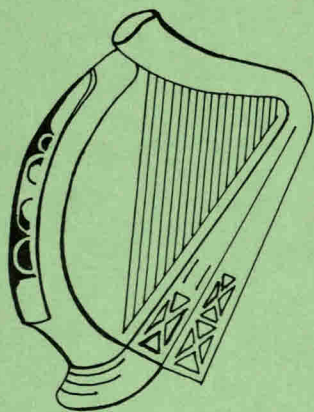


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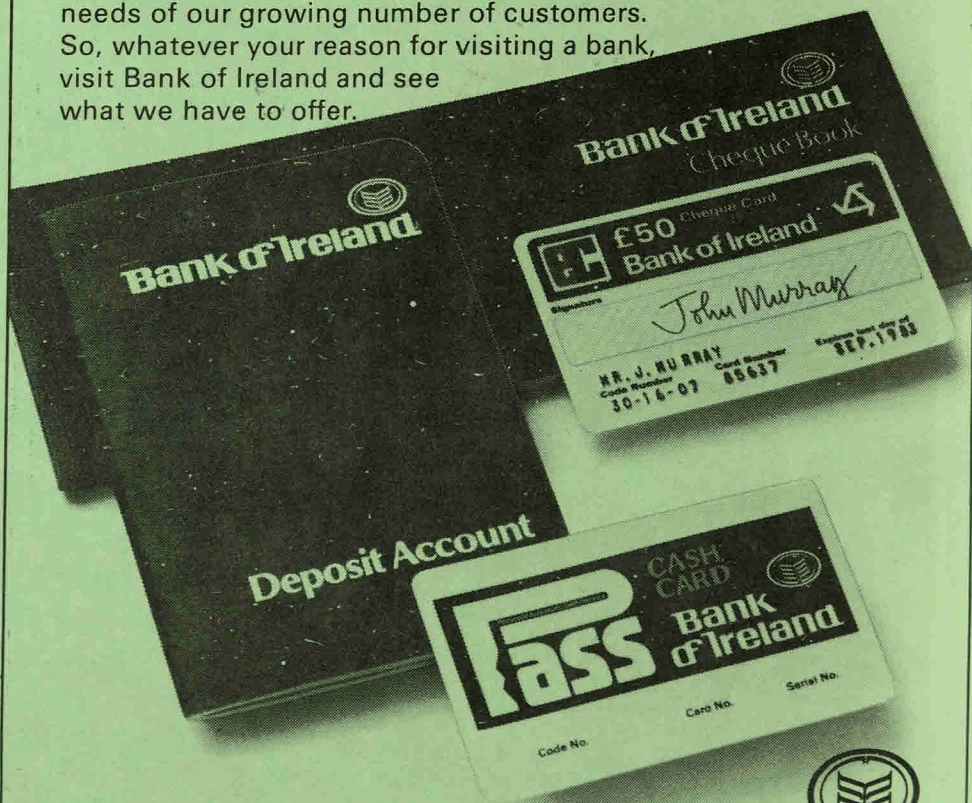
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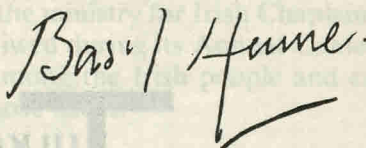
A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL HUME

The Irish Chaplaincy in Britain

I have said on many occasions that the Irish Chaplains play a crucial role in the life of the Church in this country. That remains as true today as it ever was. The Irish bishops have been most generous, and they have sent excellent priests. And there are many religious and layfolk involved in the work of the Irish Chaplaincy Scheme. Their work is not forgotten.

God bless you all and pray, please, for,

Yours devotedly,

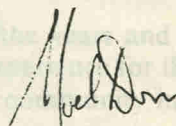


Archbishop of Westminster

A message from the Irish Ambassador H. E. Mr. Noel Dorr on the occasion of the St Patrick's Festival Variety Concert organised by the Irish Chaplaincy

I am pleased as Irish Ambassador to have the opportunity to pay my own tribute and that of the Irish Government to the devoted work undertaken by those involved in the Irish Chaplaincy Scheme. There is no doubt that the help and advice offered over the years by the Chaplaincy has been of immense value to Irish people coming to live and work in Britain, particularly the young.

