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● Luke Kelly

## Dubliners star singer Luke Kelly dies

Singer Luke Kelly of the Dubliners died last night. He was admitted to the Richmond Hospital on Saturday night. One of the original members of the Dubliners, Mr. Kelly (44) had two major operations following a brain tumour in 1980, but had apparently made a quick recovery following the most recent operation. Although his participation with the Dubliners over the past few years had been hindered by

his ill health, he resumed his banjo-playing singing role with the group last summer. Born at the North Wall in Dublin, he worked at a variety of jobs in England during his early life, including hotel salesman, vacuum cleaner salesman, and window cleaner. He spent some time as a travelling folk singer in Paris before he returned to Dublin in 1962, when the Dubliners were formed following a John

Molloy show in the Gate Theatre. As well as his immediate family with Luke when he died last night at around 11 p.m. were his Dubliner colleagues and close friends, Ronnie Drew and Eamon Campbell. Ronnie Drew said that while any tribute he would pay to the memory of Luke Kelly was bound to be biased, he considered Luke to be the best ballad-singer of all time.

"He was an inspiration to me and so many others," said Ronnie. Eamon Campbell said that as Luke's role in the group was hampered by his illness in recent years, and Eamon's own part became more prominent, they developed a strong and deep friendship. "He was the best ballad singer in Europe, and started so many off. He was a great fellow, and I was very very

close to him. We weren't running around the streets together, but we grew very close over the years," said an emotional Eamon. Folk singer Liam Clancy, of the Makem and Clancy team, paid tribute to the "very, very good singer" Luke Kelly, whom he helped get started over 20 years ago. Liam was deeply shocked to hear of Luke's death, although he had known he was seriously

ill since last summer. "It was an Irish festival in the Berkshire Mountains in New York state, but Luke seemed very subdued. It was obvious that his problem with his health was bad and he seemed resigned to it. The pain was very intense and just before Christmas the doctors said he would only live a few months. I believe Luke knew this. (Obituary: Page 4)



● JUDGE MARTIN

## Jail for butter theft: Dail query

FIANNA FAIL party chairman, Mr. Jim Tunney, plans to raise in the Dail today the jailing of one of his constituents, as he feels it is an example of the "bingo style" sentences handed down by the courts recently. The man was jailed on Friday, beginning a 12-month sentence, although he was initially only fined £10 for stealing some butter. Mr. Tunney said he will ask the Minister for Justice to take action over this case as there are people guilty of more serious crimes walking free in the city, while those guilty, like his constituent of a minor offence, got a 12-month sentence. The jailed man is Paul O'Flaherty of Belgilare Green, Poppintree, Ballymun who was fined £10 for the theft of 6 lbs of butter from Dublin Airport, where he was working in 1980. Mr. Tunney said that on legal advice the man appealed the fine, only to be given a 12-month sentence by Judge Frank Martin when he confirmed the conviction.

# Mystery of the stolen Garda gun



● The sawn-off shotgun and the handgun which remains unidentified.

By IRISH PRESS Security Correspondent. TOM BRADY

GARDAI admitted officially last night that a sawn-off shotgun has disappeared while in their possession. The weapon was recovered last year after it was handed in to THE IRISH PRESS by a petty criminal.

Four months after the publication of a report in THE IRISH PRESS indicating that a "lost gun" probe had been launched in the Garda Technical Bureau, a statement last night said they had been unable to find out how the shotgun went missing.

The gardai said also that there was no evidence that any other weapons had gone missing from their armoury.

Our report drew a swift denial at the time from the gardai, who said they were not aware that any guns were missing, or had subsequently turned up again in possession of criminals.

Three days later a man contacted Irish Press reporter Gerry Moriarty, and arranged a meeting in a pub car park in Tallaght, Co. Dublin, where he handed over a sawn-off shotgun and a handgun. The weapons were immediately passed on to the gardai.

