he said: "There is a leak but it is not all that serious."

Builder no longer on Carlow site

WORK on part of the Paupish local authority housing scheme has come to a halt since Wednesday last (October 29).

Mr. Brendan Mahon, building contractor, Portlinton, who has been engaged in the erection of 60 houses in the 136 house estate has been off the site since Wednesday, as he has his thirty workmen.

The other 96 houses are being built by McInerney's, building contractor, Dublin.

Mr. Martin McCarthy, Acting Town Clerk, said there is a temporary lull in operations on the McMahon scheme. He says there has been a dispute between Mr. McMahon and the architect in charge concerning progress on the site.

Mr. McCarthy says progress on the houses has been very slow since August but he was hopeful that a settlement will be reached soon and that

Licence back

ANDREW O'Callaghan, Brockley Park, Strabally, had his driving licence restored by Justice Sweetman at Portlaoise Court on Friday, October 20.

Mr. O'Callaghan was convicted of drunk driving at Portlaoise Circuit Court last April and had his licence suspended for a year.

Justice Sweetman restored the licence from October 27.

Trident pilot's heart attack

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inquiry next month in London as the cause which led to the death plunge of the plane.

According to the Sunday Times the medical evidence is likely to call into question the system of medical examinations which British pilots have to take every six months to continue flying. Pilots undergo a thorough cardiac examination every two years.

The flap on front of the Trident's wings were retracted prematurely at 1,750 feet, instead of 3,000 feet prior to the stall which killed the 118 people on board the airliner. The aircraft was also flying 61 knots too slow for the 'droops' to have been retracted.

Accident investigators have established that the co-pilot Second Officer Jeremy Keighley (22), would have taken control, when Capt. Key became ill but he had only five take-off experiences in Tridents.

The crash robbed Ireland of twelve of its top economic experts who were travelling to Brussels to attend meetings prior to Ireland's entry to E.E.C. The aircraft stalled at 2,000 feet shortly after take-off and plunged into a field near the Staines-by-pass.

Great future for beet but not for vegetables

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He said: "In the Beet and Vegetable Section we have shown real achievement and seen many changes in the sugar beet growing industry in the last four years."

"Without doubt the most remarkable and significant achievement has been the increase of 20,000 acres under sugar beet. This explosion in sugar beet acreage followed the long and sustained negotiations by our Council members with both the Government and C.S.E.T."

"The most difficult and dramatic of our negotiations took place in Brussels earlier this year and there is no doubt that the presence of our negotiators in Brussels greatly helped the Government negotiators in squeezing from the Commission extra sugar beet acreage for this country."

"For years people all over the country have been spluttering out wonderful phrases about how to save the West, but have done very little concrete to follow this through. We are particularly pleased that our efforts in the promotion of Beet and Vegetable growing in the West are paying off for Western farmers. I am delighted to point out that the acreage under beet in the Tuam area this year has reached the target of 10,000 acres, which is far in excess of what was produced in the area five to six years ago."

He pointed out that the sugar beet industry plays a vital and major role in the economy of this country in that it employs more than 5,000 people—mainly males—and that the industry has a total

turnover of around £30 million.

He said the dramatic increase in the use of mechanical husbandry techniques brought in associated problems but through the constant efforts of their negotiators these problems have been alleviated by increased use of cleaner loaders and a change in the method of measuring top tare at the factories.

He welcomed the diversification by C.S.E.T. of its interests into fertilisers and machinery but particularly into the machinery manufacturing sphere and he complimented the Company on the quality and standard of the machinery which they produce.

He regretted that the picture of the vegetable processing industry was not a rosy one and it was very difficult to predict what the future will hold for vegetable growers. The demand for land for dairying, for beef, for lambs and sheep is growing with momentum, so for the vegetable farmer serious questions must be faced in relation to future prospects in this particular area.

Mr. Farady said he was very honoured to be in the position of congratulating I.F.A.'s President, Mr. T. J. Maher, on his nomination to the Board of C.S.E.T. For years farmers have been clamouring to be represented on Bodies such as C.S.E.T. where their expertise could be used to the fullest and Mr. Maher's nomination was therefore welcomed by every farmer in the country.

Mr. Farady concluded by sincerely thanking the media both at National and local level for their kind co-operation throughout the year.

Students out in protest

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move is by political pressure! says Pat Dawson, Acting President of the Regional College S.C.