The Festival taking place tonight allows us to give our practical support to the Scheme. I should like to wish everyone a happy evening and to look forward to the continuation of the dedicated activities of the Irish Chaplaincy in the future.



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The Irish Chaplaincy was organised in 1957 at the request of the Bishops in England and Wales when Irish people were concentrated in the many construction projects scattered throughout the country. Later as the work in the big projects were completed, the workers began to move into the cities and settle there. Irish chaplains followed them and worked with them from parish centres. The different dioceses and the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants began to identify areas of need in the ministry for Irish Chaplains. Each year the work of the Chaplaincy is reviewed during its Annual Conference. It endeavours to identify new needs among the Irish people and co-operates with the local Church in meeting those needs.

The overall objective of the Chaplaincy is to help Irish people to integrate into the new community. To define integration would be simple—people taking and sharing responsibility in their own community. It does not happen of itself but has to be fostered. It takes a person who is happy with his/her own identity and conscious of his/her own culture and roots to contribute to a new community.

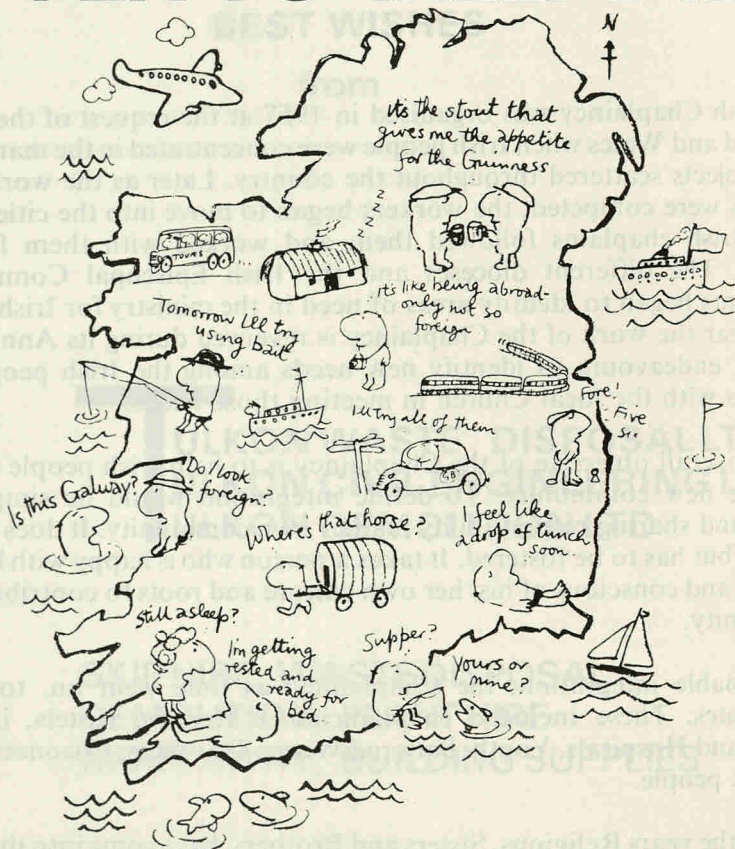
To enable integration, the Chaplaincy, as time went on, took on new apostolates. These included chaplaincies to Hostels, Hotels, in Housing, Nurses and Hospitals, Youth, Battered Wives, Travellers, Prisoners, Homeless and lost people.

Over the years Religious, Sisters and Brothers, have come into the Chaplaincy to help in the various caring agencies such as hostels, welfare agencies, and in later years to work as parish sisters.

The needs of the Irish community have changed over the years and will continue to do so in the future. It has been an enriching experience for those who have worked in the Chaplaincy, being with the Irish community in the realisation of its needs and aspirations.

