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IN IRELAND

O'Malley to quit Dail if he wins Euro seat

By NOEL SMITH

FORMER PD leader Des O'Malley last night said he will not contest the next general election if he wins a seat to the European Parliament.

Mr O'Malley got the go-ahead to contest the Euro elections following a stormy two-and-a-half hour behind closed doors meeting at party headquarters in Limerick.

If he becomes an MEP Mr

O'Malley's annual income from politics could be as much as £200,000 a year.

PD sources admitted the length of the meeting provided a clear indication of the strains within the party following the controversial withdrawal of deputy leader Pat Cox from the June elections.

Party activists who attended last night's meeting said Deputy O'Malley had made it clear that if elected to Europe he will not be a candidate in the next general election.

Selection eases PD tensions — Page Five

The outcome of the meeting is a considerable boost for party leader Mary Harney, who has been anxious for Mr O'Malley to contest the European election, following his resignation from the leadership in October.

However, the party now faces a significant challenge putting together a campaign for the European elections that is seen to be united in the wake of the recent rows.

The position adopted by Mr Cox now that Mr O'Malley is to contest the election will be monitored closely by party supporters.

Mr O'Malley arrived for the meeting at Cecil Street shortly before 8pm accompanied by national PD chairman Senator John Dardis.

When the meeting ended at 10.40pm, Mr O'Malley, surrounded by members of the party, described it as "cordial" and declared he would very much enjoy the challenge of being in Europe — if selected by the

convention and if elected in the four-seat Munster constituency.

He said he had decided to let his name go forward to the convention.

A major fight is now building in the constituency where big name contenders include Labour chairman Jim Kemmy and former Fianna Fail Foreign Minister Gerry Collins.

Mr O'Malley acknowledged the powerful impact of Mr Cox in Europe, and said: "I do not think I will be as successful as Pat Cox."

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Liverpool install Roy Evans as manager in succession to Graeme Souness. And former Republic of Ireland international Owen Coyle snatches a dramatic equaliser as Bolton earn a second FA Cup fourth round chance against Arsenal — Page 13

Adams to set out his terms for peace

By PAULA McMAHON in New York and DON LAVERY
SINN FEIN leader Gerry Adams is expected to set out his party's terms for peace at a major conference in New York today.



● Gerry Adams... 'extra mile'

He arrived in the city last night amidst considerable fanfare. But the visit has provoked unionists to attack President Clinton bitterly for granting Mr Adams a visa.

Mr Adams told the American media last night he was prepared to work with the Irish and British governments and "go the extra mile" for peace.

It is believed he will use

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his US forum today to develop the theme and signal what has to be done to persuade the IRA to end 25 years of violence in the North.

Some unionists suggested Mr Adams would announce a ceasefire — but claimed it would be temporary and just a stunt to grab headlines.

Unionist security spokesman Ken Maginnis said he suspected Mr Adams might make a significant gesture to win support for his position. "I think that could be why he was given a visa — because the US government has been told that his speech will be very significant."

DUP leader Rev Ian Paisley said he believed Mr Adams would announce an IRA cessation of violence which would be hailed as a major breakthrough. He described the granting of a visa as a propaganda exercise which was "a most telling blow" against the British government.

Arriving in New York to be greeted with media exposure usually reserved for visiting heads of state and pop stars, Mr Adams said he saw his visit as a "small victory for freedom of expression".

He added: "If John Major is prepared to go the extra mile then I'm prepared to go the extra mile. I'm prepared to move with the two governments."

Asked if he had leaned on the IRA to renounce "the gun and the bullet" he said: "I lean on no-one," adding: "I've come here to teach a little bit about what's happening in Ireland but also to learn about how

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A family struck by tragedy...



● Francis McCann with his wife Esther and baby Jessica and (left) at home in Rathfarnham with little Jessica

Blaze murder accused man unfit for trial

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN and LIZ ALLEN

THE TRIAL of publican Frank McCann for the murder of his wife and the baby they were hoping to adopt was abandoned in the Central Criminal Court yesterday on the basis of psychiatric reports that the accused was unfit to stand trial.

The double murder charge remains to face Mr McCann when he regains fitness, but legal sources indicated it was unlikely that a new trial would be fixed before October of this year.

Mr Justice Rory O'Hanlon discharged the jury of nine men and two women which spent the last three weeks listening to evidence and waiting in the wings during legal argument.