He criticised the students' grant scheme. He wants it scrapped and in its place a definite fund for Regional College students.

Commenting on the march by the Carlow Regional College did not sit down. It did its bit for the students of Ireland."

How will the townspeople react to the student protest? "If they have young kids of their own, they will give the support we deserve," he said.

Controlled

"The marchers controlled themselves and they acted like third level students."

Student Orlaith O'Brien says "Marching makes people aware of the situation. The townspeople should at least be of the intelligence to see that this is not just another gag."

"Grants," she said, "were not high enough."

"University grants are much higher than ours and we should get as much as they do."

Mary Byrne, studying Civil Engineering points to the lack of civil engineering teachers. She says: "We are not getting half the classes we should."

Mechanical Engineering student Shay Jameson complains that while diploma-student grants last only two years, students must study three years before receiving their diplomas.

He says: "We were hard up last year, but now digs have gone up again."

What do the college teachers have to say of the protest? "The number of people who say students are upstarts could be disregarded," said one teacher. The march would probably draw attention to their complaints. Asked if the students' action was really

worthwhile he said: "They wouldn't be wasting their time."

"Their demands are completely justified," commented another teacher. "There was no march, for them to do except march."

"There's no reason why they shouldn't get grants" said one young teacher. "They deserve them because they work hard, I wouldn't see any reason why the people of the town should not support them."

Pat O'Connor, student, said: "22 out of 27 passed their final engineering exams, this year. They came back in October for their results and diplomas and were told you won't get your diplomas until you have completed three months practical work in industry."

He says: "So we don't know what our diplomas will mean, whether we can call ourselves qualified engineers or not, when we go for interviews."

Pat O'Connor says: "When we began the Business Studies course the curriculum said we would be awarded a diploma after two years and a higher diploma after three."

"We finished first year and were then told by the Department that we would only get a certificate after two years—a certificate the lowest award you can get."

Students of the Food Science course were also to receive a diploma but now can only get a certificate.

Brendan Cummins said that apprentices in the Regional College had grievances too.

In the curriculum it says that those with Leaving Certificate or 'suitable craft apprenticeship' were eligible for entrance to the course for Electronic and Mechanical Engineering.

Evan O'Keefe: "No grants were awarded by the Department to students in the College and the scholarships are inadequate. The maximum grant is £250 and out of this £30 goes on fees and £10 to £15 on books. The student has

to pay £6 a week for digs, while still having to buy his dinner each day at the College and provide accommodation and recreation for the week-end."

Pat O'Connor: "The Regional College is completely understaffed. Business Studies (1) started on September 9. It is now the first of November and we have not yet got a teacher for Behavioural Science, a compulsory subject."

"In Business Studies (2) we have no teacher yet for law, which must be taken in the final exam."

"They are talking about putting on a BA course here. But what use is a BA course when the library here is practically non-existent. Most of the books we do have are on loan from the lecturers themselves and not from the Department," says Richard Bury.

"They are not educating us. It is just an education factory," said a student. "Everyone is playing Regional College education by ear—the Government, the Department, the college authorities. All we are told when we ask for clear cut answers to what exactly our courses will entail and what they will equip us for is that there is no official confirmation as yet."

Complaining

"I can't get anything out of this protest," he said. "My grant will be out this year. This protest is for the young people of a few years time who will be studying here and whose parents are probably complaining about us now."

In their letter to the C.E.O. they said: "We believe that students in the Regional Colleges are being used as experimental guinea pigs for a government which has not decided on any definite concrete policy for these colleges and we hope that in future policies be outlined clearly to allow students the fair consideration that they deserve."

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MORNING VIEW

Monday, Oct. 30, 1972

WHO WILL CLIMB WITH US?

The call we made on Friday for a fresh approach to the Ulster crisis has not been in vain. It was, quite simply, a peace call with an accompanying pledge that our columns would be opened to any leader, Protestant or Roman Catholic, who would speak of peace and peace alone. To-day we publish the first letter of support and we can also tell of a large number of telephone messages of encouragement.

Regrettably, perhaps, the voice of known leaders has so far been thin, but we are not without hope. To them we would say: stop trying to win peace out of politics; aim, instead, to win a return to politics out of peace. Peace must come first.