An official Garda statement last night said that following THE IRISH PRESS report of October 6 last, Commissioner Laurence Wren ordered an immediate investigation which was extended to enquire into the two guns surrendered by the criminal.

"It has been established that the Reno shotgun came into Garda possession in 1976 as a consequence of a firearms find. Court proceedings resulting from that find concluded in 1977, and this weapon was produced at the Court of Criminal Appeal that year.

"As was normal practice with all court exhibits, it was stored in the ballistics section, then housed in Kilmalsham. In 1979 the ballistics section transferred to Garda headquarters in the Phoenix Park.

"Records of the transfer now show that the gun was not among the numerous items moved to the new location," added the statement. "How it disappeared from Garda custody has not, to date, been ascertained."

The gardai said that efforts to trace the origins of the second weapon, a Browning handgun, with markings filed off, were not successful. "There is no record to suggest it was ever in Garda custody. The weapon was in poor condition and incapable of being fired," the statement declared.

The statement also pointed out that since the transfer from Kilmalsham to headquarters, revised precautions regarding the storage of weapons and ammunition in Garda custody had been introduced.

The man who handed the two weapons to THE IRISH PRESS claimed he was given them by two detectives who attempted to bribe and pressure him into framing another Dublin criminal by planting them in his car.

However, Garda sources indicated late last year that the shotgun was probably taken in a break-in at the disused building, formerly occupied by the technical bureau, at John's Road, Dublin.



● In line for the throne... the King of Dalkey, Jim Delaney, with two of the contestants for his title, Mick Byrne (left) and Mervyn Stewart. The new king will be crowned on July 8 at the Dalkey Festival.

## Mixed reaction to Hussey school plan

By IRISH PRESS Education Correspondent, PAT HOLMES A FOUR-YEAR Programme for Action in Education launched yesterday by the Minister for Education, Mrs. Hussey, received a mixed reaction last night from parents, teachers, managers and students. While the decision to give priority to a programme to aid disadvantaged pupils was generally welcomed, lack of commitment to financing the overall plan came in for criticism.

Mrs. Hussey said it was essential that the problems of the school entry age, and of number of years to be spent at secondary school and their distribution between junior and senior cycle be resolved along with the options available for meeting future demand for third-level education. The programme will prepare discussion papers on the recommendations before any decisions are made.

The programme is geared towards the six to 15-year-olds, and warns of restructuring at third level, like rationalisation of courses, achieving greater throughput of students without incurring major capital costs through a four-term academic year and reducing four-year degree courses to three years.

The Fianna Fail spokesperson on Education, Ms. Mary O'Rourke, last night described the plan as "half-baked and lacks balance." Whilst many of its objectives were worthy and welcome, the main thrust of the plan was to demonstrate how costly third level education had become, she said.

She could clearly discern from the Minister a subtle attempt to "instill a sense of guilt among third level students and their parents at

● Programme for Action... full details—Page 7.

such a costly participation in higher education." Ms. O'Rourke said that all levels of education were inter-linked and in many ways, inter-dependent. "Therefore, I welcome any positive discrimination in favour of the disadvantaged at primary level. We are presently undergoing a review of primary education at our Fianna Fail Oireachtas Committee on Education, and we are consulting with back-up expertise in this area. Our experience and findings would indicate a real need for more remedial teachers, and a much lower pupil-teacher ratio in disadvantaged areas."

Real action, she said, was needed in the area of pupil-teacher ratio at second level. She agreed that economies must be made at third level, but she questioned the Minister's judgement and balance as evidence in the action plan. The large student numbers, huge fee rises, no increase in student grants, higher costs of accommodation, decreased parental take-home incomes, those factors were already taking their toll.

