



TODAY'S WEATHER

Fog lifting slowly will give sunny spells. Dry, with temperatures near seasonal average.

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Dr. Herrema out as kidnappers surrender

HE'S FREE!



BEARDED EDDIE GALLAGHER BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Gallagher ill so 18-day siege ends

THE SIEGE of Monasterevin is over. It ended just before 10 o'clock last night when the kidnappers surrendered apparently because Eddie Gallagher fell seriously ill.

But Dr. Herrema emerged from his 36 days of captivity remarkably fit and well.

The 55-year-old Dutchman came through his ordeal with almost super-human endurance.

After he walked briskly from the kidnap house in St. Evin's Park, he was whisked away in a Garda car to the military hospital at the Curragh.

But after he was examined there, he was pronounced well enough to travel to Dublin.

On arrival at the Dutch Ambassador's residence in Churchtown, though, there was no one there so the industrialist and Foreign Minister Garret FitzGerald went to a nearby house where they were served coffee.

Then, to everyone's amazement, Dr. Herrema began to do physical exercises, continuing a routine that he had kept up during his 18 days in the Monasterevin house.

The surrender drama began at about 9.30 last night when the kidnappers said they wanted to come out.

Shaken

Half an hour later, Dr. Herrema emerged, to be followed a few minutes afterwards by a visibly shaken Eddie Gallagher.

The 27-year-old Donegal man had to be helped to a waiting squad car by Special Branch detectives and he looked pale and sickly as he walked into the bright television arc lights.

Later, it was learned that he was under heavy sedation at the Bridewell Station in Dublin.

It was Marian Coyle—the 19-year-old Derry girl—who stole the show.

She fairly sparkled as she surrendered a few seconds after Gallagher.

Her jet black hair was stylishly swept back and she was dressed neatly in a black coat, blue jeans and carried a black handbag.

She looked rested and clean and was smiling as she walked unaided to join Gallagher in the waiting squad car.

When a reporter called out to her, "How are you feeling, Marian?", she replied: "I'm feeling great."

So the 18-day siege ended as swiftly as the kidnapping of the 55-year-old Dutchman had begun.

And its successful conclusion completely justified the strategy of the Government and security authorities to wait it out.

DEAL

The way in which Coyle and Gallagher surrendered led to speculation that there was one deal—that they should be allowed to walk out looking clean and dignified.

However, Chief Superintendent Lawrence Wrenn, Head of the Garda Security, would not comment on this.

He had been at the house earlier in the day as he had been on all of the previous days

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DUTCH industrialist Dr. Tiede Herrema was beaten, lost a tooth and was twice within seconds of death during his 18 day nightmare in captivity.

But early today the courageous 53-year-old businessman declared: "I want to stay in Ireland; I want to go back to work."

He revealed that during each day of his captivity he kept alert and at a high peak of physical fitness by doing ten punishing minutes of advanced physical exercises.

But Dr. Herrema's dogged determination to stay on top of the situation and take any punishment meted out to him

led to sometimes vicious attacks at the hands of his captors.

"One of my teeth was knocked out", he explained, "and twice I was threatened with shooting but they backed down".

Dr. Herrema was talking early today at the Churchtown home of the Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Felix Van Raalte, after being whisked to Dublin from the filthy captive Council house room in Monasterevin.

He ate a boiled egg and one slice of toast and told Government Ministers who accompanied him to Dublin that he wanted to sleep before holding a dawn press conference at 6 a.m.

He was taken from St. Evin's Park to the Curragh military

hospital where he underwent a brief medical check but when he was found to be in peak condition he asked to be taken to the luxury Churchtown home of Mr. Van Raalte.

Accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. FitzGerald, Dr. Herrema was taken to Dublin to find the Embassy empty.

The Minister and the former hostage walked across the road to a house in Weston Park where they were given coffee by Mrs. Mary Shannon.

She said last night: "Dr. FitzGerald and Dr. Herrema arrived at the door and asked to come in. They sat in the dining room for a while until other people began arriving and then they went back across the road to the Embassy residence".

Minutes after the arrival of the ambassador at the house, Justice Minister Mr. Cooney arrived to speak with the man who was held in one room for more than 17 days.

And Dr. Herrema told him

that while he was in captivity his feet were constantly tied.

This would have made it impossible for him to go along with the Garda escape plan of jumping out the window on to mattresses which troops placed on the front lawn.



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The car carrying Dr. Herrema, partly hidden in back seat on right, speeding out of Monasterevin last night after the end of the siege.

Manhunt cost over £3m.

By JIM FARRELLY

The Dr. Herrema kidnap affair has cost an incredible £3 million. The 18 day manhunt—the biggest ever in the history of the State, cost £2 million. And the siege—lasting another 18 days—cost over £1 million in manpower, fuel and accommodation. Meantime: the lost to Ferenka was £3 million.

During the manhunt which ended at the semi-detached 1410

house in Monasterevin on Oct. 21 last over 4,000 Gardaí backed by hundreds of troops were deployed in house to house countryside searches.

Justice Minister Patrick Cooney gave security chiefs the order to spare no expense. And the overtime ban for Gardaí was lifted.

Mr. Donegan, the Defence Minister, laid on 1,000 troops and Army helicopters.

Meantime the 18 days old Monasterevin siege involved the full time attention of 500 Gardaí and 500 troops, at the Co. Kildare suburban estate.

But extra security forces manned checkpoints and were on the alert for anything suspicious within a 50 miles radius of the siege.

The cost in jobs at Limerick has not yet been counted.

The Ferenka plant employing 1,200 Limerick men lost £2 million due to closures—demanded by the kidnappers.

But the plant is in serious financial trouble and lost £3 million so far this year. The Ferenka bosses say that the plant will continue in production and that they expect an upswing in the steel wire market next year.

Provos offer amnesty

THE PROVISIONAL I.R.A. last night offered a three-day amnesty to members of the rival Official I.R.A. and the political wing, The Republican Clubs.

The Belfast Brigade of the Provisionals said the offer was from midnight tonight and was for members of the official movement to "openly disassociate themselves from the activities of the criminal elements of the National Liberation Force leadership".

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