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PENSMAN TAKES YOU behind the SPOTLIGHT

THE UNOFFICIAL STRIKE

The unofficial strike has in recent years, become a weapon which the general public now looks upon with fear and dread. It is the weapon used by dissatisfied groups, usually in positions of power, to gain their own sectional interests, irrespective of the hardships it creates for the great majority of the people. It is entered into at the drop of a hat and most times it catches all of us unawares. Governments or Unions are as powerless to control it as any ordinary person. There appears to be no question for those who can cause chaos by such unofficial or lightning strikes as to whether their actions can be morally justified. It was accepted one time that strike action was a weapon of last resort but that does not appear to apply any more.

It is more than time that the Government and Trade Unions tackle the entire field of labour relations to ensure that some order and control may be exercised over such wild-cat actions. Without doubt it will be no easy task as it is an area very sensitive in the political world but the tail cannot be allowed to continue to wag the dog as is the position at present, epitomised by the manner in which a group of 35 can create such havoc and hardship.

The fact that this group is in a powerful almost monopoly position has made their use of the unofficial strike weapon all the more damaging and it is imperative that such groups be made to develop a sense of social responsibility corresponding to their power.

The tanker drivers and similar groups involved in essential services should remember that they are members of the community at large and that because of the work they do which provides them with a great deal of muscle they do not have any special entitlement to take a big stick to beat the entire community in order to gain the concessions they seek.

The wider aspects of the latest strike must also be taken into consideration as the men concerned have rejected all appeals to return to work made by everyone including the Taoiseach members of the Government and even by their own union leaders. If control cannot be re-established in these areas then anarchy only can ensue and we can say good-bye to all our hard-won democratic institutions and procedures.

THE SEANACHIE IS "1980 PUB OF THE YEAR"

It is our pleasure this week to again congratulate Michael and Laurann Casey on winning a further outstanding award for their pub, The Seanachie, which stands on the top of the Sweep outside Dungarvan on the road to Cork. They have been chosen as 1980 "Pub of the Year" in a countrywide competition run by the Black and White Scotch Whisky Company.

The amazing story of how a run down old bar won this coveted award is told in the current issue of the "Vintners' World", the official journal of the Vintners Federation of Ireland.

From the time it was first granted a licence in 1846 until Michael Casey and his sister Laurann began rebuilding the pub which they then named the Seanachie, it was little more than a derelict bar seating less than a dozen, with a cowshed adjoining.

Last week the hard work they have put in on the premises, paid dividends when it was voted Black and White Scotch Whisky pub of the year by the judges of the competition which included RTE's Mike Murphy, Dublin football star Jimmy Keaveney and fashion personality Suzanne McDouaid.

The Caseys who have never run a bar before and who restored the Seanachie with a

of Our Lady of Europa is being specially consecrated—a big day in Gibraltar.

The occasion must surely have been a very special and enjoyable one and one which will always be remembered as a highlight of the 1980 cruise.

OURSSELVES ALONE

Last week I referred to the actions of a protest group from Comhairle Pobail na Rinne which resulted in the cancellation of a public auction in Dungarvan held to sell a property and sites located in the Gaeltacht village of Ballinagoul. I understand that this comment has been replied to in a letter from the Chairman and Secretary of the Comhairle published elsewhere in this issue of the "Leader".

At the time I wrote that comment I was under the impression that the protest group were more or less working under their own steam and I still am not sure whether this was so or not. I am certain, though, that many people outside the Ring Gaeltacht accepted the action of the protest group as one indicating that land and other property there should be left for the local people. It was on that basis that I inferred that it was a "sinn fein" attitude. In stating that I want to make it clear that there were no political connotations and that I used the term only in its true literal meaning—for ourselves alone.

THE PARTING GLASS

Our choice for the ballad corner this week is an old 18th century ballad which is an apt one to close any ballad session. It is called "The Parting Glass" and goes as follows:

O all the money e'er I had
I spent it in good company
And all the harm I've ever done
Alas it was to near be
And all I've done for want of wit
To mem'ry now I can't recall
So fill to me the parting glass
Good-night and joy be with you all

O all the comrades e'er I had
They're sorry for my going
And all the sweethearts e'er I had,
They'd wish me one more day
to stay
But since it falls unto my lot
That I should rise and you should not
I gently rise and softly call
Good-night and joy be with you all

DUNGARVANITES TO THE FORE ON THE ROCK

One of the outstanding occasions during the recent Augustinian cruise to the sunny waters of Spain and the Mediterranean took place when the cruise liner "Uganda" made a scheduled stop at the Rock of Gibraltar. For an account of what happened there I am indebted to Dungarvan songwriter and composer Mai O'Higgins, now resident in Dublin, who was not only a cruise passenger this year but has travelled on several similar Augustinian cruises in recent years.