He told the members that a problem had arisen in the course of the trial as to whether Mr McCann was capable of following the case and giving proper instructions to his legal advisors.

Background to a fire tragedy: report and pictures, Page Six

Medical evidence from consultant psychiatrist Dr Peter Fahy was not contested by the State on Friday, and the judge indicated at that point that he would have to abandon the current trial.

Within 12 hours of that decision, however, Mr McCann set fire to himself in a toilet in Arbour Hill prison in Dublin, and suffered serious injuries to his face and hands from burning deodorant.

When his trial resumed yesterday, Mr McCann was recovering in St James' Hospital where is expected to spend another four weeks.

When he makes a sufficient physical recovery, the prison authorities are expected to refer him to the Central Mental Hospital in Dundrum where he will be treated until he is considered fit to stand trial and assist counsel in his own defence.

Talks at TEAM as crisis ends

By TIM HASTINGS and JOHN DOWNING

MANAGEMENT and craft unions at TEAM Aer Lingus are to begin direct talks on a £14m cost-cutting plan tomorrow after the crisis which threatened the £30m Virgin Airways contract was resolved.

Discussions with the unions, which represent 1,600 staff, will centre on a structure for the negotiations on the unfinished business of the Cahill rescue plan.

The breakthrough for the opening of talks followed a meeting between management and shop stewards yesterday.

Earlier, SIPTU general operatives voted by a substantial majority to lift a ban on overtime, effectively securing the Virgin contract which had been threatened

by delays in the completion of overhauls.

Management has set a deadline of February 28 for final agreement on major changes in work practices, including 13-hour shift working.

SIPTU has already agreed to a structure for talks on the rescue plan along the lines operated in Aer Lingus involving the Labour Relations Commission, but the craft unions had demanded direct discussions.

A management spokesman last night welcomed the outcome of the SIPTU vote and said it had secured the Virgin contract.

Meanwhile, Aer Lingus is set to come under renewed pressure from Brussels to return to profitability.

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Court fight on mortgage fees

ONE of the country's leading building societies plans to appeal a Circuit Court ruling that it must repay a redemption fee charged on a commercial mortgage.

Irish Nationwide was ordered to repay £3,600 to a Co Dublin insurance broker, leading to suggestions that other people charged such fees when they paid off a mortgage early might be able to reclaim the money.

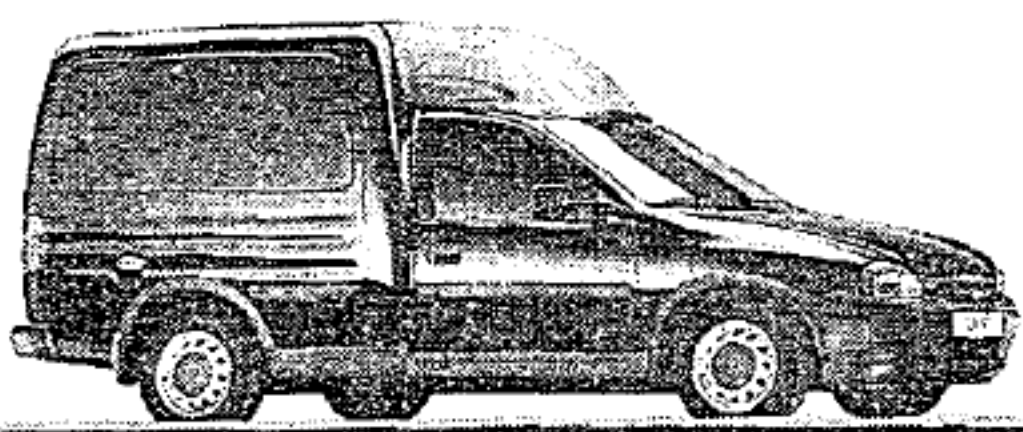
The society argues that the 1989

Building Society Act allows the charging of redemption fees on commercial loans. Such fees have been banned on home loans since 1987.

Commercial mortgages may total more than £500m, compared with almost £4,000m in home loans. Redemption fees can amount to up to six months' interest but are not usually charged if a new loan is being taken out with the same institution.

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Three being questioned after heroin seizure

THREE Dublin men were being questioned by gardai last night after a kilo of heroin was seized when armed detectives stopped a taxi on Sunday night.

