

CONSULTANT FIRM GIVES GO-AHEAD TO RAIL LINE

A FIRM of consultants has told Northern Ireland Railways that the re-opening of the Belfast central line would be a sound proposition.

The company's chairman, Mr. Miles Humphreys, said in his annual report that with the approval of the Ministry of Development, the consultants had been called in to study the line.

Mr. Humphreys said: "The report has now been received and confirms the company's view that the re-opening of the line would not only prove economically favourable but would also play an important part in the development of Bangor, Portadown and Craigavon."

Now, he said, they were hoping the Government would approve.

Firm's profits take a jolt

The re-opening of the line, he said, would play a part, not only in improving communications within the Province, but in improving

the economy of the company.

Mr. Humphreys said that, for the second year running, the railways had made a profit—but that the cost of civil unrest it was lower than last year.

He said the total revenue for the year was £1,821,000, but warned that the company could take little comfort in the slightly upward trend.

Unfortunately, expenditure is increasing at a faster rate than income, mainly caused by very heavy labour costs, he said.

Mr. Humphreys said that the company could no longer contain the ever increasing costs of wages, and said that it was proposing to increase certain fares.

Fourteen and fashionable



Coin man: sentence reduced

A SENTENCE of two years' imprisonment on a London man at Belfast City Commission last October for the illegal exporting of 1947 English silver coins, was reduced by two months by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Richard William Sullivan (33), of 309 Front Lane, Cranham, Essex, had also been fined £10,000 on being found guilty by a jury of exporting £12,000 of pre-1947 silver coins with intent to evade the prohibition of export.

He was given two years on each of four charges for similar offences involving seven boxes of coins to the value of £2,000, the sentences to run concurrently.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Macdermott, with whom were Lord Justice McVeigh and Mr. Justice Lavery, ruled that a maximum sentence that could be imposed in a customs case involving a fine was 12 months.

Belfast to reach higher in the sky

Rent man robbed in Bogside

A HOUSING TRUST rent collector was attacked and robbed of £120 in the Bogside area of Londonderry yesterday.

Police said the collector, Mr. George Blakey, Queen Street, Derry, was in the high flats at Rossville Street when he was assaulted. A man struck him in the face and grabbed a satchel containing the money from his hands.

THE ERECTION of a block of offices—which will be the highest building in Belfast—was approved by Belfast Corporation's town planning committee yesterday.

The 30-storey, eight-building will be at Bedford Street and will be flanked by James Street South and Franklin Street.

The dome of the City Hall is 17ft high. The office block will be on the site of a warehouse which the Architectural Preservation Society sought to have preserved as an ancient monument because it was designed by the architect Charles Lanyon.

Although the proposal is contrary to the high buildings policy which restricts new development to within 350 yards of City Hall to the general existing height of development, the architectural form and design of the proposal are of a high standard. There will be an open space at the front of the building for the public.

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Showtime 70 will make friends

THERE'S something about Showtime 70, the variety show which George Johnstone and his wife Roma Derry are presenting in the Little Theatre, Bangor, for the seventh summer, that reminds me of J. B. Priestley's 'The Good Companions'.

Readers of that novel will remember the company of enthusiastic, showbiz folk who travel the country, giving performances and making friends wherever they go.

Like them, George Roma and other members of "Showtime 70" are versatile. George is selling tickets at the box-office, greeting old friends, and Roma selling programmes and showing the people to their seats before the show begins.

With curtain-up they are on stage, singing, taking part in sketches and presenting their own musical speciality act.

One of the bills is Za Raeda, the clairvoyant, who, having touched an item belonging to a member of the audience, forecasts that person's immediate future. As well he gives his own drag act.

There's Scottie and Jimmy Fletcher and his wife, who sing and play popular songs and then give male impersonations.

Due either to the microphone or her misuse of it last night it was difficult to enjoy her singing, but no doubt first night difficulties will be ironed out.

The show owes a lot of its success to Billy Cairns at the piano.

Eire papers are to cost more

THE PRICE of Eire newspapers will be increased by 33¢ per copy to-morrow.

The Irish Times announced to-morrow that the paper would cost 10p per copy, an increase of 30¢ because of rising costs.

In an editorial, the paper says: "The rising costs of newspapers is one of the phenomena of the time. Many believe that for too long they have been underpriced and more than one newspaper now goes, might have been rescued if the managements had faced facts more squarely. The New Chronicle in England is one example."

The Irish Press and the Irish Independent will go up by 2d to 2d 1/2 to-morrow and the Evening Standard and Evening Herald by 3d to 3d 1/2 to-morrow.

Welcome for young farmers

LORD Dunblath, vice-president of Ballywater Young Farmers' Club, at the annual dinner in the Con-way Hotel last night, welcomed six Ayrshire young farmers who are here on a visit as winners of the Lord Dunblath award.

The six will stay on Northern Ireland farms.

Before going to the dinner last night they went to Lord Dunblath's farm at Ballywater Park.

LOUGH NEAGH FISHERMEN SENTENCED

SIXTEEN LOUGH NEAGH fishermen appeared at a special sitting of Cookstown Court yesterday charged with fishery offences and also obstruction, assault, and disorderly behaviour.

Two of them were sentenced to imprisonment, six were given suspended jail sentences, and lines totalling £373 imposed.

The prosecutions arose out of incidents following the seizure by officers of the Fisheries Conservancy Board, of a half ton of eels at Newbridge, Magherafelt, on May 10.

Christopher Quinn, 229 for obstruction and assault, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined £40 for obstruction and assault.

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Assault

Anthony McVeigh, Kinturk, Coagh, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined £20 for assaulting a bailiff, Joseph Dobbin, obstruction and disorderly behaviour.

