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Gallagher ill so 18-day siege ends

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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.

lost a tooth and was twice

determination to stay on top a.m.

in captivity.

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

lowed a few minutes afterwards by a visibly shaken Eddie Gal-

had to be helped to a waiting lireland; I want to go back to squad car by Special Branch work".

He revealed that during each and sickly as he walked into the bright television are lights.

He revealed that during each being whisked to Dublin from to a house in Weston Park the filty captive Council house where they were given coffee by the filty captive Council house where they want to a house in Weston Park they want to a house in Weston Par

was under heavy sedation at punishing minutes of advanced the Bridewell Station in Dublin. physical exercises. It was Marian Coyle-the 19-

year-old Derry girl-who stole

rendered a few seconsd after

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

She looked rested and clean and was smilin as she walked unaided to join Gallagher in the

waitin gsquad 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 To Page Three.

Tiede Herrema was beaten, at the hands of his captors.

"One of my teeth was

within seconds of death "and twice I was threatened Haif an hour later, Dr. during his 18 day nightmare with shooting but they backed Herrema emerged, to be fol-Dr. Herrema was talking

y a visibly shaken Eddie Gal-ageous 53-year-old businessman home of the Dutch Ambassador. The 27-year-old Donegal man declared: "I want to stay in Mr. Felix Van Raalte, after

detectives and he looked pale individual sickly as he walked into the pright television are lights.

Later, it was learned that he physical fitness by doing ten was under heavy sedation at punishing minutes of adversarial fitness. He are a boiled egg and one slice of toast and told Government Ministers who accom-panied him to Dublin that he wanted to sleep before holding But Dr. Herrema's dogged a dawn press conference at 6

of the situation and take any He was taken from St. Evin's She fairly sparkled as she sur- punishment meted out to him Park to the Curragh military

want to stay here—Herrema DUTCH industrialist Dr. led to sometimes vicious attacks hospital where he underwent a he was found to be in peak

> to the luxury Churchtown home of Mr. Van Raalte. Accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. FitzGerald, Dr. Herrema was taken to Dub-

lin to find the Embassy empty. The Minister and the former hostage walked across the road

condition he asked to be taken

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".

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

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".

It guaranteed any dissidents who came forward protecton against retaliation. They claimed many official Republicans had already been coming forward.

Manhunt cost over £3m.

The car carrying Dr. Herrema, partly hidden in back seat on

right, speeding out of Monasterevin last night after the end

of the siege.

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 £4 million in manpower, fuel and accommodation. Meantime the lifted. lost to Ferenka wa: £3 million.

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

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

Mr. Donegan, the Defence During the manhunt which Minister, laid on 1,000 troops ended at the semi-detached 1410 and Army helicopters.

Meantime the 18 days old Monasterevin siege involved the 1,200 Limerick men lost £3 milfull time attention of 500 Gardai and 500 troops, at the Co. Kil-

dare suburban estate. But extra security forces manned checkpoints and were on the alert for anything suspicious Ferenka bosses say that the within a 50 miles radius of the

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

The Ferenka plant employing lion due to closures - demanded by the kidnappers.

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

Minutes after the arrival of that while he was in captivity 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 on the front lawn.

MARIAN COYLE BEING LED AWAY BY SPECIAL BRANCH DETECTIVES.

his feet were constantly tied. This would have made it im-

possible for him to go along with the Garda escape plan of jumping out the window on to mattresses which troops placed

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GARDA tactics in the Herrema kidnap followed closely the lines of London's recent Spaghetti House siege. The "wait and see" approach kept endless pressure on Gallagher and Coyle without ever pushing them over the brink into action.

Psychiatrists say that the "softly, softly" line eventually leads to nervous and emotional exhaustion. It does this by people continually talking to the kidnappers, keeping them always on edge, short of sleep and rest, and facing them with the hopelessness of their situation.

In such a state emotions can become reversed, enemies seem to become friends, and people can be talked into doing the opposie of their original intentions.