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This friend Michael wrote this account of life on the streets for me.

“A typical night can be 6 o'clock on the station, moved about 8 o'clock by the police, call in cafe, buy one tea, make it last as long as possible, meander down to the embankment, make up bed cardboard, rest till about 12 o'clock midnight till soup-run comes, moved on about 5 o'clock by old Bill”.

“The day time is very little of a problem after one has become accustomed to finding the various handouts, day centres, convents and social services. I would however say that most help is given by the nuns. This is not always appreciated but their help is always free. They help and never ask questions, but will always advise. Many homeless spend their time in libraries, betting shops, museums, or just thinking of the past. At least one day a week must be spent at the DHSS which is never easy for a person NFA. Some will try for casual or regular employment, but once again NFA is a hazard. Medical help can be obtained from most Day Centres”.

“Sleeping out and finding adequate shelter is hard in winter, Stations once a good refuge are now policed very strongly and I have even seen old ladies dragged from the station and put into the rain . . . Most people spend the night in cardboard city under the arches, or in the parks, or just wandering.”

“The soup-runs are the life line of the night. They keep the persons of the night warm and alive. These soup-runs break up the night.”

“Many people have been homeless for years and will never want a fixed abode. Others would like a second chance but may never get it. How some of the older people have survived so long is quite incredible. Some are over seventy years old.”

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The length of play is determined by the needs of each individual. Even when the client moves on he is encouraged to call back for chats or for further support if any problems arise.

There is close co-operation with other agencies involved in the problems of the young single homeless and unemployed—The Irish Centre Social Services, Soho Project, Centrepoint, Alone in London etc. and Benburb Base take Referrals where appropriate from these Agencies.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The St Patrick's Day Festival at the Wembley Conference Centre, which is now an annual event, is a great celebration for Irish people and their friends. Having received the Faith through St Patrick, Irish people everywhere carry with them the conciousness of this great gift. We take pride in our heritage and culture and wish to share it with others. This occasion, then, is a further opportunity for us to celebrate our traditional values and to share them with our friends.

On behalf of the Irish Chaplains I would like to thank very sincerely all those who contributed so generously towards our Souvenir Programme. To all of you who have come here tonight; to those who sold tickets, arranged coaches and who helped in any way in making this occasion such a happy and successful one, thank you. A special word of thanks to the Festival Committee:

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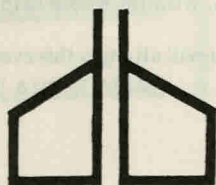
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The celebrations will begin officially on St. Patrick's day and continue until November. Special Inter-County competitions in hurling and football commence after Easter. These competitions are eagerly looked forward to as they will be played on a knock out basis. If these competitions are a financial success then we could see the All-Ireland Championships played on a similar system in the near future.

In May there will be a G.A.A. exhibition at the R.D.S. lasting for four days: this should be well worth visiting.

On the first Sunday in September the All-Ireland hurling final will be played in Thurles. As regards the G.A.A. here in Britain Sunday July 29 is being set aside as a special day for the club. Each club is expected to organise its own sports day with the emphasis on all Gaelic Games and Culture. In the formative years of the Association there was more emphasis on the Athletic side than on the field games. Here in London big sports meetings were held on the three main Bank Holidays, Easter, Whit and August. The programme usually consisted of a hurling match, a number of races—both team and individual, the long jump, the three jumps, high jump, 56lb shot and lifting and striking the hurley ball and the long kick. Dancing competitions, jigs and reels were held on the grass. The music being supplied by a fiddler. A pipers band was always in attendance. It was a common sight at the end of the days sport to see the whole gathering waltzing and dancing around the park. There are many in our midst still who can recall being present at such gala sports day's in their early teens. The G.A.A. in these day's gave very tangible support to the restoration, cultivation and promotion of all forms of Irish Culture. The different clubs had their own Irish language classes, their own drama groups and their big social events were Plearachta's or sgoruiechts and ceilidhi's.

