

BOMB SCARE SCATTERS WEDDING GUESTS

Bomb attacks on four hotels throughout Southern Ireland last Saturday evening caused widespread damage and concern in Galway as three hotels were evacuated.

A voice claiming the name "Captain Black" of the U.F.F. telephoned the Irish Press office in Dublin stating there were bombs in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin; Royal George, Limerick; Great Southern Rosslare; the Great Southern Torc Hotel, Killarney, and the Salthill Hotel in Galway. The message was immediately relayed to the Gardaí who contacted Eglinton Street station. The caller said the bombs would go off at 6 p.m.

At 4 p.m. Mr. Eamon de Loughry from Kilkenny married former Miss Catherine White, New-castle Avenue, Galway, in the Cathedral and they arrived at the Salthill Hotel for their reception at 5.30 p.m. As the weather was so fine the wedding party decided to have their sherry on the lawn. Drinks had just been served when Gardaí arrived and warned the hotel must be cleared.

As guests were leaving the Murray family concentrated on the wedding and a neat plan of co-operation between hotels was arranged. Wedding guests were moved up to Mr. and Mrs. Kearns Rock Barton Park Hotel while the Dunleavy family prepared the Sacre Coeur Hotel for the dinner. Salthill Hotel staff served the dinner at the Sacre Coeur. In the meantime the Salthill Hotel was extensively searched ten times but nothing was found. Bombs had exploded in the other four hotels as stated by "Capt. Black."

At 10 p.m. the all-clear was given at the Salthill, the wedding guests returned for their dance and not one of the hundred residents checked out that night. The Gardaí believe that the bomber simply did not make his target as it was obviously pre-arranged he would do so.

Both the Corrib Great Southern and the Great Southern Hotel Eyre Square received telephone warnings. The hotels were evacuated but thankfully nothing was found.

"Capt. Black" warned the Irish Press that the bombings were in retaliation for the shooting of business men in the North. He said if these shootings continued there would be no warning next time.



Anxious moments as Mrs. Margaret Murray, owner of the Salthill Hotel talks with Gardaí and Firemen after the hotel had been searched and nothing was found last Saturday evening.

CITY'S NEW MAYOR

Councillor Jerry Colgan a Fianna Fail member of the Borough Council for six years was elected Mayor of Galway by 8 votes to 4 last Monday night.

Opposing Cllr. Colgan was Senator and Alderman Michael D. Higgins (Lab.) who, on his defeat, wished the new Mayor well but reminded the Council that he represented a large section of the community "that would again be represented next year."

Senator Higgins was proposed by Cllr. Tom Tierney who said that as senior Alderman the Senator was deserving of the honour. Ald. F. Coogan (F.G.) supported the nomination, saying the Senator would fill the role with dignity and decorum.

Cllr. Michael O'Higgins proposed Jerry Colgan, saying the Councillor had served the community well both in his official and personal capacity. That his interest in the city had been "fantastic" and that Cllr. Colgan was a man who likes to do things quietly.

Ald. Sheila Jordan seconded Cllr. Colgan for Mayor, saying he was a man who gave equal attention to all sections of the community.

There was only one ballot which went: For Sen. M. D. Higgins F. Coogan (F.G.), M. D. Higgins (Lab.), T. Tierney (Lab.) and P. McNamara (F.G.).

For Cllr. J. Colgan: M. Walsh (Ind.), S. Jordan (Ind.), P. O'Flaherty (Ind.), J. F. King (Ind.), M. O'Higgins (F.F.), M. Byrne (F.F.), B. O'Flaherty (F.F.) and J. Colgan (F.F.).

Cllr. Colgan was duly elected Mayor and standing before the Council, all wearing robes with the Galway Sword and Mace on the table, said to be elected Mayor of this historic city was indeed an honour and something he thought he would never achieve. He said he was apprehensive that he may not be able to fulfil his duties according to the very high standard that was already established.

He had no bad feelings for those who did not vote for him. "It would be a bad day if we had no competition here."

All the members of the Borough Council spoke individually, congratulating the new Mayor and assuring him of their support. Sen. Michael D. Higgins thanked those who voted for him and wished the new Mayor every success in what he described as a coming difficult year.

"When moral issues will have to be decided, including issues of housing, planning and urban renewal."

PRaise FOR OUTGOING MAYOR
The new Mayor joined with the four Aldermen and fellow Councillors in paying warm tributes to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Mary Byrne. The Council presented her with a bouquet of flowers, and



The Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Jerry Colgan being congratulated by the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Mary Byrne. Councillor Gerry Colgan, B.E., C.Eng., F.I.E.I. was co-opted on to the Borough Council in May 1970 for Fianna Fail and was elected in the subsequent local elections. He lives at Park Avenue, Salthill, and is an auctioneer by profession with M. A. Cunningham & Son, Eyre Square.

making the presentation Cllr. Colgan said "if we had searched Galway we could not find a more gentle, diligent and efficient Mayor. Despite her many tasks she never grumbled, always had a smile. From the people of Galway I say thanks for a wonderful job well done."

All the members spoke highly of Cllr. Byrne's year in office. Ald. Sheila Jordan said she was not a

women's "libber" but Cllr. Byrne had broken the spell "of a male dominated Council since the 16th century." When the male members of the Council "rshawed" any suggestion of chauvinism on their part Ald. Jordan said she was in fact a man-lover "but I want liberation from men making laws for women. Our lady Mayor showed anything a man can do so can a woman."

Druid finds a Home

At a reception last Monday, Garry Hynes, director of Druid Theatre Company announced the opening of their new 'home'. The Fo'castle Theatre, situated behind the Coachman Hotel, where Druid present their lunch time shows, will now become Druid's residential theatre and marks a major step forward for the company.

Members of the company have renovated the former hotel function area erected raked seating, lighting and dressingroom facilities and a stage area

has been constructed. The company, after an initial shaky start are now well established. Since their launch in July 1975 they have produced seven full length productions and four lunch time entertainments. They plan afternoon theatre in Leisureland this Summer and have a busy programme arranged for the Autumn. Next Saturday evening they open at their new venue with a collection of J. M. Synge's plays in a production called *In The Glens of Rathvanna*.

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- William J. MacNevin, the United Irishman who had a brilliant medical career in New York was born in Aghrim, Co. Galway.
- Fr. Peter Yorke, born in Long Walk, Galway, vigorously championed the poor in California.

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