The crucial question in the Herrema instance was whether the Dutch industrialist was capable of standing up to the treatment from his captors longer than they could withstand the police tactics.

The sensory deprivation to which Dr. Herrema was submitted, with cotton wool in his

ears, blindfolded, bound and facing continual threats to his life, would be enough to break most men, psychiatrists say.

But the industrialist seems to have lived up to the reputation given him by his family and colleagues when the kidnap first started, as an extremely resolute and strong character.

RECOVERY

A forensic psychiatrist attached to the Eastern Health Board said last night there was no reason why Dr. Herrema

As news of the lifting of

the siege broke, hundreds of

people poured up to St. Evin's Park to view the siege

house. As Gardai converged

on the area, the residents

milled around on the mud-

spattered road in the light of

the huge are lamps trained

on the front of the house.

The ending of the siege was

almost an anti-climax for

One man sitting in his home

only 10 yards from the siege

missed the intense surrender

was baby-sitting while his wife

flash saying the whole thing was

minute and then I heard some

noise out the back, when I

looked out I could see all the

in cramped conditions with rela-

tives. Theirs, too, was an 18-day

husband, Richard, and their two

children moved out of their

house the day the siege started.

"I will never forget that day be-

cause it was my little girl, Melanie's second birthday. It

was very inconvenient and

awkward for everybody but it

Mr. Coady and his wife,

David (21) and Natasha (13

months) decided to stay in their

danger of living beside the siege.

homes despite the extreme

away from the house where Eddie

were holed up with Dr.

Herrema. Mrs. Coady said: "Our

boy David could not be allowed

to play outside at all and it was

closed in. The only thing we

could do was bring him out to the shed for turf. He could not understand why he could not

play outside, but he got used to

it and everything went on fairly

Two other families in

near the siege house -- had high

praise for the gardai and their

wife Josephine did not believe

that the tension-packed siege

would end without bloodshed -

shared by Mr. Michael Hall and

Mr. Gilfoyle said: "I did not

come out alive. I could not des-

cribe our opinion of the work

Mr. Gilfoyle's children, Ken

(2), and Evelyn (6), who is going

to school, were restricted to

his wife Nan, in 1405.

done by the gardai."

playing indoors.

Mr. Patrick Gilfoyle and his

handling of the delicate affair.

a big ordeal for him being

Mrs. Marie Lonergan and her

ran out the front door."

should not make a full recovery from the ordeal.

"Indeed he may well be a better man having contended with the stress. Surviving an experience such as his can often lead to an even stronger constitution," he said.

He said that depending on the food brought into him during the siege and the sleep pattern, Dr. Herrema could now be suffering from skin rashes and sleep disturbance.

"The long-term prognosis is

very good. There will inevitably be a period of convalesence but the duration varies from person to person."

The situation in relation to Marian Coyle and Eddie Gallagher would be somewhat similar to that of Dr. Herrema. When told that Marian Coyle

looked "well groomed and smiling" as she left the house in Monasterevin, the psychiatrist said: "She was bound to have been immensely relieved that the entire ordeal was over."

Of the manner in which the entire siege operation had been handled by the Gardai and Army, the psychiatrist said: "The whole operation has been so directed that we are not aware of the extent of the transaction between the kidnappers and the authorities. But it was conducted in such a manner that brought success all round. All people came out of the house alive and we are delighted," he said.

Joyful relief for Cooney

By CHRIS GLENNON Our Political Correspondent

THE government and the Minister for Justice in particular emerged joyful and immensely relieved last night from the trauma of the siege, the most dramatic chain of events in their 2½ year term of office.

Having taken an unyielding stand of "no deal" from within an hour of being informed of Dr. Herrema's kidnap they withstood great pressures from many sources.

On their stand they had the support of the Opposition, the leader of which, Mr. Lynch, adopted the government's line very shortly after it was announced almost exactly three weeks ago.

