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HITLER'S DEATH

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WHAT WAS DONE ELSEWHERE

(to the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

—Is all the old, traditional, ... which that Mother of ... ocracy typified in the British ... se of Commons, and re-echoed ... aithfully in its agency here in ... type of opposition exemplified ... Mr. Dillon in An Dail last ... day, to be reserved for all ... for Eire and its leader? ... r. Dillon's frolicking (to use ... Churchill's description) with ... question of An Taoiseach's ... dolences on the death of the ... German leader in the debate ... the estimate for the Depart- ... t of External Affairs in An ... fails ingloriously, to impress ... r. Oliveira Salazar, Premier of ... -ordered Portugal, did not ... e his correctness as a states- ... a in the observance of inter- ... onal courtesy and procedure ... stioned in the National Assem- ... of his own country on the ... h of the German leader; nor, ... nger still to relate, was Mr. ... rchill asked any indiscreet or ... less questions by individuals, ... opposition groups, as to the cor- ... ness, or otherwise, of Dr. ... azar's procedure.

... quote verbatim (in transla- ...) from the Spanish paper, "El ... reo Espanol—El Pueblo Vas- ... page three, of Friday, 4th ... v, 1945:—

Lisbon—Dr. Oliveira Salazar ... expressed to the German Min- ... r in Lisbon, through the ... dium of a high functionary of ... Ministry of External Affairs, ... sympathy on the death of the ... ehrrer, Adolf Hitler." (Spanish ... ws Agency "Efe.")

Lisbon—The Portugese Govern- ... nt has published a decree order- ... two days mourning to be ... erved as a mark of respect on ... death of Adolf Hitler, such ... od to terminate at mid-day on ... day. Flags on official buildings ... l be flown at half mast.

... have underlined the words in- ... ated above. But, I wonder, ... ld Mr. Dillon be got to raise his ... brows?

... am, sir, yours very sincerely,
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THE SALE OF KILKEE COURTHOUSE

DEATH OF MR. "GUS" O'BRIEN

Widespread regret was occasioned in Limerick on Saturday when it was learned that Mr. Augustine O'Brien, caretaker of the Municipal Technical Institute, had died suddenly while on a visit to his daughter, a member of the Presentation Order in Bandon. Mr. O'Brien was a keen musician and for many years organiser of the Technical Institute Ceilidhe Band. His work in this direction was repeatedly commended and was warmly praised by An Taoiseach when he opened the Schools Drama Festival in Limerick two years ago.

Mr. O'Brien was equally versatile on a number of musical instruments—a gift which was known only to those who had the pleasure of seeing him in the practice room with the band twice a week. His intimate knowledge of music and an uncanny gift of detecting a mistake in performance showed his powers as a conductor. Any member who made a mistake was told instantly where he had erred and showed how that particular phrase should be played. Mr. O'Brien loved ceilidhe music and it was this type which was most frequently heard when the band gave recitals. However, his ambitions did not rest there and the mixed combination of over a dozen members rendered operatic selections, American marches, and even overtures during its existence. "Gus," as he was affectionately known to all, was never happier than when he was with his band; he loved the band and was deeply interested in music.

His open-air recitals for the patients of the Mental Hospital, interval music during plays at the Catholic Institute Hall, ceilidhthe, etc.—all these and more will miss the presence of "Gus" with his charming selections and a fund of reminiscences and stories. His willingness to help out at concerts, festivals, or any function was known to all. The band broadcast through Radio Eireann from Limerick on a number of occasions.

No greater tribute can be paid to him than the fact that practically all who partook of his knowledge of music are now considered among the leading musicians in the city. His father, the late Tom O'Brien, was well known and respected and was for years bandmaster of the famous Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band.

"Gus" was a founder member of the Munster Branch, Irish Rugby Union. He leaves a widow and family, to whom deep sympathy is extended.

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At a meeting of Clare County