INTO welcomed the special attention in the plan for the educationally, socially and economically deprived, as positive steps to ensure adequate standards of literacy and numeracy. They also welcomed the additional £2m. to replace sub-standard and pre-fabricated accommodation. However, they would "view

## Richie Ryan's wage-cut plan

IRISH workers should take a cut of one-eighth in their wages and a similar cut in working hours to share out the available jobs, Mr. Richie Ryan, MEP, said last night.

This was one way of cutting the number unemployed and to see if there was a genuine will to share jobs. He said there should be a referendum on the issue the same day as the poll to elect members to the European Parliament next June.

Job sharing was necessary when new technology and a population explosion meant less work was available for a growing population.

The suggestion of a pay cut of one-eighth comes from a man who is earning well above

the average industrial wage of £130 a week. As a member of the Euro Parliament he earns £16 a week, most of which is tax free, plus another £146 a week pension, from his long service in the Dail.

Mr. Ryan was addressing the AGM of the Fine Gael Dublin South constituency executive, in Stillorgan. He also suggested that governments would be more responsible if voters were given a say in increasing or reducing public spending.

Legislation to permit the Euro election has yet to go before the Dail and Seanad, so the authorisation for the referendum would be pushed through at the same time, Mr. Ryan added.

## News at a glance

### Holiday special

IN TODAY'S IRISH PRESS we present a three-page supplement on the holiday scene for 1984, compiled by Gerry O'Hare. It outlines where to look for the bargains and the pitfalls to watch-out-for. Today also sees the opening of the biggest ever Holiday and Leisure Fair at the RDS, with more than 140 exhibitors from all round the world. Your Holiday Guide starts on page 10.

### FG to drop Euro seat ban

The Fine Gael parliamentary party is today expected to drop its ban on Oireachtas members holding Euro seats. Tomorrow is the closing date for nominations for the forthcoming European elections. Page 3.

### Stress report

A union report yesterday warned of the dangers from serious, even fatal, diseases that can be caused by stress at work. Page 3.

### Row at meeting

A mother of 11 children yesterday interrupted a meeting of Dublin Co. Council and demanded that something be done about the itinerant problem. Page 3.

### Bank denial

A Dublin bank yesterday denied that it had been accused of links with the Banco Ambrosiano collapse in a High Court hearing. Page 3.

### Cold, windy

Tomorrow will be cold and windy with intermittent rain and clear spells.

### URSCEALA

## Angela leaves RTE reeling

By PHILIP MOLLOY

RTE conducted an expensive, year-long search for situation comedy scripts in 1980 and couldn't come up with a workable idea.

Now a young Dublin housewife, who writes as a hobby, has provided them with a full 13 scripts.

And the scripts will be shot as the series, The Good, The Bad and The Clergy, in Montrose next summer.

Angela McFadden Foley, a 34-year-old mother of two from Church Road, East Wall, Dublin, submitted a script to Niall McCarthy, the Head of Drama and Light Entertainment at RTE last September.

"I thought the script was very promising," McCarthy said yesterday and I asked her to come in and see me. "I told her I liked what she had done but that we would need a lot more, and she presented me with the other 12 scripts there and then."

The scripts are now with English script editor Joe Dunlop and Sean Cotter has been appointed to produce them next June, July and August.

Mrs. McFadden Foley said last night that she wrote as a past-time while her 12-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter were at school.

"I'm always jotting down



● Angela McFadden Foley

bits and pieces, but this was the first time I had sent anything to anyone in this country."

Mr. McFadden Foley, whose husband is unemployed, wrote a novel a few years ago, which she burned. She said she was sorry now.

The idea for The Good, The Bad and The Clergy, which is about an elderly priest, his housekeeper and a trendy young curate, just came to her out of the blue.

McCarthy said he was stunned to be presented with these 13 scripts after the lengths they had gone to, such a short time before.

## Top Stock Market men meet Dukes

By BRIAN BELL

IN A concerted effort to restore confidence to the Stock Market in the wake of Mr. Dukes's tough budgetary measures in relation to Government bonds, a high-powered delegation from the Stock Exchange met the Minister for Finance, Mr. Dukes, yesterday to seek further clarification on the issue.