An inevitable consequence of the end of the kidnap siege will he a review by the government, probably next week, of the entire operation by the security forces. In this review they will look also at the legislation available to deal with such events but it is generally expected that no new legislation will be sought. Mr. Cooney maintained throughout the three weeks of the siege that the laws already enacted were sufficientfor the situation. He is unlikely now to change his mind.

Mr. Cooney who went from his home late last night to visit Dr. Herrema has been the Minister most directly involved and as such has taken an immense amount of pressure. Several times when the siege appeared to have reached critical stages he was involved in allnight vigils with the security chiefs directing the operation.

As the siege dragged on he remained in almost constant contact with it.

Politicians of all parties were, however, agreed that kidnapping could not be totally ruled out in the future. A determined group might try again. But they said the fact that the Monastrevin siege ended with the captive and captors all safe despite the intense pressures would mean that the futility of such an exercise had been more than amply demonstrated.

SUPPORT

The Government felt that at all times it had the total and unwavering support of the gen-eral public. This was made clear not alone by Mr. Cooney but by the Taoiseach who broke his West Mayo by-election campaign to send a personal message to Dr. Herrema and another message congratulating the Garda and Army.

That support for Government in its stand was dented in only a very minor way. Those dents came mainly in letters to some newspapers

but they were few. There were, too, the almost inevitable heports that the Dutch Government — worried about the safety of its own citizen put pressure on the Taoiseach to give in to at least some of the kidnappers demands. These reports were strongly denied by Mr. Cooney who also rejected totally the suggestion that "private pressure" was being applied from Holland. This 'private pressure" had been interpreted as meaning that while the Dutch Government was publicly backing the Taoiseach's stand it was quietly advocating

a different course of action. However, there is no real doubt but that those reports were untrue. The Government directly through the diplomatic channels were kept constantly informed of events and the Foreign Minister, Dr. FitzGerald. cancelled at least one engagement abroad so that he could be available to maintain personal contact in Dublin with the Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Felix

van Raalte, Government Ministers, while naturally delighted that the siege had ended with Dr. Herrema safe, were confining their comments early today to expressions of pleasure that the drama was over. They were not seeking any credit. Instead they gave all the praise to Dr. Herrema himself for his resilence and fortitude and to the gardai whom they felt had done a marvellous job and earned the respect of every citizen.

Undoubtedly, however, in the immediate aftermath the end of the siege will give the Coalition a boost in its popular support, For there has been a general attitude among the public that the government "no deal" stand was the only one that could have been taken and that the Taoiseach and his Ministers were right to reject any effort to move from that position.

Gen. Franco 'very grave'

Gen. Francisco Franco underwent four hours of emergency stomach surgery yesterday and doctors reported his condition as "very grave" after the operation.

Rushed to a Madrid hospital from his Pardo Palace, the 82-year-old Spanish ruler was reported as suffering massive intestinal haemorrhageing. A medical bulletin following

the operation said five litres of blood were pumped into the failing general after doctors removed two-thirds of his stomach. in his second abdominal operation ation in four days.

Bingo went on while history was made

"TWO fat ladies 88" . . . Legs II" . . . all the nine's 99" . . . The women of Monasterevin were at their weekly bingo session in the local hall last night unaware of the intense drama being played out just up the road.

Suddenly the bingo caller interrupted the session and shouted: "Herrema is out. Herrema is out." At first the news was received with disbelief by the hundreds of women, but then there was pandemonium and they broke into clapping and cheering.

But the session went on to the end so that the ladies of Monasterevin could shout "bingo" and win their cash prizes and turkeys.

18-day siege ends

Continued from Page One. fluring the siege and left about

four hours before the actual surrender took place. In this four hours, Coyle and Gallagher had time to clean

up and put on proper clothing as they surrendered in front of the world press. The last day of the siege was

a quiet one. There were no all along to take them up to the over. It didn't sink in for a extra security arrangements front of the siege house. around the estate.

