

# A CLEAN SWEEP

## Labour Ousts The Tories

Messages received this afternoon from London state that Labour has won a tremendous victory in the local elections.

In 360 large industrial centres Labour has gained a majority. Even in Brougham, where the Conservative tradition is strong, Labour almost secured control of the Council. They secured a majority of seats on the Corporation, but the Conservatives, by reason of their Aldermanic strength, retain a slender control.

Reports from rural areas indicate that Labour will gain control of the vast majority of the County Councils. In the north-east of the county a regular land slide took place in favour of the Government Party.

A message received as we go to press states that Labour gains have exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the party leaders. There is now no doubt that the control of the local bodies has passed from the Conservatives to Labour.

# SIX MONTHS IN ALL

## LIMERICK BOY SENT TO PRISON

At Limerick City District Court to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., Denis McMahon (17), 7 Bowles' Place, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the lock-up shop of Messrs. Suttons' Ltd., Sarsfield St., and stealing goods to the value of £9; breaking and entering the lock-up shop of Mrs. Annie Hayes, Shelbourne Road, Limerick, and stealing goods, value £3 15s., and with the larceny of a schoolbag and schoolbooks, value £3 10s., the property of Michael Hough, 19 Westfields, Limerick.

Supt. Coleran prosecuted, and the accused was not professionally represented.

Sergt. J. Hanrahan said accused was with another boy who broke into the premises in question. McMahon admitted the offences, and said he also tried to open the safe in Sutton's. The other boy had not yet been located.

Supt. Coleran said there were previous convictions against the accused, who was an ex-Industrial School boy. He had also been in the Construction Corps, and served six months military detention for the larceny of a bicycle.

The Justice sentenced the accused to two months imprisonment on each of the three charges, the sentences to run consecutively.

# SHANNON AIRPORT

## AMERICAN EXPORT PLANE

A Skymaster belonging to the American Export Airline arrived at Shannon Airport, Rineanna, at noon to-day. She had 14 passengers, all for England, and two bags of mail or Eire. One passenger, Mr. Mathison, of the British Overseas Airways, boarded the plane at Rineanna before she took off for Hurnt 12.45 o'clock. The two Pan American planes that arrived yesterday and later proceeded to England and are returning to Rineanna tonight before proceeding to the United States.

# SCIENTIST'S VIEW

## DEMOCRACY AND ATOMIC BOMB

Dr. Harold Urey, a Nobel Prize winner, and one of the scientists who took part in the preparation of the atomic bomb, told journalists in Chicago to-day that within a few years any nation could make an atomic bomb. In that event the United States should consider seriously the setting up of a dictatorship form of Government, because democracies could not exist if all nations were to have atomic bombs.

## PETROL TANKER ARRIVES AT FOYNES

On Monday last the ss. "Dax-ound" docked at Foynes Pier with a cargo of 1,100 tons of high octane aviation petrol for the Irish American Oil Co., Ltd. This petrol will be used to refuel land planes at Rineanna, where the Irish-American Oil Co., under their brand INTAVA, supply all the American planes using Rineanna air base, together with planes operated by Aer Lingus.

# DISTRICT COURT

## Evidence In Assault Case

At Limerick District Court to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., Timothy Collins, formerly of 3 Barrack Street, was charged with assaulting his step-daughter, Christina Casey, by striking her with his fist, a poker and a hatchet, thereby causing her bodily harm.

Supt. Coleran prosecuted and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended.

Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, said that Christina Casey was admitted to the hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the nasal bone on the 16th of October. It would require some considerable force to cause the injury. She was discharged on the 26th of October, and was now fully recovered.

Justice—You must have made a very good job of it, doctor. She recovered from a compound fracture in a very short time.

Christina Casey said she arrived home between five and ten past twelve on the night in question. Her step-father first refused to admit her and later when she got in the back window he assaulted her with his fist, a poker and a hatchet.

**WITNESS CROSS-EXAMINED.**

To Mr. O'Malley witness said she was living with her mother since she came back from England. She denied that she was drunk and that it was near two o'clock when she came home on the night in question. She also denied that she frequently came home under the influence of drink at a late hour and defied her step-father. As a result of what happened that night he had since left the house.

Rosaleen Coughlan, a neighbour, said that the last witness was sober, and that she arrived home shortly after twelve on the night in question.

Collins said he was a soldier now on indefinite leave. His step-daughter used keep late hours and drank, and he objected to her conduct. On the night in question she came in at 1.10 a.m., and he lost his temper and assaulted her. Witness had been supporting his step-daughter and her baby, but now had left the house and did not intend returning.

The Justice said that undoubtedly the defendant was given provocation, but he acted with undue severity on this particular night.

Mr. O'Malley said the defendant would lose his Army gratuity of £85 if he was sent to prison.

The Justice said he had a certain amount of sympathy with the defendant, and he would be wholly behind him were it not for the force he used. He would fine the defendant £4 and allow the doctor £1 1s. expenses.

**LICENSING CASES.**

Daniel Clancy, 4 Eilen St., was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on 30th September.

Gerda O'Donovan said he found six men on the premises during prohibited hours.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for the defendant, said that on the night in question he was bringing a friend in for a drink and the other men, who were customers, persuaded him to let them in.

A fine of £1 was imposed.

Mrs. Bridget Butler, Dominick Street, was summoned for a breach on the 7th of October.