In a letter which I received from her during the week Mai writes: "It's back again to normal living after our hectic cruise. Dungarvan was very close to me on this trip with Monica Stokes, Kathleen Regan, Mon McGrath, 'Jadda' Power, the Morrissey family, Fr Jackie Power, Brother Eugene Wade and Fr Kelleher all aboard.

"I had a wonderful day in Gibraltar in the promotion of the hymn which I composed to Our Lady of Europa as recorded by Rose Tynan, Fr Jackie and I were guests of the Gibraltar Tourist Corporation. There was a special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Europa celebrated by Fr Jackie. Monica Stokes was my special Dungarvan guest at the Mass. This was followed by a Press reception at the Tourist Office where we met all the VIP's in Gibraltar and at which they told us of the dream they had that one day the hymn would be sung by the Vienna Boys Choir."

Mai then states that later she presented a disc of the hymn on board the liner to Fr Carvina, Director of the Shrine following which she was interviewed on Radio Gibraltar. She then continues: "One lovely surprise was meeting a Fr Devlin from Youghal who is a priest in Gibraltar. His Cork accent was a breath of home over wonderful I was really given a wonderful reception and with Fr Jackie by my side we were proud to Sunday, October 5 the Shrine

World-Famous Musicians For Dungarvan Event

The holiday week-end of the 24th-27th October will see the greatest influx ever of traditional musicians, singers and dancers in Dungarvan.

Sesium Na Samhna Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann's mammoth showpiece will provide entertainment for old and young from Friday night until late on the Monday bank holiday.

These are the cream of Ireland's traditional artists—those chosen groups who during the summer months in every county of Ireland provided regular entertainment for visitors and Irish tradition-lovers alike.

Twenty-five of these groups and many individual performers will present in Dungarvan the best of genuine Irish entertainment—over 300 artists.

Music for the three cells in the Town Hall will be provided by the world-famous Liverpool Cell Band.

Other events will include a concert of Munster champions in the Friary Hall, a seminar and workshop on sean-nós singing, an open-air Aerloch in Grattan Square weather permitting.

There will be a traditional Mass in Irish in the Parish Church and of course all over town na seisiun formal and informal. The two Seisiun na Samhna club venues are Lawlor's Hotel and the Devonshire Arms and it is here that the formal sessions will be staged.

Big! linn i nDungarvan! Beidh feadh agus feadh foille le fallt ann agus beidh falte le fíche romhaibh.

'PUB OF THE YEAR' AWARD FOR WATERFORD GAELTACHT



A Gaeltacht pub, The Seanachie at Ring Co Waterford has been voted Ireland's Pub of the Year for 1980. The Seanachie which was first licensed in 1846 is owned by Michael Casey and his sister Laurann. This is the third successive year in which the top award has gone to a Munster pub with the Overdraught at Tracton, Car Kinsale having won it for the past two years.

Photo shows Mr Cary Young-husband Managing Director of Turbett & Son Irish Distributors of Black & White

NEWS FROM LISMORE

Whist Results

The top prize in the weekly whist drive held in St Carthage's Hall on Tuesday night last was won by Mrs O'Dwyer Dumrivan while 2nd place was taken by Mrs. Mrs Peg Herbert Lismore and C Murphy Dungarvan. The bonus was also won by Mrs O'Dwyer and the new bonus for a score of 44 or over in this competition now stands at £2.

CBS PPU

At their executive committee meeting held in the CBS on Wednesday night last the members were addressed by Melbourne born International Assistant Superior of the CBS Brother William Woodruff who is at present in Lismore for a brief stay. Br Woodruff whose parents came from Goudsross and Galbally Co Tipperary is on a three months visit to the houses in Ireland.

The date for the AGM was also fixed and this will be held on Wednesday November 26th in the School at 8 p.m.

A short discussion then followed re the playing of this year's Keaneand Cup final but due to the many fixtures that follow are still involved in the looks as if their eagerly awaited meeting with the holders Ballyduff in the 1980 final will not now take place for some time. Perhaps there will be some vacant date before the end of the year.

The committee heartily congratulate Tallon on winning the county senior title.

DEISE BRIDGE CLUB DUNGARVAN

Results for Monday Sept 29—1st Mrs J Spratt and Mr J Cullen 2nd Mrs J F Mansfield and Mrs J McCarthy (best gross) 3rd Mr T Mulcahy and Mr J Spratt

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Results of Colatue Mure Confin'd Draw held on 30th September—

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