We are reverting here to our theme, that politics, in a crisis that is of such magnitude, can only be dangerously divisive. We want everyone to take off labels, for the time being, Alliance, SDLP, Unionist, NUM, Republican, Republican Labour, Northern Ireland Labour, Orange, Hibernian, even PACE, even Protestant and Roman Catholic. We want a show of strength for peace, and nothing more, by every decent man and woman in the country. Maybe we do want to be divisive; if so it is to divide the country on this issue: Who wants more bloodshed; who wants to end bloodshed? And with all the help we can muster we want to find a way to bring out the true answer, loud and clear.

If it is necessary to underline the state of depravity to which we have been driven it is not enough to realise that, nowadays, on hearing of murders and shootings, many people make as a first inquiry about the victims; were they ours, or theirs? We are, in fact, so near the absolute bottom that if we cannot now clutch the rescue ladder that is there inviting us, beseeching us to climb back, we must despair to fall. We can choose. We do have a choice, not as creed, cult or party followers but as plain, ordinary folk in deep trouble. For our part, we are going to try to climb that ladder—and it will take more than a kick in the teeth to knock us off. Who will climb with us?

Among telephone callers at the week-end there were some who were obviously confused. We detected that they had formed the view that we were out to set up a new party. God forbid! But we respect the point they made, for in Friday's editorial there was an element of confusion and clear thinking. We do not apologise but we must clarify.

In the beginning, and before anything else, we want a massive declaration of peace. That and nothing more. From that point we want a vast peace conference, and our tentative suggestion is that it should be chaired by an international figure of repute, possibly the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his immediate predecessor.

His brief would be straightforward. How to help us bring about an immediate restoration of peace. The plan may be an over-simplification. We know that but we are undeterred by anyone who says so, for if ours is not the way then, we insist, another better way can be found. Must be found.

Attackers escape on foot after crash

YOUTH MURDERED BY CAR GUNMEN



The stolen car from which shots were fired at two youths as they walked along Cliftonville Avenue. The vehicle crashed into another car as it turned out of Cliftonville Avenue but the gunmen escaped.

Arabs succeed in hijack ransom

Three Palestinian guerrillas who hijacked a German jetliner with 20 people on board and obtained the release of three Arab commandos, landed at Tripoli in Libya last night with their hostages.

The Middle-East News Agency said the three Palestinian hijackers and their three released comrades emerged, their faces covered

with masks. They entered a car and were driven away. The report said the hijackers looked healthy and "in very high spirits."

It is believed that the three guerrillas who were released in Munich remained in a heavily guarded room at the airport. They did not join the hijackers who were whisked away in car to an unknown destination.

It is also reported that the airliner was hijacked by two Palestinians, not three. The three released commandos were questioned by Libyan officials and Abu Tarek, described as the Libyan representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

It was at Zagreb that the Arab hijackers fought a war of words with Yugoslav airport officials to get the jailed Arabs put on board the Boeing 727 which the hijackers seized on a flight from Beirut to Ankara and was virtually out of fuel when it landed in Yugoslavia.

West German negotiators demanded the release of the passengers in return for fuel. But the hijackers threatened to blow up the aircraft if the fuel was not given.

"No one will be hurt if the fuel is given. We shall

Confidence vote for Craig

Representatives of Vanguard clubs in the Ballymena area have passed a vote of "complete confidence" in Mr. William Craig. They have sent a telegram to Vanguard headquarters unanimously supporting his Westminster speech.

ULSTER-ISSUES AND OPTIONS

By Our Political Correspondent

The contents of the British Governments comprehensive document on the future of Northern Ireland will be revealed to-day in Belfast and London.

It has been stressed all along that the document would be a basis for discussion—a means to an end and not the end itself.

But in setting out the issues and options facing the Ulster people the Government of necessity must lay some of its cards on the

table, it was being said in political circles last night.

There was also a recognition in these circles that the Government's Green Paper would be followed by further talks among politicians and others in order to arrive at some sort of consensus in advance of a Westminster-approved settlement.

Demands

It was thought unlikely last night that the Government would come out in favour of any clear cut schemes at this stage, being content to leave it to the Province's public representative to crystallise or reshape their demands in the

A Roman Catholic youth was shot dead by terrorists in a passing car at Cliftonville Avenue, Belfast, yesterday. He was walking along the footpath with a 15-year-old friend.

The dead youth was Michael Vincent Turner (16), of Ophir Gardens, and he was murdered in broad daylight. The other boy was grazed on the shoulder by the shots. He was not seriously wounded.

Immediately after the attack, the terrorists crashed into a Mini being driven by a woman in Brookvale Avenue.