The Association in Ireland has set aside the week, August 11 to 19, as a special Welcome Home Week for all Exiles. All G.A.A. clubs are expected to visit Ireland during that period. It should be a great week and should not be missed.

The London Co. Board of the G.A.A. is currently researching its History. It is planned to be able to publish the finished work before the end of this Historic year. However, to enable us to complete this arduous task we need your co-operation. The Co. Board was formed towards the end of the last century. From then until 1916 when the Board disbanded because of the first World War we have the names of many people who contributed enormously to the growth of the Association and to the life of the Irish in London. To pay a proper and lasting respect to those people we really need to know where they came from, club, parish and county. Did you hear of William Douglas, Dave 'Dobe' Roche, Tim Killeen, Tom Santry, Owen Mitchell, William Donoghue, Eugene O'Sullivan, P J Barrett, Ambrose Fitzgerald, F J O'Mahony, and Thomas Walsh. There were many others. Also we would welcome old photographs, programmes, hand bills, newspaper cuttings etc. Originals will be returned once copied.

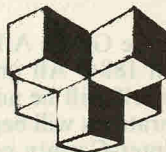
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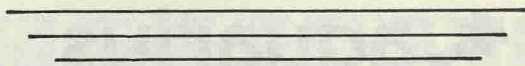
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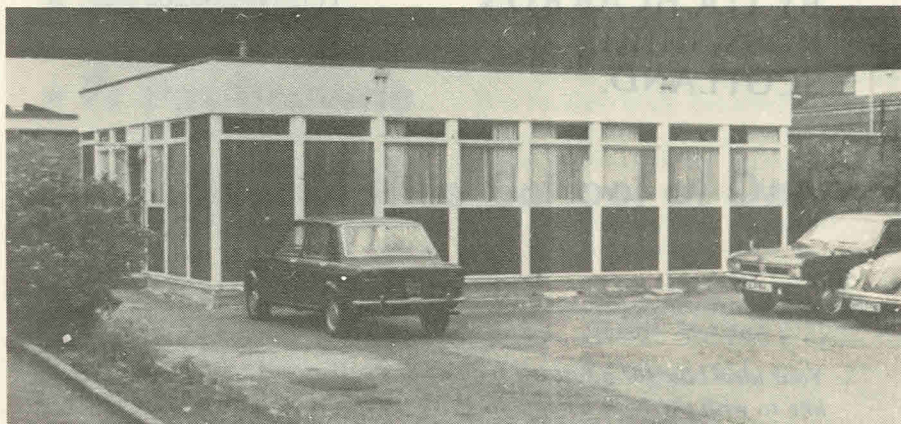
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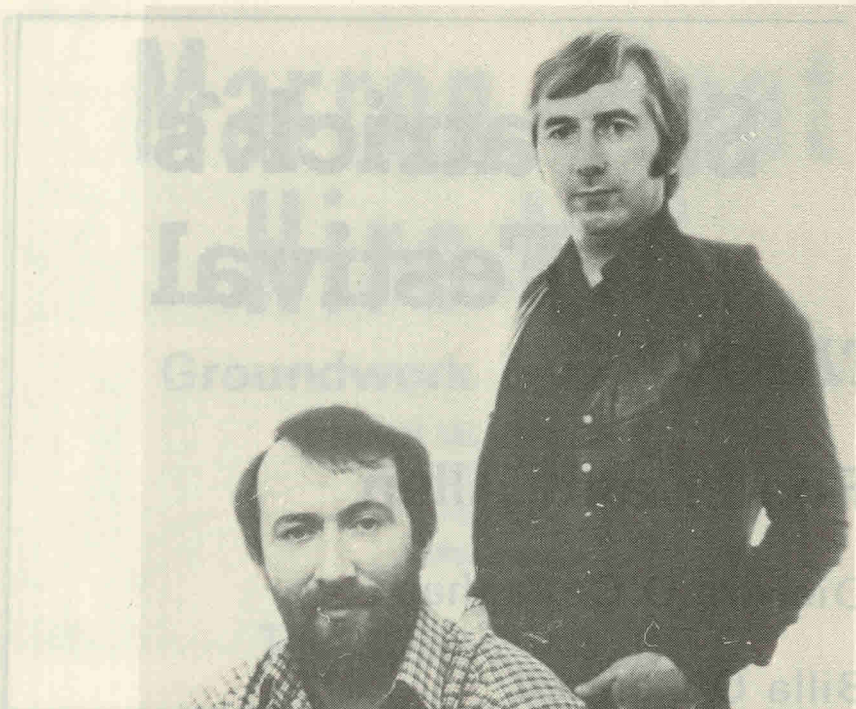
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Foster and Allen

