

Chicago Police in Ireland Reject Hotel Owned by McCarthy Man

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LIMERICK, Ireland (AP) — A hundred Chicago policemen refused Monday to stay at a hotel owned by one of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy's Irish supporters because they said their Irish vacation might be spoiled.

The police were part of a group of 250 who arrived earlier at Shannon Airport on a three-week tour organized more than a year ago by the Chicago Police Sergeants Association.

One group of 100 found it was booked into the Ryan Ardagh Hotel, owned by Dermot Ryan, an Irishman who heads the "Irish for America with McCarthy Campaign."

Ryan visited Chicago for the Democratic National Convention and is due home Wednesday. In Chicago, he was an outspoken critic of police tactics during the convention.

"You can imagine our surprise when we found we were booked into Mr. Ryan's hotel. We couldn't have that, and we've canceled," said Sgt. Richard Michael Barrett, president

of the association. "We came here for a holiday and we couldn't have that spoiled."

"Sgt. Jack Geraghty, chairman of the tour committee, told newsmen: "It's not that we are thin-skinned about criticism, but we just couldn't have it that way. Mr. Ryan was associated with hippies in Chicago, and they might come and picket us."

The group transferred from Ryan's hotel to the Clare Inn, which is owned by Barnard McDonough of Philadelphia.

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