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THOSE LEC SACKINGS 'IT CAN'T HAPPEN'

"Less Than a Hundred" Will be Redundant

—SAYS MR. JULL

ALTHOUGH this should be the peak time of the year for sales, more workers are being stood off at Lec Refrigeration, Ltd., the town's largest factory. Since this became known, a number of wild rumours have been circulated as to the number to be "sacked."

Says Mr. L. A. Jull, joint managing director of Lec, in a joint statement which was issued on Tuesday by the management and Lec union officials. It says:—

"BUYERS' CAUTION" "Whilst Lec have retained its share of this year's refrigeration trade, the industry as a whole is still feeling the serious effects of the economic restrictions imposed last year, combined with the buyers' caution arising from apprehension over the Chancellor's announcements concerning the possible imposition of further controls and restrictions."

"As a result, there appears to be little prospect of a repetition of last year's boom in domestic appliance sales. Many works operatives have in consequence, left to take up other employment during the last eight or nine months. As a result, the ratio of supporting non-productive personnel has become out of balance."

"It is with regret, therefore, that the management have found it necessary to stand off a number of employees to adjust the position, and have decided to do so now when it is understood that alternative employment is more readily available."

"This decision was taken after full consultation with our Union officials."

The factory looked as busy and bustling as ever on Wednesday morning when a "Post" representative called to see Mr. Leslie Jull, so that he could clarify one or two points.

Among the questions put to Mr. Jull was the following: "It has been said that among the people who are being dismissed are some who have been with the firm since the very beginning. Is this true?"

Mr. Jull replied that, to the best of his knowledge, no member of the firm who had been with them since the beginning was being dismissed.

Asked whether these sackings were due to lack of orders, Mr. Jull agreed that this was the case.

Mr. Jull further explained: "All the people who are leaving us now are non-productive, office workers, lorry drivers and so on."

On the other hand, Mr. Jull added: "Quite a number of people whom we were going to get rid of, are in fact, going over to production."

MORE COMPETITION

In answer to a further question, (Continued on Page 4)

'IT CAN'T HAPPEN'

—they said.
BUT OUT WENT THE HIGGS FAMILY

THROUGH the drizzle which soaked Bognor Regis on Wednesday morning, and into a waiting removals van was carried piece after piece of furniture.

It was going into storage, and as they packed and carried, Mr. Harry Higgs and his wife, Kitty, wondered for the hundredth time where they would sleep that night.

"One thing," said Mr. Higgs, a 47-year-old paint sprayer, "it's summer, and we can always sleep on the beach."

But because it is summer, he and his family have found it impossible to discover a new home. The owner of the two-bedroom flat at 47, Glamis Street, where they have lived for the past three years decided she wanted to return to it.

"We got six months' notice," Mr. Higgs told a reporter, "but we just can't find a place we can afford." He is getting £12 a week now, and his wife has taken a job to help out.

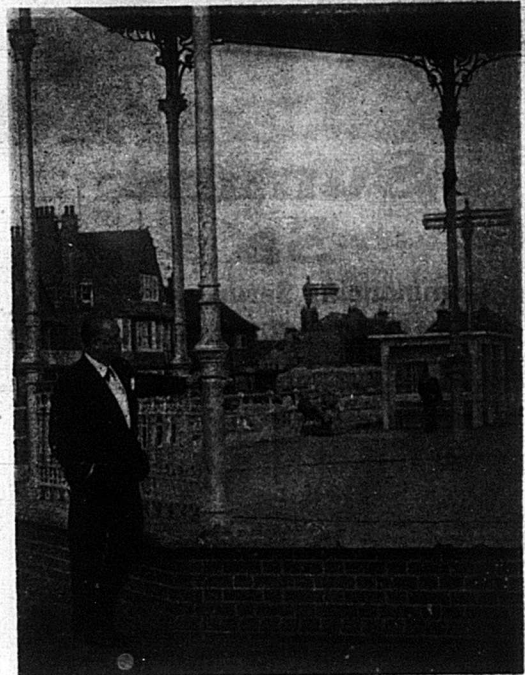
"We've been on the Council housing list for three years, but they keep saying we can have a house sometime. The welfare people say they will be able to fix us up, sometime. But where do we sleep tonight? Or tomorrow night?"