Sergeant Caulfield said he found three men trying to leave the premises when he entered.

Defendant, replying to her solicitor, Mr. Martin Tynan, said no drink was served after 7 p.m.

The Justice adjourned the case for six months.

Ellen Weekes, Patrick Street, was summoned for a breach on the 16th October.

Gerda O'Donovan said he found three men on the premises during the mid-day closing hour.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., for the defendant, said the assistant served the drink before 2.30 p.m. and thought the men could then stay on.

Supt. Coleran said there were eight previous convictions since 1932.

Defendant was fined 10/-.

**"VOICE OF ISRAEL"**

**DISTURBANCES IN CAIRO**

A secret wireless transmitting set was operated in Palestine to-day. The announcer declared: "This is the voice of Israel." He proceeded to say that the Jews wanted no quarrel with the Arabs, but if the Arabs interfered with the development of the Zionist movement counter measures would be taken.

There was considerable commotion and disorder in Cairo to-day. The police fired shots in the air to disperse a crowd who had gathered.

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With very deep regret we chronic the demise of Mr. W. F. Lee, ex-N.T., which took place at his residence, Castleconnell, yesterday, after a somewhat brief illness. Some three weeks ago he was taken ill with a cold, but later pneumonia set in and, as stated, he passed away yesterday to the inexorable grief of his wife, brother, Mr. George Lee, and other relatives and friends, to all of whom we extend our very sincere sympathy.

The late Mr. Lee was one of the best known men in Munster. For half a century or more he took an abiding interest in the development of the G.A.A. and his weekly contributions in the *Limerick Leader* under the pen-name of "Thomond" were read with great interest in a very wide area.

For many years up to the time of his retirement, about ten years ago, he was principal of the Abanc National School, the cradle of the famous hurling team which bears that honoured name. All the members of the original team were his pupils, and, needless to say, he took a fatherly interest in their growth and development. There were some who were prepared to criticise him for the liberal measure of praise he was ever ready to bestow on the team he brought into existence, but who, on reflection, would deny him that privilege? "W.F.L." was one of the kindest of men; good humoured, sincere and upright, he was incapable of making a disparaging remark about anybody. As a companion he had few equals, for his wit was racy of the soil, while his purity of mind and lofty ideals were a sure guarantee that converse with him would not become base. One of nature's



gentlemen, his death will be learned of with deep regret, not only in Limerick City and County, but in all parts of the country.

In the pioneer days of the I.N.T.O., the late Mr. Lee spared neither time nor expense in placing that organisation on a solid foundation. In that connection, it can be stated that he never lost an opportunity, even since his retirement, to advance the interest of the teaching profession, of which he was himself such a distinguished member.

Though he never obtruded his political views or opinions, he was a staunch supporter of the Fianna Fail Party since its inception and was always a great admirer of An Taoiseach.

Of advanced national views all his life, he was a great admirer of the Fenians, many of the survivors of whom he intimately knew. He was particularly well acquainted with such prominent figures in the movement as the late P. N. Fitzgerald, the late Pat Hector, etc. During the Black-and-Tan period he was in full and active sympathy with the Old I.R.A. and enjoyed the fullest confidence of its leading members.

By his death Castleconnell has lost a noble character. His memory will be long revered. It could not be otherwise, for William Lee was a man of many sterling qualities, his chief quality, perhaps, being simplicity—a trait that overshadows all others. May he rest in peace.

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# THE SALE OF FISH

## Limerick Obstruction Charge

An interesting charge of obstruction came before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., at Limerick City District Court to-day.

Supt. Coleran summoned Austin Quinlivan, 12 Distillery Houses, Thomondgate; John Butler, 6 Seymour's Lane, and Christina Daly, 15 Grattan Street, for obstructing traffic by selling fish at the corner of William Street and High Street.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., defended.

Garda Collins said the fish mongers, their displays of fish and customers created an obstruction. They said they were paying tolls to a market inspector. They sold the fish for a few hours on Friday's and fast days.

Supt. Coleran said the prosecution was brought as a result of a complaint made by the Corporation.

Replying to Mr. O'Malley, Garda Collins said the fish boxes were kept out of the roadway and did not obstruct the footpath. The traders in William Street had their produce outside their doors but an obstruction was not created as people did not stand around. The customers for fish obstructed the footpath.

Mr. O'Malley You have been passing Mr. Quinlivan and his wife for years and made no objection?—The summons was brought as a result of a complaint made by a trader.

Mr. O'Malley We are not dealing with the smell of fish but with obstruction. Have you seen the trading that is done in Moore Street in Dublin?

Justice—I don't think William St. would be complimented by a comparison with Moore St. (laughter).

Austin Quinlivan said he had been carrying on business at the corner in question for five years, and no objection was raised, as he paid tolls.

Mr. O'Malley asked the Justice to allow the traders to continue, provided they gave an undertaking to keep the footpath clear.

Supt. Coleran objected, stating that during the past five years there was very little vehicular traffic, but in a short time William St. would again be a very busy thoroughfare. The defendants should go to the Market Place, which was only 60 yards away.

The Justice said there was something to be said for both sides of the case. He did not think that the comparison with Moore St. could apply, as William St. was one of the principal streets of Limerick. Neither did he think that the analogy of the traders displaying their wares in the street could influence the case, but he would visit William St. some Friday during the coming month and see what was happening there himself. Accordingly he would adjourn the case for a month.

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