The last eighteen months have been an extraordinary success for this affable duo from the Irish Midlands. They have been playing together for the last five years and have gone from strength to strength with both their live appearances and record sales having a somewhat unprecedented success rate. Few Artists can claim to get all their singles into the chart but so far Foster and Allen have entered the chart on release.

Mick Foster and Tony Allen have a considerable pedigree as far as their musical background is concerned, with Mick Foster having secured several all Ireland titles for Accordion playing. They have toured Ireland extensively and are a household name there. Their last tour of the USA coincided with an invitation to appear on 'Top of the Pops'. They recently played Belfast's Opera House to packed houses for a week, few major acts could emulate that kind of success.

Foster and Allen play a wide and diverse range of material and have four best selling albums to their credit, most notable of which being 'Bunch of Thyme' and 'The Foster and Allen Selection'. Their album 'Maggie' was named after their hit single which went to 27 in the UK chart and is currently going up the Australian chart.

They have appeared on numerous television chat shows and music programmes to great critical acclaim.

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Shaskeen's 4 albums to date and about 6 singles are available on the Pickwick Evergreen label. The four albums are Shaskeen, Green Groves of Erin, The Dawn and The Ash Plant. Their fifth album will be available on the English Tour starting on 12th March 1983. Called *Jays of Life*, it is available in cassette form only from: Tom Cussen, Slieveau, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway (091) 86156.

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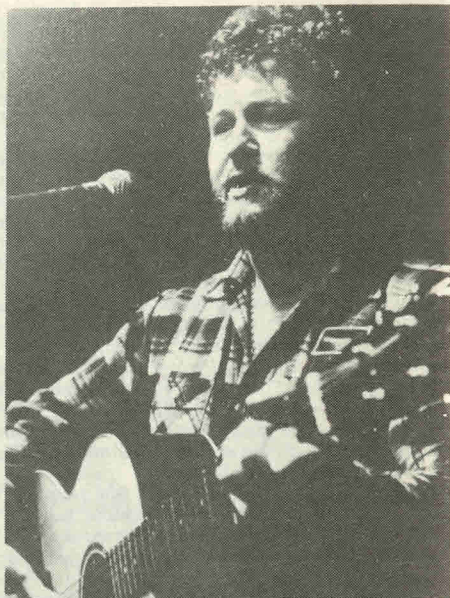
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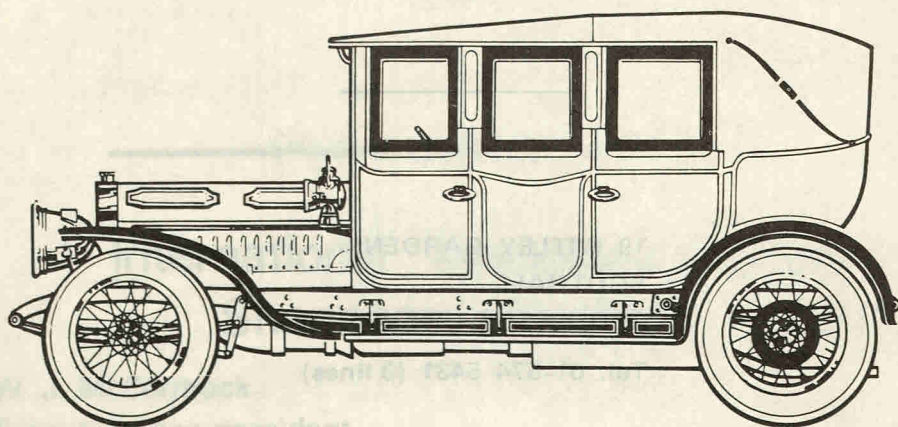
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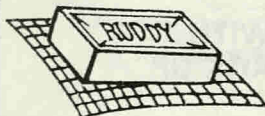
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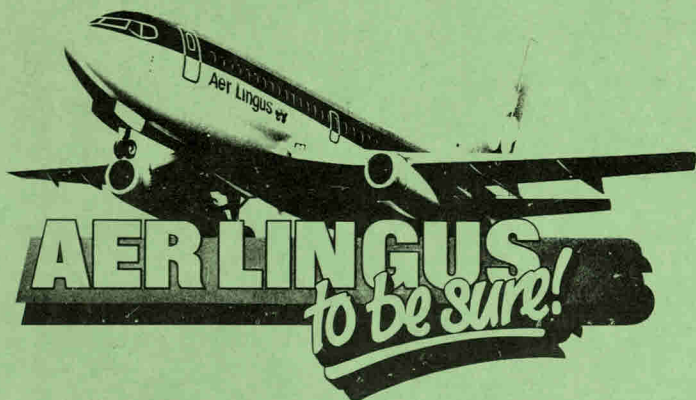
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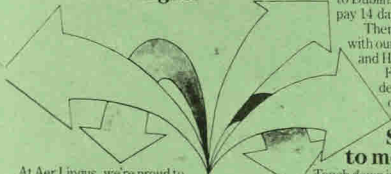


