



The U.N. Force Commander Lieut. General A. E. Martola, presents the U.N. Service Medal to officers of the 7th Infantry Group at Xeros Camp, Lefka District, Cyprus. From right: Capt. Patrick O'Connell, Castlebar; Comdnt. Henry O'Shea, Cork City; Capt. Patrick McEvoy, Cork City; Capt. John Egan, Dublin.

How Battle of Tallaght was lost

By P. F. BYRNE

EXACTLY 100 years ago the last blow for Irish freedom before 1916 ended in disaster. On the night of Tuesday, March 4, 1867, large bodies of men were to be seen moving along the Crumlin, Greenhills, Rathmines and Terenure roads towards Tallaght, where they were to meet on Tallaght Hill.

There, they were to hear orders from General Halpin, veteran of the American Civil War, which involved marching on Dublin, and capturing military strongpoints. The men were the Fenians, and they were said to be 5,000 strong. Whether the large numbers of men intimidated the police en route, or whether, as it was stated, the British Government deliberately wanted to provoke a rising, they passed all the police barracks en route without incident. The snow was falling steadily at the time.

Dropped box

At Rathgar, however, a party carrying a box of ammunition was challenged by the police, and ran away leaving the box behind them. When the police in Tallaght saw the large crowds of men passing through the town in the direction of the hills, they became alarmed and began to barricade the barracks on the inside, and sent for reinforcements.

At midnight there was a large company of constables in the barracks, under the command of Sub-Inspector Burke of Rathfarnham and Head-Constable Kennedy. Sub-Inspector Burke decided to take a party of police out on the Dublin road. They were met by a group of Fenians escorting a cart, one of whom

drew a sword, and a scuffle ensued.

Wounded man

One of the police drove a bayonet into this man's body, and the others, who were apparently disarmed, disappeared. The wounded man was left by the police in a cottage at Balrothery Hill.

The police retired to the barracks, and about an hour later they heard marching men coming from the direction of Terenure. The constables at first took them to be British troops, but when they came into view realised they were a disciplined body of Fenians. The police immediately took up firing positions, kneeling on one knee.

Sub-Inspector Burke challenged the advancing party, calling on them to surrender in the name of the Queen. A voice of someone in command cried out "Now, boys, fire," followed by a volley of shots which passed over the heads of the kneeling constables. There were several more exchanges of fire, and the Fenians had to retire, leaving two badly wounded men on the ground.

Heavy snow

Thus ended the ill-fated Battle of Tallaght. The Fenians lost because, some of the leaders did not turn up and the heavy fall of snow had dampened their ardour. Sixty-five were arrested in Tallaght, and 83 captured by soldiers later. Many were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Two of the leaders, Burke and Doran, were sentenced to be hanged, but the sentence was later commuted to penal servitude for life.

In his book "Malachy Horan Remembers," Dr. Little quotes Malachy's summing up of the battle—"Battle, indeed! It was not even a fight. The Scots Greys from Portobello were loosed on the flying lads. Such was their brutality that Mr. John Robinson, the Resident Magistrate for the district, gave the Fenians free passage to escape through his place."

Did his part

Malachy continued:—"I knew one of the Fenians who did his part that day. Poor Patrick Noonan, of Moore Street, it was. I can see him now—strong as an asphalnt and with a head on him as black as a crow. A great man for life and company—he had friends everywhere.

"One day 21 years later my sister came to me and, I forking hay in the haggard. She said there was an old white-headed man in the yard looking for me. When I saw him I did not know him and he said that I was puzzled. He told me he was Paddy Noonan. The Court had given him 20 years penal servitude in Australia and he was a broken old man."

Tug-o'-war on Boyne waters

The Battle of the Boyne will be re-enacted at Drogheda on tomorrow when North meets the South in struggle for supremacy on the green grassy slopes where King William met and defeated King James, in 1690.

On this occasion, however, the "battle" will be fought between two tug-o'-war teams representing Queen's University, Belfast, and University College, Dublin.

Guinness are putting up a cask of stout for the winners, but the Customs' authorities need have no worries about the implications of a Northern win. Both teams have sportingly agreed to divide the 'spots' on the field immediately following the contest.

The tug-o'-war match, which is the opening event of the U.C.D. week, begins at 3 p.m.

TAXIMEN OPPOSE FARES RISE

The Irish Taxi Owner's Co-operative Society Ltd. has asked members of the City Council to oppose any increase in Dublin taxi fares.

The matter arises out of a decision, announced recently, by the Department of Local Government to approve increases on the application of four tax organisations. The Society claims that the present fares are reasonable but that there are too many licensed vehicles—a total of 1,490, made up of 945 taxis and 545 hackney cabs. They fear that this number will rise further if the fares are increased.

They point out that British cities with greater populations have far fewer taxis—Glasgow (over 1.6 m. population) 830 taxis; Birmingham (1.1 m. population) 200; Liverpool (.95 m. population) 200.

The question may not come before the Council as taxis are not mentioned in the report of the General Purposes Committee at which it was discussed.