Gardai believe one of the suspects, in his early 20s, is a major figure in the drugs underworld on the north-side with contacts overseas but this is the first time he has been linked to a big haul.

The man was arrested by members of Drugs Squad at Clonliffe Ave, Cloughran, yesterday and last night his brother and another suspect were also being quizzed by detectives about the seizure.

An Englishman who was held overnight and questioned about the haul was released without charge yesterday and a file is being prepared for the DPP.

Garda forensic experts confirmed the seized packages contained heroin

By TOM BRADY, Security Editor
and, depending on its purity, its street value was estimated at between £300,000 and £1m. The drug fetches on average about £300 a gramme in street deals.

The seizure followed a surveillance operation across the city on Sunday evening involving the Drugs Squad, Serious Crimes Squad and Dun Laoghaire detective unit.

The operation began in Dun

Laoghaire as detectives kept watch on passengers arriving on ferries from Holyhead as a result of inquiries involving UK police. It continued throughout the evening until a taxi was stopped at a roundabout near Dublin Airport.

Gardai yesterday described the seizure as a very substantial find that would seriously disrupt the supply of heroin on to the streets.

They said their investigation had yielded new intelligence that would

prove vital in tracing the source of drugs already on sale in the north city.

Meanwhile, 10 men and 10 women have been questioned at Pearse St garda station after more than 100 gardai raided a city centre rave disco at the weekend. Quantities of ecstasy, heroin, LSD and cannabis were seized.

The raid on Sides nightclub, Dame St, involved personnel from units all over the city and several people are facing charges as a result.



Under police escort... Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams at New York's John F Kennedy Airport last night

I watered down the Declaration — Molyneaux

By BERNARD PURCELL and DOMINIC CUNNINGHAM

UNIONIST leader Jim Molyneaux yesterday claimed that he persuaded British Prime Minister John Major to neutralise the Downing Street Declaration — as a result of which he expected the IRA to reject it.

The UUP leader, whose nine MPs provide crucial Commons support to Mr Major's dwindling Commons majority of 17 in key votes, said he was responsible for removing most of the key points of an original 30-paragraph Irish position paper to be incorporated into the declaration.



James Molyneaux "put pressure on Major"

The 12 paragraphs which subsequently appeared were neutral while the overall declaration was "a muddled, tortuous one".

In particular, Mr Molyneaux, in an interview in *The Scotsman* newspaper, claimed credit for having a proposal for an Irish/British

convention, which would exercise power over an elected Northern assembly, thrown out.

Mr Molyneaux has come under pressure in his party to produce hard evidence of his 'understanding' with Mr Major last July during the crucial Maastricht vote — although both deny that a "deal" was made. He is also under strong attack from DUP leader Rev Ian Paisley who is hoping up for the European elections in the North.

He repeated in his interview his plans for an 85-seat assembly, with legislative power resting at Westminster, although he hopes to see local authorities regain the powers taken from them 20 years ago.

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Clinton: Why I let SF chief come to US

By STEPHEN ROBINSON

President Clinton gave Gerry Adams a visa for the US because he hoped it would "advance the cause of peace."

He said Mr Adams's comments denouncing all violence justified a limited visa for the peace conference in New York. It was "the appropriate thing to do."

Mr Clinton, facing intense pressure from Irish-American groups and their powerful supporters in Congress, overrode the reservations of some administration staff when he lifted the ban on Mr Adams.

The deal to allow Mr Adams entry was finally clinched after Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, personally intervened with Janet Reno, the attorney general and the official ultimately responsible for immigration matters.

The Justice Department had seen nothing that justified lifting the ban. But Miss Reno eventually agreed to waive the ban for 24 hours.

That high-level intervention was "highly unusual, though not

unique", a US administration official said.

Some State Department officials were unhappy, however, that a long-standing US policy had been overridden, apparently for domestic political reasons.

Mr Adams's cause was taken up by a 40-strong group of members of Congress, led by Senator Edward Kennedy, whose sister is US ambassador to Ireland, and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Throughout last week, the senators increased the pressure. As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Mr Moynihan has a pivotal role in implementing Mr Clinton's domestic reforms, especially the ambitious health programme. (©The Daily Telegraph, London)

Adams to set out his terms

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we can build a functional democracy... an peace in Ireland."

"This generation of Republicans is going to see peace in Ireland whether it comes in the short or the long term — I hope it's in the short term."