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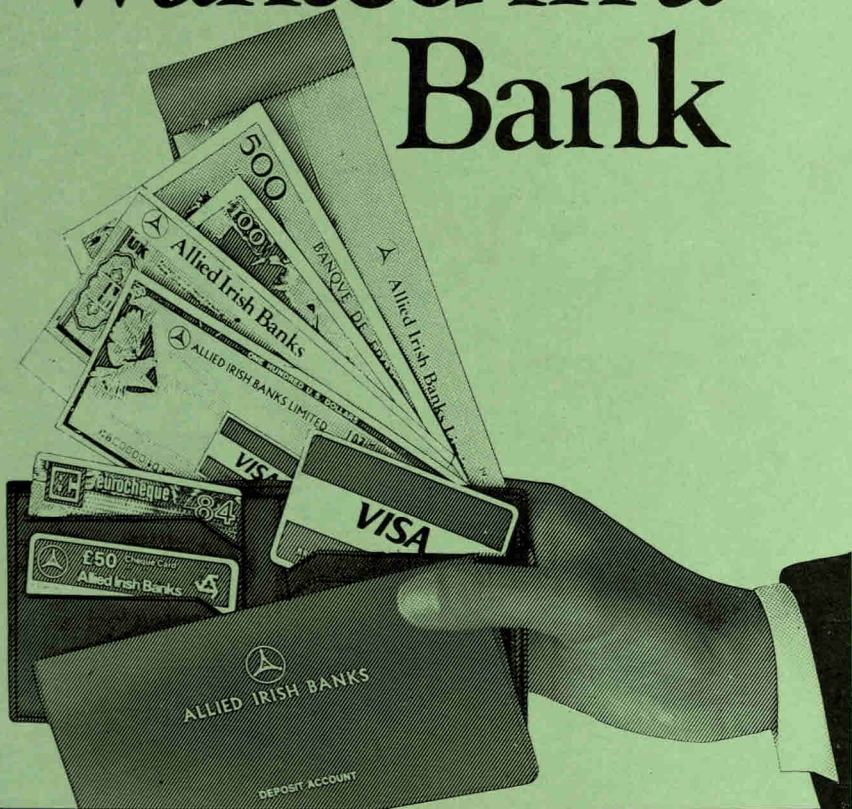


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