He wrote 'Me and My Shadow'

Dave Dreyer, the song composer, and piano accompanist for such stars as Al Jolson and Sophie Tucker, has died in New York. He was 73. His tunes of the 1920s and 1930s included "Me and My Shadow," "Rainbow Round My Shoulder," "Wabash Moon," "Back in My Own Back Yard."

It is good news for engaged couples

GOOD news for hundreds of engaged couples hunting for sites on which to build—there will be available no fewer than 1,442 sites... but not immediately. This was announced at a meeting of the Housing Committee of Dublin City Council.

Sites are so scarce that applicants for them have to take the luck of the draw. The names are put in a hat, and the only priority is to tenants of Corporation houses and to

families on the priority list for Corporation housing.

It was learned that 800 sites would be ready for handing over in the coming financial year and another 700 in 1968-69. The sites are in Coolock (380), Kilbarrack (352), Pinguin Ballygail (64), Milltown (14), Baldoy (300), Kimmage Martin's Land (52), and Howth (50).

The Housing Committee approved the development plan for Martin's Lands, Lower Kimmage Road, where it is proposed to carry out re-alignment, deepening and re-grading of the Poddle to eliminate flooding.



SORRY TO DISTURB YOU BUT WHERE THE DID YOU HIDE THE

Lemon's Romance Assortment 1/2 Per Oz. Lb

Holds newest look at the right price

By JOAN TIGHE

FASHION shows by Colette Modes are among the best attended of the seasonal crop. Understandably so, for this particular house has, over the years, been clever enough to have gauged in a highly-accurate manner the kind of fashion garment which the average woman seeks, the kind of fashion garment which holds every newest look and line, but for all that, comes tagged with a moderate, accessible price-ticket.

The latest collection included many of the little classic tweed suits which have won this store a name for value. For 10 guineas one might choose an orange check Donegal tweed two-piece suit (waxed design by Bernat Klein); a cream-and-purple flecked wool three-piece jacket bound with purple braid; a young, gay, turquoise bottle suit with attractive neckline, or a practical, useful, coffee/cream mohair two-piece, ideal for town wear.

The outfits with tremendous possibilities, is a cream-and-camel plaid wool coat that reversed to camel, worn with a classic cream dress, the whole ensemble costing 20 guineas.

Town coats

A number of easy, very wearable semi-dressed coats in beige, blue, turquoise were good buys for women in any age bracket, and there were several decidedly beautiful town coats, such as the fine wool cream redingote with the narrow line and selling at 25 guineas.

Little dresses for summer days, tents, catkins and dolly styles, sell around five guineas.



Marquita models a blue model coat at the Colette Modes fashion show.

Property developers look to north side

PROPERTY developers are looking towards the less expensive north side of Dublin and several areas may be zoned by the Dublin Corporation Town Planning Department for "certain uses," which may make them more attractive to developers.

Corporation officials declined to say what the "certain uses" would entail, but it is thought that they are anxious that office and shop developments should be increased on the north side of the Liffey. The Mountjoy Square district, is, at present, being investigated by a number of developers, while an office block has been "in the air" for the Waterford Street car-park for some time. Development of Dorset Street has also been mooted.

Permission refused for welfare association

Permission has been refused by the Minister for Defence for the formation of a welfare association representing the F.O.A. and Siva Munit. The decision to seek Ministerial approval for a constitution for such an association was reached at a meeting of F.O.A. and Siva Munit officers from 16 counties, in Birm., on March 6 last year.

Commndt. Andy Minihan, of New Ross, said to-day he had been informed that the Minister had turned down the request for approval. "He did not give any reason," he added.

