

IRISH UNIONS

FORMATION OF LIMERICK COUNCIL

A meeting of Irish Unions with branches in Limerick was held in the Catholic Literary Institute, Henry Street, Limerick, on Friday, 2nd April, 1949 (says an official applied report).

The Secretary of the Congress of Irish Unions, Mr. Leo Crawford, was present and in a short address to the Unions, explained that the meeting had been convened at the request of Irish Unions in Limerick, who considered that the time was overdue for the formation of a Council of Irish Unions in Limerick, which would advance a purely Irish view point on local, national and international problems that confronted the Trade Union movement from time to time. It should be clear, he said, from recent developments in Northern Ireland, that this was now more essential than ever before in the history of the movement. Amalgamated Unions, practically all of whom operated in Northern Ireland, had indicated early their attitude at the Northern Ireland Labour Party at their policy for Ireland was pro-partition and pro-British, when the dearest wish of every Irishman is to see the abolition of partition and a united Ireland.

The meeting decided to set up a provisional committee, of which Mr. Francis Meade, 24 Emmet Place, Limerick, was elected Secretary pro tem. and a further meeting was arranged to fix the details of the formation of this Council.

There was a representative attendance and the unanimous expression of opinion that the formation of such a Council was necessary.

RESERVED TRIBUTES

LATE MR. P. O'MARA

Tributes were paid to the memory of the late Mr. Patrick O'Mara, the Mayor of the Mayor's Serjeants, at a meeting of the Corporation on Monday night.

The Mayor (Mr. M. B. O'Malley), who presided, said that the late Mr. O'Mara had over 50 years service with the Corporation. During that period he was one of the

BURIED IN CRYPT

DEATH OF REDEMPTORIST BROTHER

Following Office and Requiem High Mass in the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, to-day, the interment of the remains of Rev. Bro. Joachim, C.S.S.R., took place in the crypt beneath the high altar. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. J. Cleary, C.S.S.R.; deacon, Rev. Michael Fox, C.S.S.R.; sub-deacon, Rev. P. O'Connell, C.S.S.R., and master of ceremonies, Rev. Wm. Murphy, C.S.S.R.

There were over twenty priests in the choir, representative of the secular and regular clergy of the city.

The late Bro. Joachim, who died unexpectedly on Monday night, was a native of Lancashire. His name in the world was John James, and over 50 years ago he entered the Redemptorist Community. He spent over 30 years in Rome in the service of the Most Rev. Patrick Murray, C.S.S.R., former Superior-General, who, on returning to Ireland, to reside at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, brought back with him his beloved helpmate.

FOUND IN RIVER

BODY OF MISSING WOMAN

The body of a young woman was found by fishermen floating in the Shannon below Spillane's Tower on Monday evening. The remains, in an advanced stage of decomposition, were removed to the Morgue at Barrington's Hospital, where a post mortem was carried out by Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon.

The body has since been identified as that of Mona Kelly, a native of Foynes. She was employed as a maid in a city hotel and on Saturday, 2nd inst., she disappeared from her place of employment.

The Coroner for East Limerick, Dr. J. P. Clery, who will hold an inquest next week, has issued a certificate authorising the burial of the remains.

IRISH CITIZENS

HOUSE OF COMMONS

tributing £4,005 towards the schools the county rates were contributing approximately one-twentieth of the figure paid by the city.

BIG NUMBER FROM CO

The Chairman remarked that the City Vocational Schools were undoubtedly being overailed of by numbers of county pupils. However he did not think that the Committee could deal with this question at the moment and he suggested that the matter be adjourned until the end of the financial year.

Mr. McAuliffe said that a decision should be also taken of the fact that the city boundary was about to be extended. This extension would reduce the number of county students in the city schools. He proposed that the question be adjourned until the beginning of the new academic year.

The C.E.O. said that the Committee would be dealing with the annual financial year in November.

Mr. Mackey—Is there any danger that the City Committee will not take action in the meantime in regard to the county students?

The C.E.O. said he was sure that action would be taken by the Committee pending a decision by the County Committee.

After some further discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the City Committee's letter until the end of the present academic year in September.

RURAL SCIENCE.

Arising out of a reference by the C.E.O. to the difficulty of getting candidates for the Department certificate examinations in rural science.

Mr. McCormack said he was sure that the public in County Limerick did not fully appreciate the usefulness of the subject mentioned. Everything possible should be done, he said, to bring home to the public the necessity for training boys in rural science.

The C.E.O. said that the number of candidates for the examination in rural science in County Limerick was so low because many boys who attended the first year's course in that subject, rarely returned to complete the course in the second year. He promised to have a drive started to eliminate this defect.

The Committee, on the proposal of Mr. Mackey, unanimously nominated the Chairman for appointment to the Irish Vocational Education Association's Group on the National Education Committee (Cultural and Vocational Panel) Seanad Eireann in the coming year.