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The abandonment of Tongshan
marks another bloodless withdrawal
on the part of the Government
forces in face of a Communist ad-
vance.
The suspicion is growing in
Shanghai that the Government
Commander in Chief must be in
negotiation with the Communists
for some kind of settlement.
When the Communists entered
Tongshan they found 1,000,000 tons
of coal intact, as well as large
quantities of equipment.
The Government controlled area
in North China is now confined to
a narrow strip, stretching from
Tongkin to Peiping.

CAROL SINGING

We are once more reminded that
the festive season of Christmas is
almost at hand by the fact that
carol singing, organised by the
Legion of Mary, has commenced in
the city. The singers will be heard
every night up to Christmas Eve,
and it is hoped that the public will
show appreciation of their efforts
by subscribing in the customary
generous manner. The proceeds
will be devoted to charity.

DEATH OF MRS. BRIDGET O'DONNELL

We regret to announce the death
of a popular citizen in the person
of Mrs. Bridget O'Donnell, formerly
of Boherbuoy, and later of 38 Upper
William Street, Limerick. The
deceased lady was relict of Patrick
O'Donnell and was mother of Dr.
Patrick J. O'Donnell, who was a
prominent member of the Young
Munster Rugby Football team. She
is also survived by her daughters,
Mrs. Frank Punch, Mrs. Patrick
Toomey and Mrs. Eileen Weekes.

U.N.O. AND IRELAND

By 38 votes to 6, the General
Assembly of U.N.O. has passed a
resolution declaring "that Ireland
is a peace-loving State, able and
willing to carry out the obligations
of the Charter," and requesting the
security Council "to reconsider
Ireland's application."

MUST HALT OR FACE WAR

Speaking at a conference at his
headquarters yesterday

Defendant pleaded guilty and
Inspector P. Comer, prosecuting,
told Justice Gordon Hurley that the
threatening letter had been burned,
otherwise a more serious charge
would have been preferred. After
the marriage of defendant's brother
to a daughter of Martin Mullins, the
defendant resided in the house with
his married brother, who took out
administration for the whole farm.
**CASH PAYMENT IN LIEU OF
AGREEMENT.**

By an agreement, defendant was
to get his board and residence but
he forfeited that arrangement in
favour of a cash payment of £30
and of this sum £29 had been paid,
leaving £1 due. He left the farm
and worked for other farmers in
various places, and between the 30th
July and 5th August, 1948, wrote a
threatening letter to Mullins. In
this letter he stated he wanted his
share of the farm, £100, and he
wanted it quickly or it would be
like the Derrybrien case and not a
case of glass but one of burying.
The reference to the Derrybrien
case was to a tragedy which
occurred there in which a woman
and a child had been killed, and a
person charged with the offence
committed to a mental hospital.
Mullins showed the letter to defen-
dant's brother, who became so
annoyed at it that he burned it.

Defendant said he had been
treated like a dog and was afraid
of the other parties. He had a life
interest in the farm and was to get
clothes and food but he never got
even as much as a pair of socks.
Mullins, the fireside lawyer, was the
legal adviser to his brother.

BOUND OVER FOR TWO YEARS.

Justice Gordon Hurley said there
were threats of murder in the letter
and such could not be tolerated.
Sometimes a man of a certain
nature would proceed to put these
threats into action. He bound the
defendant to the peace for two
years, in his own bond of £25.

WOMEN WHO FORGET THEIR DIGNITY

Speaking in the Cathedral,
Letterkenny, yesterday, Most Rev.
Dr. MacNeely, Bishop of Raphoe,
said he thought that some of the
demoralisation that had crept over
the world was partly due to the
fact that women had forgotten the
great dignity that belonged to them.
They should set their faces against
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