Earlier in the day, the normal morning press briefing, held at about lunchtime, was postponed because, as gardai said, Garda P.R.O., Supt, Tom Kelly was in the Special Criminal Court

giving evidence in a case. The first briefing of the day was held as it got dark and was noted only for the degree of strained relations between reporters and the Garda spokes-

There was a lot of excitement around the house just after the surrender. Crowds of gardai, Army men and civilians trampled through the lawns of adjoining houses to ge a closer look at the house where Dr. Herrema had spent more than 400 hours with Coyle and Gal-

The bedroom window was smashed just over the porch, and the equipment which gardai could be seen clearly.

Stretchers had been used to carry bullet-proof glass in the

Mrs.Herrema flies in

A JUBILANT Mrs. Elizabeth Herrema flew into Dublin in the early hours today for a fairytale breakfast time reunion with her husband.

Wearing a pink tweed suit and a brown polo neck, Mrs. Herrema heard the dramatic news of her husband's release from the siege house while sleeping in her son's home in

She told pressmen: "I needed some minutes to realise what had happened." She was then whisked in a AKZO company car to Rotterdam airport for the 13 hours flight to Dublin.

Before dashing from the airport for the long awaited freedom embrace with her husband Mrs. Herrema told newsmen that she was sure her husband fully realised the predicament he had been in . . . that death was just around the corner every second.

In congratulating the Irish Government in their handling of the kidnap case she said that the way they dealt with the kidnap was "the best way." Asked about the future of the Herrema family in Ireland she said: "It depends on what my husband wants to do."

hallway and it provided a protective canopy for security per-

Reporters were alerted at 9.35 last night that Supt. Kelly had suddenly left during his dinner drama outside. Mr. Sean Coady at the nearby Hazel Hotel.

Then began the scramble for attended the bingo session, He reporters and photographers to said: "I was watching a late proget onto the two special Army gramme when there was a news trucks which had been waiting The authorities made as much

play as possible out of the dramatic surrender and were intent on presenting the ending to the world press camped on the estate since the siege began. There was considerable

tension on the trucks as they swayed through thick muck in the field near the front of the house. The front of the house itself looked eerie even haunted, with the Army and television arc lights trained on it.

Special Branch detectives with guns bulging under their coats crowded around the front of the house and mingled uniformed gardai accompaned by Alsatían dogs.

In the midst of it all, as the newsmen scrambled down from the trucks after the surrender, was Chief Supt. Wrenn, the only was safer to be out of here. It man to carry out any dialogue will be great to get back to

A faint smile was his only had brought into the house admission to a triumph for his Patricia, and thei two children, men - and the entire Garda force who had relentlessly pursued the kidnappers.

> He refused to answer reporters questions in any great Theil home is only a few doors Chief. Supt. Wrenn said he

was reluctant to say anything because legal proceedings would But he did say that Dr.

Herrema was in perfect health. Chief. Supt. Wrenn added modestly that he did not consider the surrender --- and release of Dr. Herrema - as a triumph for himself.

The tiny Council house was normally." like a fortress inside. There was builet-proof glass supported by St. Evin's Park-who also live scaffolding in the porch. This was to prevent bullets being fired from upstairs.

There was also scaffolding inside - and more bullet-proof glass. The floors were covered with rubber material to prevent the kidnappers hearing even death. This view was

movements downstairs. In the back bathroom window, there were two holes --and they both looked like they believe that all three would had been made by buliets.

This is the window at which 35-year-old Detective Sgt. Michael Egan was shot - and

lost a finger. At the time gardai said that only one shot had been fired. The Garda experts have now moved into the upper portion of the house to comb it out and

And at night they could not get very much sleep because of the hum of the generators lighting up 1410 and the talk of one police photographer brought gardai and Army men. in a very large camera to the But, Mr. Gilfoyle, a builder, house next door.

said their inconvenience could not compare with that of Dr. Herrema - and for that reason they accepted it with good

grace. An early visitor to the scene after the siege was over was Very Rev. Patrick Shine, Parish Priest of Monasterevin, who chatted with the gardai and Army men.

He said he was very pleased that the affair had ended on such a happy note.