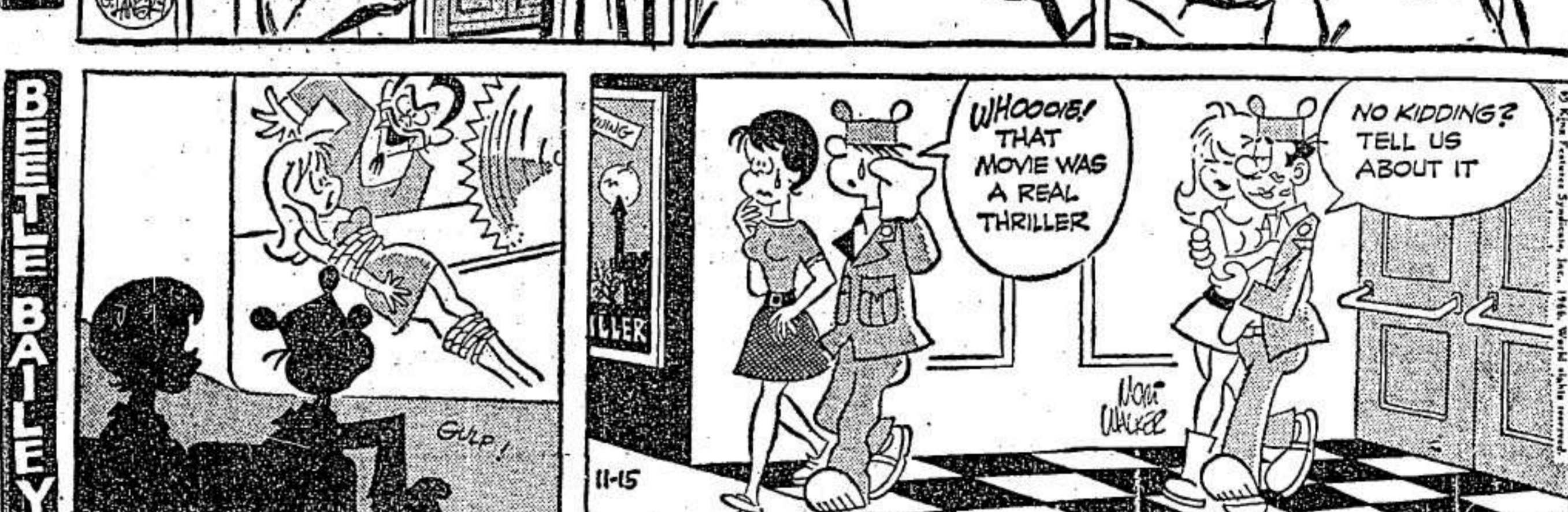
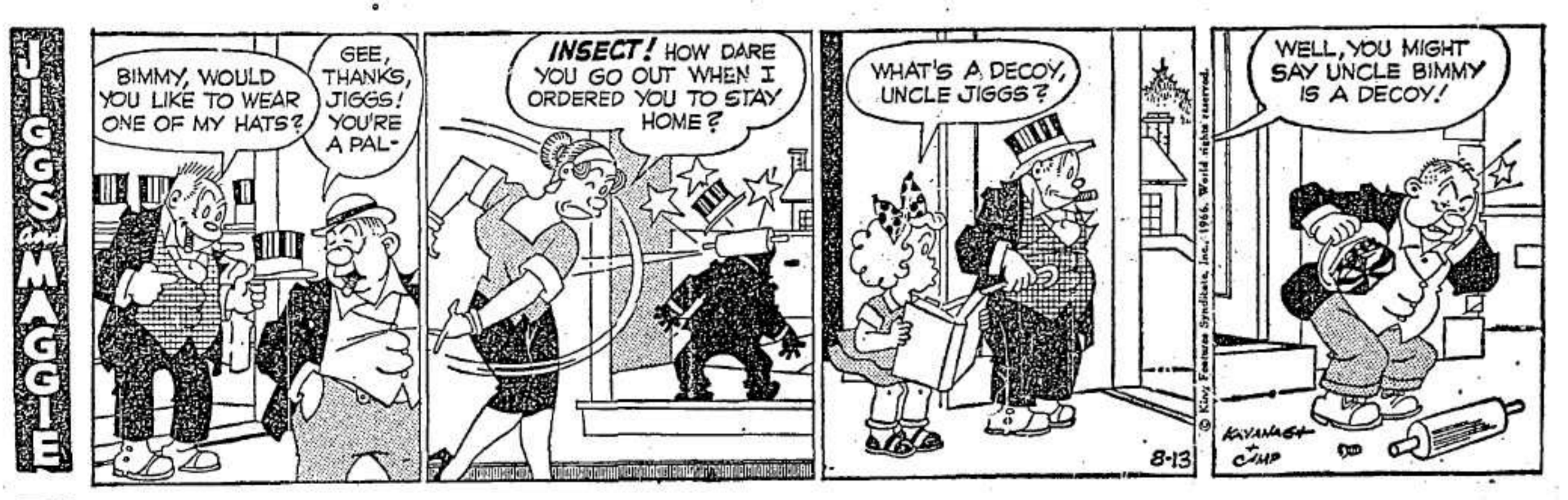
Commndt. Minihan said: "I am very disappointed that the request had been turned down."

MEASURES TO RELIEVE FLOODING

Mr. D. Foley asked the Minister for Local Government in the Dail if he would take steps to have the flooding of Kildedge Lane, Lusk, relieved as a matter of urgency.

Mr. Boland said it was a matter for the local authority to decide what action was open to them in regard to the flooding. No proposals had yet been received in his Department. He understood, however, that provision had been made in Dublin Co. Council's rate estimate for the coming financial year for the undertaking of a programme of public drainage works to relieve flooding at a number of locations throughout the county, including Lusk village area.

Another £10 TIGER MONEY WINNER
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Vertical text on the left side of the comic strip panels, including 'JIGGS', 'KIMMAGE', 'BIMMY', 'MATT', 'DRETT', 'MUTT', 'JEFF', 'SMITH', 'CUPCAKE', 'TUBA', 'SMITH', 'BATHTUB', 'RADIO'.

Vertical text on the right side of the comic strip panels, including 'MAD DIVOT', 'BEETLE BAILEY', 'DAVY JONES', 'MUTT and JEFF', 'By Sam Leff', 'Created by BUD FISHER'.