The president and vice-president of the Stock Exchange, Mr. Desmond Nicholson and Mr. Angus McDonnell, met Mr. Dukes for just over an hour to explain to him the market's growing concern over the budgetary measures.

No statement was issued following the meeting, but it is understood that the two Stock Exchange representatives sought further clarification of the Government's intention in regard to dividend stripping and gilt-edged securities in general.

Once again yesterday, there was virtually no dealing in government stocks, as investors, in particular the major financial institutions such as the banks and insurance companies, refused to bid for stocks.

## Sewage warning on estate plan

A BREAK in the sewage outfall pipe servicing the proposed E10M Endcamp housing estate in Baldoyle, Co. Dublin, could take up to a year to repair the resumed Bord Pleanála appeal in Liberty Hall was told yesterday.

The proposed outfall would be in shallow water off Baldoyle and a fracture would be noticed immediately, Mr. Kevin O'Donnell, Chief City and County Engineer, told the fourth day of the hearing.

Wave action in shallow waters would make it very difficult for divers to work because of buffeting and it could take up to 12 months to find a stretch of good weather long enough to carry out the repairs. Repairs in deep water were always easier, he said.

Endcamp Limited is appealing a decision by the County Council to refuse planning permission to build 2,281 houses on 467 acres, the site of the old Baldoyle racecourse. Such a development, if it were given the go ahead, would be the largest of its type in Ireland.

He admitted that the proposed Endcamp sewerage system could be used to relieve pressure on the present Portmarnock system but the amount would be trivial.

## Human rights failures come under attack

CRITICISM of the Irish Government's failure to ratify international human rights initiatives is contained in a report carried out on behalf of the New Ireland Forum.

The report says that the obligations undertaken by the British Government in the field of human rights are far more extensive in international law than those undertaken by the Republic.

The report also points up a growing divergence in recent years between the legal systems on different sides of the Border. The differences have arisen because of the growing significance of the Constitution in the legal system of the Republic and because of the legal integration of the North with the rest of Britain since 1972.

The report was drawn up by Prof. C. K. Boyle, of University College, Galway, and Prof. D. S. Greer, of Queen's University, Belfast.

The authors also point out that neither jurisdiction in Ireland pays much attention to the precedents of the other, but both look to Britain.

Between 1922 and 1975, of all the precedents considered in the Republic's courts, just 1 p.c. were Northern Ireland cases, while 50 p.c. of the precedents cited were English cases.

The authors say that since independence, the Republic has continued to follow British legal precedent, especially in the area of commercial, consumer and company law.

Despite the divergences the authors say that there are major areas where the law is identical or very similar, North and South.

## US custody battle for mother

Derry woman Mrs. Esther Paul, of Carnhill Estate, left for America yesterday to try and regain custody of her two children, 12-year-old Shaun and 10-year-old Erin, who were abducted by her estranged husband Richard Paul, shortly before Christmas.

Twelve days before Christmas the children were taken from school by their father and brought to the U.S.

Mrs. Paul married American Richard Paul when he was a naval officer stationed at the U.S. base in Derry. They lived in America for six years and were separated in 1976. Mrs. Paul was awarded legal custody of the two children in an American court, and she returned to live with them in Derry.

## RTE deny deal with Doherty

RTE has denied that any deals were done with the former Minister for Justice, Mr. Sean Doherty, about his appearance on Saturday night's "Late Late Show". A spokesman said there were no undertakings given about what would be discussed, or about who else would be on the show. But they agreed that Mr. Doherty had made a request about who would be on the show. This was fairly normal practice for guests, they said.

# Warning on drinking water

By TONY O'CALLAGHAN  
THE piped water supply in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, may be back to normal by tomorrow, it was announced after a meeting between officials of Donegal Co. Council, the North-Western Health Board and the County Medical Officer for Health yesterday.

