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INSIDE INFORMATION.

Exclusive to the Republican Worker

CASEY RIDES OUT!

Information reaching the Republican Worker from reliable sources indicates that a notorious member of the Special Branch in Cork has been promoted to sergeant.

Even better news is that he has also been transferred. Unfortunately that news is saddened by the fact that his transfer is to a border area.

His presence there can do nothing to ease the misfortunes of the people of that troubled area and perhaps his superiors would have been better advised to have his transfer arranged for one of the Blasket Islands (preferably the one owned by Charlie Haughey).

But the fact remains that Michael Casey of 35, Lotabeg Estate, Mayfield, stationed at St. Lukes Garda Station and known in his days in uniform for his brutality towards the ordinary people as well as Republicans, known also as "Bald Tyres", "The Sheriff of Mayfield" as well as many other names (some not so complimentary) has been rewarded with the spoils of office for his faithful stewardship in the cause of repression and his 24 hour dedication to "duty".

While his departure will not be mourned, sympathy will be extended to those about to have his presence inflicted upon them

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"DOSSERS"

One of the saddest news items to appear on the local press lately

was the statement that the news rooms of the City Library when completed will not be available to "dossers".

Anyone using the facilities of the library at present will realise that those referred to as "dossers" are in the main elderly people who have no other facility available to them to read the daily papers or even to get in out of the cold in winter time.

One cannot help feeling that it is nothing less than disgraceful that our senoir citizens should be referred to in this manner and that it is even suggested that they should be denied the facilities which are the right of all the citizens of our city.

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TELEPHONES

The Ashe Kavanagh Cumann of Sinn Fein are most concerned that no public telephone is available between the North Cathedral and Gurranebraher Road

As this area contains a large number of elderly residents the Cumann feels that this facility should be provided as a matter of urgent necessity.

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HOUSING POINTS

The decision by Dublin Corporation to introduce a Points System for the allocation of houses was discussed by the Cork City Comhairle Cheanntair recently.

It was felt that the Cork Cor-

poration could well and rightly follow Dublin's lead.

This, however, without any prejudice to the opinion of the Comhairle that such a measure could be nothing more than a stop-gap as the only real answer to any housing crisis is to provide sufficient housing to meet the needs of the people, thus eliminating the necessity for a points system in the first place

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LANDLORDISM - 1976

Michael McCarthy, his wife and child lived in a three roomed flat in Sunlodge, Ballintemple for almost two years.

Their rent was £5 per week.

Their landlord was Maurice Daly of Riverstown.

Both landlord and tenant worked in the postal service.

In July of 1975 the flat was redecorated by the tenant and an effort was made to increase the rent to £6.50 per week.

This led to a dispute and on November 19th last a court order for the eviction of the tenant was granted subject to a stay of execution of 2 months.

On 5th February 1976 a representative of the Sheriffs Office accompanied by eight Gardai arrived at the flat while the tenant was at work, evicted his wife and child, took the key leaving the tenants furniture in the flat.

The Corporation were unwilling to help and when the tenant eventually found alternative accommodation he was unable to get his furniture without paying alleged arrears of rent.

Unfortunately he contacted the Sinn Fein Citizens Advice Bureau at a stage at which it was too

late for them to be of as much help as they would otherwise have been

If you find yourself facing eviction or are in any other trouble contact the Sinn Fein Citizens Advice Bureau in good time.

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RESOURCES.

It was interesting to reas in the Cork Examiner of 5th March that a British offshore trade mission had paid a two day visit to Cork and were generally very pleased with their reception and the interest shown in their vis

No doubt they were!

It is now well known that Ireland has vast oil and gas resources off the coast of Cork.

It is also well known that vast mineral deposits exist in other parts of our country.

But there are other resources - a vast supply of dirt cheap labour

If you doubt this ask any of the thousands of men queueing miserably at the Cork Employment Exchange.

And if this is not good enough let us quote Mr. Keating in a recent visit to Bonn. "We think we are the most attractive area for investment in Europe. Average labour costs made up of hourly wages and social security payments are currently about 40% of those in West Germany.

No wonder the British visitors were pleased with their visit to Cork.

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INDUSTRY

Are you keeping up to date with the industrial and agricultural scene in Ireland

If not you can easily do so -

Read the Irish People weekly -

It only costs 2p and is available from most newsagents