The terrorists — it is believed there were three or four men in the car — jumped out and ran off.

The car had been hijacked in Juma Street in the Shankill area.

They headed in the direction of the waterworks and while the two youths were being taken to hospital, troops and police sealed off the waterworks and carried out a search.

Tracker dogs

Tracker dogs were brought in to help the security forces but the search was hindered by driving wind and rain.

In Co. Fermanagh, a soldier was injured yesterday in a bomb ambush near the border.

The attack was aimed at an Army foot patrol near Kinawley. The wounded man was not seriously hurt.

An Army spokesman said the explosives, loaded into a roadside culvert, was believed to have been detonated from the Northern side of the border. About 100 lb. of explosives were used.

A temporary welfare clinic was bombed in Strabane last night.

The clinic was in a gate lodge at an old people's home in Melmount Road and was moved there following bomb damage at its original premises a few weeks ago.

The bomb started a fire which burned fiercely in the high wind and caused very extensive damage.

It is understood that no warning was given and there were no casualties.

WEATHER REPORTS CAUSE A 'STORM'

A row has blown up between United Kingdom coastguard stations and the Department of Trade and Industry over the issue of weather reports to the Meteorological Office.

The dispute affects six stations around the coast of Northern Ireland — Portrush, Ballycastle, Portmuck, Bangor, Killough and Killybegs — which is the most important as it sends hourly reports to the meteorological office.

A spokesman for the coastguard stations said last night that the friction arose following a pay rise which they had negotiated with the Department of Trade and Industry.

"As a result the department said that issuing meteorological reports while the coastguards were on duty was not part of their job."

"We were then informed that giving reports to the coastguard would Aldergrove.

become a compulsory part of our duties."

The spokesman said that the Coastguard Union would not accept this.

Strong cross winds led to the cancellation of flights from London to Belfast and Guernsey. About 400 passengers were involved and those bound for Belfast were booked on the cross channel ferry.

BEA had to cancel one Vanguard and two Trident flights from Heathrow to Belfast.

The Meteorological Office said last night that winds approaching hurricane force were recorded at the west coast of Ireland. Only force seven gusting eight was recorded by the office at Aldergrove.

News Letter reporter



One of the shot youths (arrowed) being attended at the scene.

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Streets sealed for security

In an effort to improve the security of Belfast against the terrorists, a number of changes have been made in entrances available to pedestrians in two of the restricted areas.

Some access points have been sealed off and the opening of others has been limited to certain hours. But the main entrances will remain open all day and the normal security checks will continue.

The security forces said that some streets would be closed off by gates and the new arrangements may be extended to other parts of the city.

Full details in Page 9.

Seven escape from Curragh camp

Seven republican prisoners escaped from Curragh military camp in Eire yesterday.

It is thought the men tunneled from one of the cells to a point outside the 15 ft.-high perimeter fence.

The escape was discovered at 5 p.m. but it is not known at what time the men actually got away.

Immediately, troops and police were rushed into the area. Road blocks were set up and cars were stopped and searched.

Security forces swooped on railway stations in Co. Kildare to block off rail escape routes.

Planned

The escape was well planned and there is speculation that the men were met by cars shortly after getting out of the prison compound.

The seven are all thought to be members of the Provisional IRA and although no names have yet been released it is believed four of them are from Northern Ireland.

The Curragh is one of Eire's main army bases. Following the introduction of special courts earlier this year, republican prisoners have been held there in military custody.

Several other prisoners were transferred to the Curragh during the summer following rioting in Mountjoy Prison, Dublin. During the rioting fires were started in the prison and much of the accommodation was destroyed.

Strike

Since then there have been repeated allegations about conditions at the Curragh and republican prisoners have twice gone on hunger strike for improvements.

So far there has been no official comment from the Eire Government, but the escape, coming at the same time as Provisional Sinn Fein is holding its annual conference in Dublin, will be a source of great embarrassment to them.

No details of the tunnel have been made known, but it ended short of the 15ft. perimeter wall.

The prisoners used ropes to scale it and were driven off in waiting vehicles.

Security forces threw a security blanket over the details of the escape.

However, it is known that six of the men were serving prison sentences and the seventh was on remand awaiting trial.

During the escape, a military policeman was overpowered but was not injured. Four other men were prevented from escaping by military police.

None of the soldiers at the Curragh carries weapons because it is being used as a civilian prison. About 40 prisoners are being held there at present.

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