Residents affected by the accidental spillage of pig slurry early on Sunday morning were warned however, not to use the piped water for drinking or cooking, and more than 2,000 school children were told not to report for classes again until Thursday at the earliest. Mr. Michael McLoone, Head of Community Care Services, the senior Health Board official dealing with the problem, commented yesterday also on the delay of several hours between the problem arising and the first broadcast public warnings around teatime on Sunday.

County council engineers who went to examine the situation about 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, had thought at first it might be possible to deal with the spillage without closing down the entire water supply system. A major obstacle, however, was a partial blockage by rubble from an old building of the Abbey River.

Even then, the County Medi-

cal Officer for Health, Dr. Mary Cooney, had to be contacted to assess the situation and evaluate the problem before any announcement could be made. When this was done, a meeting was held to draw up the warning and decide how to put things right.

Mr. McLoone confirmed yesterday that there was no immediate possibility of the Abbey River or its feeder lake Lough Hatten, being used to augment the public supply. "There is no question of that happening, until the Medical Officer for Health gives the okay that the water and the distribution system are clean", he said.

"Our position, as far as the Health Authority goes, is that we see no way that any water can be taken from there until there is an absolute guarantee that the source is clean and there is no further danger of pollution. We have no idea at this stage if that is likely at all in the short term."

Mr. McLoone said the water from flushing out the system was being drawn from Lough Inseann, the main source for the town, and he added that extra pumps were being set up there in readiness for a resumption of service after cleaning.

"The mains can take another 6,000 to 7,000 gallons, which means that with these extra pumps, about 90 p.c. of the needs of the town can be supplied from Lough Inseann alone," he explained.

The decision to close the schools was taken as a safety precaution so that pipes and fittings could be thoroughly washed out by the County Council workers without the danger of children drinking contaminated water. The announcement was made at lunchtime to the children in the three national schools, the De La Salle Boys School, the local vocational school has already decided not to open. About 2,200 pupils were affected by the decision.

Mr. McLoone said it was impossible to estimate the amount of effluent which had got into the system because the spillage occurred downstream on the intake pipe on the Abbey River and had backed up against the flow. It was also impossible because not all of the estimated 100,000 gallons of slurry in the collapsed pit had got into the river. The fact that much of the slurry had seeped into the ground along the river bank would be a factor in de-

termining when it was safe, if ever, to start using the river again for supplies.

He added that hope of restoring normal supplies by tomorrow depended on a satisfactory outcome to the works now being carried out. At least two filters in the system had not been in use when the spillage occurred and would be ready for immediate use once the pipes were cleaned out.

Medical Officer for Health, Dr. Cooney, said yesterday that she had received no reports of people in the area becoming ill from using the water.

Donegal Minna Fail TD, Pat Gallagher, will table a private members question to the Minister for the Environment in the Dail this evening about the contamination of water at Ballyshannon, on Sunday. Deputy Gallagher said he will also want to know why more than 7,000 users were not informed for more than 12 hours afterwards that the water was dangerous.

The crisis started when a slurry tank wall collapsed and polluted the Abbey River, with thousands of gallons of slurry that found its way into the public water supply.



WAR PAINT... a Belvedere supporter, decked out for battle, as Belvedere played Presentation, Bray, in the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup at Donnybrook yesterday. Match report: Page 15. Picture: RAY CULLEN

# Boycott to stay despite risk of Assembly closure

OFFICIAL UNIONISTS are sticking by their boycott of the Northern Assembly, unmoved by speculation that Mr. Prior, the Northern Secretary, is considering closing the Stormont body down if they do not return soon.

The 25 Assembly members yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed the view of the party leader, Mr. Jim Molyneux, who suggested earlier that he did not think that time was running out for the assembly and that nothing would happen until the renewal of direct rule in June.