The mattresses which were placed earlier this week under the window of the room, where Dr. Herrema was held in the hope that he would jump to freedom.

HERREMA 'A MAN OF STEEL' -LYNCH

OPPOSITION Leader, Mr. Jack Lynch, said last night that Dr. Herrema must have been "a man of steel" to have endured

commotion going on and then I his terrible ordeal. Relieved families carried The Fianna Fail chief heard babies in arms back into their the news of the Dutch indushomes in the houses adjoining trialist's release on his car radio the siege house. Many of them while driving from Achill to had moved out for their own Westport on the by-election safety in the early days of the siege and had to endure living campaign late last night.

Mr. Lynch said that like everyone else in Ireland, his feelings were of great joy and relief at Dr. Herrema's safe release.

He hoped that the sympathy and understanding of the Irish people were of some comfort to Mrs. Herrema and her family during their agony.

Mr. Lynch congratulated the Gardai for their successful investigation of the kidnapping and for the manner in which they had conducted their duties in Monasterevin. He also paid tribute to the Army. The Government was to be

commended for its stand in hours. which it had received the com-Gallagher and Marian Coyle

LONGEST SIEGE . . . THE glowing embers of the road, But perhaps those passing proof military Moasterevin campfire through will now take more

For gone into the damp, cold night were the huddled figures who these past 18 days have

kept the blaze alight, waiting,

watching and hoping for the end to Ireland's biggest kidnap drama of the century. Tired, bedraggled by the marathon siege, the world's newsmen and photographers quit their shantytown without as much as a farewell. For where

But the memorles of St. Evins Park will linger, We'll think of Lilly Murray, the happy-go-lucky housewife who opened her warm rainy dawns with cups of steaming tea and crackling fry-

We'll think of the muffled gardai and battle-dressed soldiers with whom we built a friendly cameraderie, front line men all. sharing a common trial.

We'll reflect on the hospitality of the Monasterevin hostelry; of Brennan's where coffee with ham and cheese sandwiches revived flagging spirits; of the Hazel Hotel, where the staff pulled out all the stops to cater for the legions of customers that throngedt he dining room at all

plete and unstitted support of will perhaps become again just and Jelle (24), another son, trav- beginning to lose the hope and

smouldered and died away early than a fleeting glance at a place that has etched itself in the minds of the nation.

MEMORIES OF THE

It was one of the biggest media operations ever mounted outside war time as more than 350 newspaper and TV 350 newspaper and TV Special teams of post office fournalists poured into the quiet engineers were drafted into the Co. Kildare town.

overnight. Many newspapers spent more covering the siege than was

spent on coverage of the Arab-Israeli six-day war and the Suez crisis in the 50's.

area to provide special telephone Reporters and photographers lines for the press caravans and staged a 24-hour watch on the it is estimated that gardai, 90-house council estate which troops and media people spent was transformed into a security more than £500,000 in the town

the action goes so goes the Champagne party housewife who opened her warm kitchen to us day and night; who lifted the gloom of grey. In Herrema home

FAMILY threw an all-night champagne party in the family home in Herrema's employer. Arnhem, Holland, after hearing of the release of their father the industrialist. Dr. Tiede

The family got the exciting news after 36 days of waiting Harm (14) and Ydzd (16). from a Dutch Government official, who had been informed by Irish / Dutch "hotline."

Mrs. Elizabeth Herrema immediately left the Arnhem house for Rotterdam Airport ---Now it's all over the village to her son, Sjoerd (26). Sjoerd needed good news. We were just

where she was met by Dr. Hugh Craigenhoff of AKZO, Dr.

Then the sons returned to

Arnhem for an all-night

Also at the party were the two other Herrema sons To a background of popping champagne bottles and pop music, an elated Sjoerd told the

celebration party.

Irish Independent last night. "The release came as a complete surprise. And it came



Chief Superintendent Wren surrounded by newsmen seeking information after Dr. Herrema and the kidnaspers had been

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