Adams flew into New York's John F Kennedy Airport shortly after 4pm and was allowed to by-pass the usual airport customs checks.

He was greeted by a small group of Irish-American extremists and a contingent of officials from Irish Northern Aid.

New York Senator Peter King (Republican), chairman of the American Congress ad hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, claimed: "This

is the most historic moment in American-Irish political relations since 1921."

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'Cain, Abel' death trial begins

By FRANK COURELL

A ROW between Mayo brothers over the feeding of dogs ended when one of them, a 23-year-old deaf and dumb man, bled to death, Dublin Circuit Criminal Court heard.

The case had biblical shades of the Cain and Abel story, a prosecution lawyer told the opening day of the trial yesterday.

The jury was told that the victim Eddie Cleary (24) bled to death 10 to 15 minutes after the row, and that his 23-year-old brother Joseph Cleary, of Abbey Street, Ballinrobe later told gardai he had struck him with a shovel.

Joseph Cleary is pleading not guilty to the unlawful killing of his brother at the family home in Abbey Street, Ballinrobe on December 20, 1992. The court was told he lives with his wife and two children in a caravan near the family home.

Prosecution counsel Joseph Mathews BL told the jury the State was contending that the victim had not, in fact, died from the blow of the shovel, but from a single stab wound which penetrated his heart.

A knife was found in a nearby silage pit and it was contended this caused the fatal wound.

Mr Mathews said that a row developed between the brothers over who would feed the dogs in the yard. What happened next was not really clear, but there was an incident as a result of which Eddie died.

The trial, before Judge Kieran O'Connor, continues today.

Children tragedy blaze puzzle

GARDAI were still baffled last night as to the cause of the fire which claimed the lives of two Mayo children. Forensic experts were sifting through the ruins of the two-storey council dwelling at Knockthomas Estate, Castlebar where they died.

Two-year-old Eric Neary and his baby brother, Lee Adam, aged four weeks, perished in the blaze on Sunday afternoon. Their mother Kay (22) is detained in Mayo General Hospital after sustaining severe burns in a vain effort to save the toddlers.

Supt Padraig Tansey said the technical examination of the dwelling will be completed today.

A benefit fund was set up yesterday for the family. Castlebar Urban Council is making available alternative accommodation for them.

Castlebar curate, Father Paddy Gilligan said there was a tremendous show of support for the parents who had lost their only children. A benefit fund has been set up at the local AIB, account number 27 77 80 99.

Graig Pantry from Gwent in South Wales.

Father of two Dougan, of Rinalda Grove, Lenadon, west Belfast, had denied charges of murder.

Dougan had claimed that he was forced at gunpoint to take two bombers to the hospital, scout their route to the tunnel entrance, and stand guard while they sawed through the bolts of a steel security door.

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Appeal for donors

THE mother of a boy who eight years ago successfully underwent a liver transplant yesterday urged the public to become more aware of the need for transplant donors.

Mrs Margaret McStay, the Dublin mother whose son Colin is now a school going, soccer-mad 11-year-old, said it was important people were aware that there could be members of their own family or friends who would need organs donated in the future.

Airline renews fleet

RYANAIR has begun its programme of replacing its BAC-111 fleet with six Boeing 737-200 aircraft which formerly operated in the Britannia Airways colours.

The independent, family-controlled airline accepts delivery of the first of the Boeings at Dublin Airport today for operation on the Dublin-Standed route.

Car sales up by 2,000

CAR sales for the first three weeks of the year were 2,000 ahead of the total for January 1993, according to the latest figures.

Revenue Commissioners' statistics show that 11,153 new cars were bought up to January 21. It is expected that the Budget reduction in VRT will further boost the figures.



Aedin Moloney

Chief role

AEDIN Moloney, daughter of Chieftain Paddy Moloney, will star alongside another "chief" when she appears on ITV's 'The Bill' tonight.

The former TCD drama student takes the lead role of a 17-year-old criminal in the popular crime drama.

Abbey goes on tour

THE Abbey Theatre has agreed to stage productions in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The first show, *Brothers of the Brush* will be performed at Dalkey Town Hall on February 18. The play will be performed at Scoil Naithi, Ballinleer on February 23. It will be the first time that the national drama company has toured the county.

Crisis level of radiation

RADIATION levels of up to three times the maximum dose for workers in the nuclear industry have been discovered in houses in Salthill, Galway.