Only three members of the party voted for an immediate

return to the assembly, overturning the prediction of Mid-Ulster Assemblyman, Mr. William Thompson, that up to twelve Official Unionists in the Assembly opposed the boycott.

Mr. Thompson had the Official Unionist whip withdrawn from him in November when he accused the party of using the Darkey massacre as a

lever to get out of the Assembly.

He abided by the boycott decision until now, but he will be back in the assembly today.

Explaining his decision, he said that the boycott had failed.

"I think it is almost certain now that a continuation of this policy of boycott will mean the end of the Assembly. Time is running out for it. It can't go on for ever if the main Unionist party and the main nationalist party are absent. It is not viable."

"The reality is," he suggested, "that an Assembly can't continue that doesn't have a majority in it and sooner or later it will fall. It seems to me that fall is coming near."

Mr. Thompson accused the leadership of the Unionist party of never having any commitment to the Assembly and of having to be drawn into its committees "squealing" because there would have been a split in the party if they hadn't.

He also accused them of seeking a device to get out again.

"Now the leadership is hoping, by prevarication and delay that the Assembly will close," he declared.

However, the Deputy Leader of the party, Mr. Harold McCusker, suggested that Mr. Thompson was "a very lightweight personality in Northern Ireland politics, whom, he claimed, normally made his mark by disagreeing with everything the majority of his political colleagues did."

Mr. McCusker emphatically denied that his party had been told by Mr. Prior or the Northern Ireland Office that the Assembly would be prorogued if the party did not return.

He confirmed that if the DUP and the Alliance Party could agree on the terms of a Report Committee on devolution, the Official Unionists would look favourably on returning to the assembly to discuss devolution.

However, it is understood that the Alliance Party would be asked to give up its call for powersharing — a suggestion which it would not be likely to accept.

# Harrods blast suspect is released

From John McEntee in London

AN UNNAMED Irishman arrested in Nottinghamshire on Sunday and brought to London by members of the anti-terrorist squad investigating the Harrods bombing atrocity was freed last night as Scotland Yard conceded that his arrest "was nothing to get excited about."

The Irishman was brought to the top security Paddington Green police station yesterday after Scotland Yard had suggested he was connected with the December bombing which left six people dead and triggered a massive police hunt through England, Scotland and Wales.

His arrest was linked to the discovery of guns and explosives in a van parked in a layby near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

The arrested man, who was not named, was questioned by members of the Anti-Terrorist Squad as Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and the Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman, attended a memorial service for the Harrods victims at Westminster Cathedral.

Because the service coincided with the 12th anniversary of Blood Sunday, security was tighter than usual as Mrs. Thatcher read the lesson at the service. The congregation of 2,000 contained relatives, friends and colleagues of the dead. Included were the Home Secretary, Attorney General, Leader of the Opposition, Lord Chancellor Speaker of the House of Commons, and the Lord Mayor of London.

Asked about the arrest of the Irishman in Mansfield, a spokesman for Scotland Yard refuted suggestions that he was

in any way connected with the Harrods bomb. His arrest was, the spokesman said, "nothing to get excited about."

"All indications are that he was not in any way responsible for the explosion at Harrods," the spokesman said. Asked why the Irishman was, like almost a dozen other Irish people, lifted under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and linked with the Harrods bomb, the spokesman said: "Enquiries into that incident are continuing. We have not linked this man with our enquiries into the Harrods bombing."

## Tory's move to unseat Adams as MP

A BILL which could remove the Sinn Féin MP Gerry Adams from the House of Commons and create a by-election in West Belfast may soon be introduced into Parliament, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Conservative MP for Banff and Buchan, said he would consider this move if the British government refused to introduce legislation to oust people who have not taken their seats within six months of being elected.

Mr. John Biffen, the leader of the House, in a written Commons reply last night rejected his plea to take this action.

Mr. McQuarrie said: "Gerry Adams has categorically stated that he would never take his seat, so the people of West Belfast are disfranchised. If the government does not respond, he said, he will introduce the Bill himself."

