

LARNE SWOOP HELPED CATCH SMUGGLERS

"Belfast Telegraph" Reporter, EDDIE McILWAINE
ULSTER CUSTOMS MEN kept a secret alert for three months to help catch the gang of watch smugglers who were dealt with at the Old Bailey in London.

B.B.C. gets an anti-fluoride protest

MR. ROBERT BOYD, hon. secretary of the Anti-Fluoridation Campaign, has protested to the BBC about references to fluoridation in a programme on Monday.
 In a letter to the B.B.C. he says: "I understand that on your Home Service programme 'Today' broadcast at 7.15 this morning (Monday) and repeated at 8.15, there was included an item in which the radio doctor freely advocated the fluoridation of public water supplies and, in so doing, spoke in contemptuous terms about those citizens who are opposed to this policy."
 "It is substantially true, and I believe it is, I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms to the B.B.C. for allowing to contentious a subject to be treated in such a manner, and without the opportunity being provided for an opponent of fluoridation to answer the points made."
 "This is a subject upon which medical, scientific and lay opinion throughout the world, let alone the United Kingdom, is deeply divided."
 "Since when, therefore, has the B.B.C. become a propaganda medium for the Ministry of Health, the British Medical Council and others who are continually singing the praises of fluoridation?"
 The B.B.C. in Belfast said today that the programme in question was a national programme.

Judges to get rise

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Dilhorne, announced in the Lords yesterday that it was the Government's intention to introduce legislation next session to provide for increases in the remuneration of the superior judiciary.
 Lord Alport, Com., who said there had been no increase in the pay of High Court judges in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, since 1954, asked if the judges of the Supreme Court would be similarly treated. The Lord Chancellor answered: "I would hope the salaries of County Court judges and magistrates in Northern Ireland are already under consideration here. Salaries of High Court judges are the responsibility of the Westminster Government."

Easter production line



Some of the 250,000 hot cross buns being made for Good Friday coming off the conveyor belt into the hands of packers Sally Tilley (left) and Lilley Davidson at the Inglis Bakery, Kilna Street, Belfast.

Enniskillen accused of Empire building

THE idea of any sort of industrial revolution in Fermanagh was far from reality, Mr. R. L. Lowry, Q.C., said in Enniskillen today when the inquiry was resumed into an application by Enniskillen Borough Council for the extension of the borough boundary.
 Mr. Lowry, appearing for Enniskillen Rural Council, which is opposing the application, said it was quite clear that the industrial development of that part of the world would be nothing more than minimal.
 Mr. Lowry said he felt that there were two reasons for the application—one financial and "the other is a strong element of empire-building."
 Earlier, Mr. George Cathcart, chairman of Enniskillen Rural Council, had said that with the present disparity between the rate in the borough and the rate in the rural district, the gap would be widened if the extension was granted.
 The real issue in the case, he said, was optimism against pessimism. The borough was taking the optimistic view for the future while the rural council was being pessimistic.
 The inquiry has concluded.

Glengormley's growing pains being tackled

THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT of Glengormley—one-time village which has become a boom industrial and residential area on the city's boundary—is causing trouble.

Growing pains are expected to become more severe within the next 12 months.
 Developments under way include a new office block for Antrim health and welfare authorities on the Carnmoney road, and a bungalow site in the same area.
 At the same time major road reconstruction is going on just outside the village on the main Belfast/Antrim road, while work is still progressing on the giant Michelin tyre factory.

New role for Shorts flying boat

By our Air Correspondent
 A SHORT Sunderland flying boat is to take on a new role in Australia more than 20 years after it was launched at Queen's Island, Belfast.

The widening scheme at the Antrim Road, prompted by Glengormley's Traders' Association, sanctioned by the Ministry of Commerce and agreed to by Newtownabbey Urban Council, is one move towards the alleviation of congestion.
 A police spokesman said: "There has been a lot of traffic congestion in the square, but there are also plans to widen this spot, from the square right up to Carnmoney Road."
 "The sooner they are carried out the better."
 Glengormley, formerly spelt Glengormly, in 1883 was an area with only one house. By the middle of the century it was already a road junction attracting publicans and shopkeepers.
 Since then development has been steady but it has only been within the past few years that the village has really sprung into life.
 Its future would appear to be even more interesting.



"Belfast Telegraph" photographer Stanley Mather with the trophy he received from Mr. John Keating, former president of the Royal Hibernian Academy, at the Press Pictures of the Year exhibition in Dublin. The 100 best pictures will be on view in the exhibition hall of "Belfast Telegraph" next month.

Postmen to meet before strike

MEETINGS are to be held throughout Northern Ireland by the Union of Post Office Workers before the April 16 strike by postmen and sorting staff.
 Mr. McKane, of the Union's executive council, will address a rally in Grosvenor Hall, Belfast, on April 7.
 A full response is expected to the wage claim strike, which is to be followed by a ban on overtime and Sunday duty.
 Belfast postmen and postmen higher grade former an emergency committee last night to make arrangements.

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