Last night, the Radiological Institute of Ireland confirmed that abnormally high levels of radon gas had been identified as the source.

Students in talk-in

UCD students Shaymus Kennedy and Pat Leahy hope to talk their way into the record books over the next three days by making the longest after dinner speech.

The two begin their marathon this afternoon at Belfield campus as part of the fund raising activities for UCD Arts Day. The students hope to raise £24,000 for the Simon Community and Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin.

Weather hits catch

THE Kilmore Quay area has lost up to half a million pounds because of the bad winter, according to Irish Fishermen's Organisation chairman Joe Maddock.

Airwaves ban review plan move by PDs

By BRIAN DOWLING
Political Staff

SECTION 31 of the Broadcasting Act should be renewed two-monthly until the organisations concerned renounce violence, urge the Progressive Democrats.

The party is forcing a Dail debate in private members time today and tomorrow on the Government decision not to renew the order banning representatives of Sinn Féin and other organisations from the airwaves.

The move comes as the Sinn Féin President, Gerry Adams begins a brief visit to the US after several high profile interviews over the past few weeks.

Both the Irish and British Governments are hoping that his visit will help advance the peace process.

Last night, in response to criticisms of the remarks

by the British Prime Minister, the Taoiseach said Mr Major had not said "No" to a united Ireland. Mr Major had said "No" to a united Ireland without the consent of a majority, and this was a very different proposition.

The proposed Forum for Peace and Reconciliation and the process of demilitarisation would together mark the next stages of the peace process once the Declaration was accepted.

Last night the Fine Gael leader John Bruton attacked Mr Adams for seeking clarification of the Declaration through the "channels of communication" used by the British Government with the Republican movement.

He said the Sinn Féin leader has still failed to specify in public one sentence in the Declaration which was unclear to him.

SF Ard Fheis in Tallaght centre

By LIZ ALLEN

SINN Féin will hold its annual Ard Fheis in Killinarden community hall, Tallaght, on February 26 and 27.

The request to hold the Ard Fheis in Tallaght went to the centre last week and Killinarden Community Council voted on Thursday to allow the meeting take place.

The Ard Fheis is certain to attract tremendous international media attention and it may produce the first considered response to the Downing St Declaration.

Last year the Ard Fheis was held in Dundalk town hall after the High Court rejected a decision of Dundalk Urban District Council to cancel the hiring of the hall.

Doherty bid for parole

By IVAN McMICHAEL

JAIL-breaker Joe Doherty who spent nine years in US prisons fighting extradition could still have the time taken into consideration in his application for parole from the Maze where he is serving a life sentence for murdering an SAS officer.

Yesterday three judges in Belfast Court of Appeal directed North Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew to reconsider his decision to

disregard the years Doherty was locked up in the US.

Doherty (39) from New Lodge, Belfast, escaped from Crumlin Road jail in 1981 and fled to America. He was arrested in New York in 1983 and waged a legal battle all the way to the US Supreme Court before he finally defeated Britain's application to extradite him. But he was then accused of being an illegal immigrant and was

deported in February, 1992. Doherty's life sentence, with a recommendation that he serve 30 years, was imposed on June 12, 1981 — two days after his escape — for murdering Capt Herbert Westmacott in Belfast in May, 1980.

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The only concession was the Irish Government's suggestion of a Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Mr Reynolds "can have a talking shop if he wants to. We are not involved."

British Labour Party spokesman Kevin McNamara said if Mr Molyneaux's assertions were true it meant Mr Major had put his parliamentary survival before the chances of peace in the North.

Life for hospital blast

A HOSPITAL porter was given two life sentences and 199 years in concurrent terms for his part in an IRA bomb attack on a British Army hospital bar in which two soldiers died.

Lord Justice Kelly told 26-year-old Liam Rory Dougan at Belfast Crown Court that his "evil doings" were a stark contrast to the dedicated efforts of the people with whom he worked at Musgrave Park Hospital.

The two soldiers died when a bomb ripped through the bar at the hospital's military wing. The bomb, planted in a tunnel leading to the bar, had a devastating effect when it went off on November 2, 1991, the judge said.

The soldiers who died were Warrant Officer Philip Arthur Cross, 33, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, from Manchester, and 20-year-old Private

Graig Pantry from Gwent in South Wales.

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