Gerry Adams said last night that Mr. McQuarrie, "whoever he is, obviously fails to realise that the people of West Belfast elected a Sinn Féin MP because they wanted a Sinn Féin MP." The move, he said, would only encourage more people to vote for him.

Danny Morrison said last night that it was another attempt by a section of British political opinion to overturn the ballot box and change rules when they did not suit them. "It would be a very foolish move and would incur the wrath of the nationalist people," he said.

# KILL AT CLONMEL



Members of the Irish Campaign Against Blood Sports demonstrating outside the national coursing meet in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, yesterday. INSET: A kill at yesterday's meeting.

# LUKE KELLY—the soul of the Dubliners

Balladeer Luke Kelly the "soul" of the Dubliners group, has died in Dublin's Richmond Hospital to which he was admitted to the weekend. He was 44.

Mr. Kelly was one of the original members of The Dubliners. In recent years he had undergone two serious operations following a brain tumour.

He leaves his widow, Deirdre O'Connell, and many thousands of fans, at home and abroad, who followed the careers of The Dubliners since they formed in 1963.

Luke Kelly was born in the North Wall, Dublin, in 1940, one of six children in a working class family. He was educated at St. Laurence O'Toole's in Seville Place and left school at 13 to work as a messenger. Six months later he got a job in Jacobs biscuit factory.

A dedicated football fan, he was his father's favourite, he played for Home Farm, and through contacts in another club got a job as an apprentice painter and even painted for a while in Aras an Uachtarán.

He was later laid off and set out on the road as a travelling singer. Like the other famous founder-member of the Dubliners, Ronnie Drew, he caught the emigrant boat from the North Wall to England, to sell vacuum cleaners in Newcastle.

It was in England that he was converted to the life of a singer and musician. For the next few years he worked in England improving his playing and singing talents. He spent two years playing banjo in Paris before returning to Dublin in 1962.

It was the appearance on a show put together by John Molloy that prompted Ronnie Drew to suggest the individuals form a group, and just in time for the folk music boom. After

establishing a substantial base in Dublin they recorded a song and released it in Britain as well as their first step to international acclaim.

The Dubliners celebrated 25 years together last year. Since the mid 60s they have toured the world extensively and often packing in full houses wherever they appeared.

Luke's colourful life extended into the showbiz world, when, for example, in October 1971 the band had two concerts cancelled in Lancashire because of the number of rebel songs in their repertoire.

The line-up of the Dubliners has changed in recent years, with both Ronnie Drew and his replacement Jim McCann pursuing successful solo careers, but never failing to attract huge crowds wherever they played.

Ciaran Burke left the group several years ago having been virtually immobilised by a brain ailment. Luke Kelly underwent his first brain tumour operation in Cork in 1980 when he was taken ill at a performance in the Cork Opera House on July 2.

On April 15, 1981, he collapsed at the Embankment in Tallaght, but was discharged from the Richmond hospital

two days later. A few weeks later he was taken ill again in Switzerland, and did not resume touring with the group again until October.

Last March he underwent his second brain tumour operation in the Richmond Hospital and was back playing with the group during the summer.

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## Death of Mrs. Eileen Barber


The death occurred last night of Mrs. Eileen Barber, mother of the former international soccer player, Eric, and the international boxer Dave, and the mother-in-law of Mr. Liam Lawlor T.D.

Eric Barber was capped while a leading player with Shelbourne in the early 70s and later played in the English First Division with Birmingham. Dave is a former light heavyweight champion of Ireland.

Mrs. Barber (71) is survived by her husband, Fred, who is president of the Fianna Fail Dublin south-central comhairle Dail ceannair; and three daughters Hazel, Aileen and Olive.



THE DUBLINERS... Luke Kelly with (from left) Barney McKenna, Ronnie Drew and John Sheehani.



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