The following were sentenced to three months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for obstruction and disorderly behaviour: John Devlin, Mullin, Lower, Ballinlough, Coagh; Francis McVeigh, Kinturk, Coagh; James McVeigh, Kinturk, Coagh.

James McVeigh, Kinturk, Coagh, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined £40 for obstruction and assault.

Thomas John Conlon, Annetmore, Coagh, was fined £20 on two previous charges.

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Gone camping

A GROUP of 230 teachers and young counsellors has left for a summer camp in the US and Canada.

The group, which is part of the "When you play jazz" project, is led by Mr. John Devlin, Mullin, Lower, Ballinlough, Coagh.

The group is expected to return to the UK in the autumn.

4 are sentenced after week-end riots in Derry

FOUR PEOPLE were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from three to five months at Derry Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges following the week-end rioting.

More than 40 people were before the court on charges ranging from disorderly behaviour to throwing a petrol bomb at troops and possessing a coil of safety fuse with intent to endanger life.

There were remands on both bail and in custody in the majority of cases—the defendants to appear at next Thursday and next Monday and Tuesday.

An 18-year-old shirt factory worker, Margaret Fraser, of Long Tower Street, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment on each of two charges of disorderly behaviour, the sentences to run concurrently.

The court was told that she was seen throwing stones at troops on Saturday night.

Petrol bomb

A 19-year-old plumber, Martin Gerard Mallett, St. Francis Terrace, was remanded in custody until July 6 charged with throwing a petrol bomb at soldiers on duty at Rossville St.—William St. on Sunday with intent to cause personal injury.

The court was told that when charged Mallett said: "I am not guilty."

The charge of disorderly behaviour at Rossville St. against Arthur Kearney (49), a joiner, of Centenary Park, Omagh, was dismissed.

Hugh McFadden (44), Donagh Place, who was alleged to have thrown stones at the army in William Street, was jailed for four months. He denied the offence.

William Quinn, of Rossville Avenue, who was alleged to have shouted to a crowd "Stone them" and hit an Army corporal with a stone, was jailed for five months.

Ann Tierney (38), unemployed, of Moore Gardens, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for disorderly behaviour. The court was told that she took a stone which hit a Troop Commander on the head.

Appeal bail was fixed in this case but in the cases of McFadden and Quinn the Resident Magistrate refused to release them pending appeal.

Patrick Joseph Stravinsky (38), unemployed, of Lecky Road, was fined £10 and given a suspended sentence of two months' imprisonment for disorderly behaviour at William Street. The court was told he was matched from a crowd which had been throwing stones and petrol bombs at troops.

Charges of disorderly behaviour against Christopher McFadden (24), of Rossville Avenue, and Gerry Devlin (29), shop assistant, Bridge Street, Omagh, were dismissed.

TOWN CLERK WALKS OUT OVER REMARK

NEW TOWNABBEY

Urbain Council's monthly meeting had to adjourn after the town clerk walked out in protest over a councillor's remarks on plans to introduce a one-way traffic system at Rathcoole roundabout.

Mr. Allan R. Martin walked out when Councilor Brian Canavan accused him of "looking up plans."

The chairman, Councilor As McGowan, asked the councillor to withdraw the remarks, but he refused and the assistant town clerk, Mr. B. Blenhard, refused to read the chair, as he said he was in sympathy with the town clerk.

The meeting had to be adjourned.

The council's planning officer said the roundabout was a hazardous and the road was a one-way street. He said he was simplifying the traffic problem and plans for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

But Councilor Canavan said:

and the other ratapatters

association members felt a meeting of the Rathcoole tenants should be called to discuss the plans.

Mr. Martin said the council had approved the plans and now it would appear they were anxious to reject them.

"It is wrong that after accepting a scheme he should then go back on it," he said.

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'Next step'

The surveyor, Mr. Ambury Fitzsimons, said they were only asking for the next step to be taken on costing to see whether or not they required a footbridge.

But Councilor Canavan was worried that the Alpha Cinema and community centre would be left on an island and would be a detriment to the town, and this would be, he said, even more dangerous for people trying to cross the road to get to them.

The town surveyor is just using the same old tactics he did on the town council. It is time we got up to date and brought the people into the planning. These are cooked up plans.

At this, Mr. Martin said he was not able to be insulted by the councillor's remarks.

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What support will the regiment be asked to give? They would be called out, as needed, to guard key points and installations, to mount patrols and establish road blocks and check-points. They will not be called on for any form of riot or crowd control.

If I would I would have to leave Northern Ireland? No, never.

How are you going to train me? And equip me? You will attend in the basic military skills including patrolling, weapon training and fitness. There will be advanced training as well. The normal equipment will be small arms, vehicles and radios. And you will be issued with combat dress.

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This training is necessary to provide an efficient regiment, and don't forget, you will get paid for your time with us.

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I see, but what sort of people do you want? We want men between 18 and 40 (and in certain cases up to 45) from all sections of the community who are prepared to give up some of their spare time to help support the Regular Army in Northern Ireland.

Do this means that you only need to be a regular soldier, or do you need civilian too? Certainly we need civilians. We expect civilians to form the main part of the new force. And we will train them. But if you have no civilian experience, either in the Regular force or reserves, you could be particularly helpful.

If I join, how long am I committed for? That's up to you to decide. Anything between one and three years to start with and you can apply to extend after that.

That seems reasonable, but will I serve over my home? Almost certainly. There will be a liaison in each county and this will help to integrate the company on a local basis. There is about bound to be one near you.

You've made all the details pretty clear, but I still haven't told me why I should join. Because you are the sort of man who wants to help Northern Ireland. Indeed, because you are a responsible man who is prepared to give up a little of his time to do so and because the Ulster Defence Regiment can never succeed unless you and people like you help us.

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