"My mates keep telling me, 'They won't put you out. Nobody's thrown out nowadays. It can't happen.' But it has."

The Higgs' two sons, age 13 and nine, have been put up by friends temporarily.

"That's one great relief," said Mrs. Higgs, "though I don't know how long they will be able to stay."

"A Marvellous Offer"



Mr. Eric Winstone, now a Bognor resident, ponders on what he and his orchestra could do with the town's seldom-used bandstand if he is given a chance one day this summer.

AN offer by a world-famous Bognor Regis resident may give the town a special holiday attraction, completely free, one day this summer.

Eric Winstone, the orchestra leader and director of music for the Butlin organisation and for Southern Television, has had the plan for some time.

"I want to take the band and give a show from the East End bandstand, for charity," he told "The Post" this week. "I live near there, and I pass the bandstand every morning on the way to work, but it is never used."

"I am sure my people wouldn't mind dressing up and doing this; we could collect money for the hospital."

"It wouldn't cost the Council anything, but they don't seem interested, I told one Council member of my idea but I haven't heard anything since."

Our reporter informed Mr. Frank Lalouette, chairman of Bognor Regis Council's Entertainments and Publicity Committee.

"NEWS TO ME" "It's a wonderful offer," said Mr. Lalouette. "This is complete news to me, and I know nobody on my committee could have heard about it. We all admire Mr. Winstone's orchestra and we will jump at the chance."

"The bandstand is never used, and this is a marvellous idea."

Mr. Lalouette was certain other council members would agree. Told that Mr. Winstone had suggested August Bank Holiday as a possible day, he checked through a tide-table to find that the tide will be out during the afternoon.

He would approach Mr. Winstone as soon as he could, he promised.

'Miss Marilyn' Was a Mother

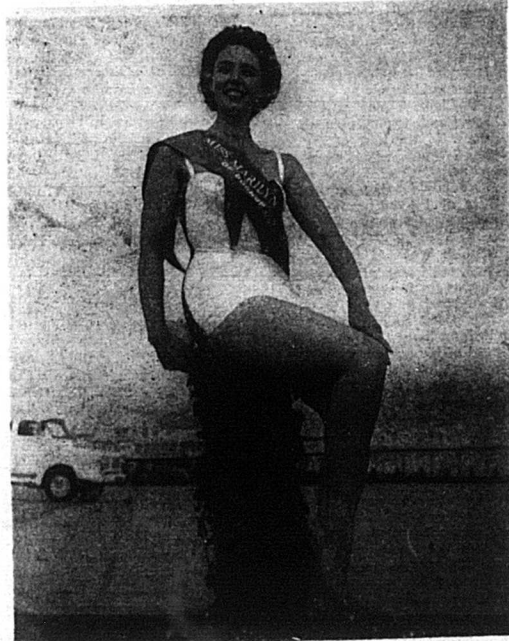


Photo James Clevert
Against competition from visitors from as far away as Scotland, a Bognor Regis mother, Mrs. Patsy Cheney, of Annandale Avenue, won a "Miss Marilyn Monroe" contest on Bognor front on Monday. Mrs. Cheney was a finalist in last year's "Miss Bognor Regis" bathing beauty contest.

The Strike that Wasn't

THERE was not, after all, a schoolmasters' strike at Bognor Regis on Wednesday, though some of the town's parents thought there was.

At least some of the pupils of the William Fletcher School, all of whom had the day off, told their parents it was because of the strike.

True, there was a strike at Chichester, which gave the pupils an extra day's holiday. But the Bognor school's day off was due to a conference by the staff of 52, which had nothing to do with the National Association of Teachers.

Mr. William Withen, the headmaster, explained, "Last year at about this time, we had some speakers down and held a conference to discuss methods of improving education. It was so successful we decided to have another. This year we discussed the curriculum of a secondary modern school."

"It had nothing at all to do with the strike. The National Association of Teachers, by coincidence, pinched our date."

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