

Evening Gazette

Sir,

In response to Mssrs Dolan and Culley (Your Say 5th July)

may I say as a Member, of the said Council

against whom the gentlemen are railing

just who has tried to stop buildings from being demolished

and that I thoroughly agree with their comments

It is no excuse for those in power to say that they "did not know"

about the imminent demolition of The Cleveland Scientific

they knew all right that it was going to come down

and are hiding behind the technicality that they did not know

the exact date and day it would be demolished

That's like the Roundheads saying "We didn't know Charles1 was going to be

beheaded- well at least not before the end of January anyway!"

In Parliament the Political Head of the relevant Government Department

is supposed to take the rap when things go wrong in their departments

as is a Prime Minister because "they are deemed to know what is going on in the department(s) under their control"

Indeed Harold McMillan's reign as well as that of his Secretary of State

Profumo were both ended as a result of unbecoming behaviour that

SHOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN

to those in power and there was NO QUESTION about knowledge

It was ASSUMED that the PM knew or ought to have done

So they both paid the price and went

There is a moral lesson here

what's more a promised LIST of the most important 100 buildings

was supposed to have been drawn up by the Hierarchy

if it was then surely

the Cleveland Scientific the Odeon and the Gables should have been on it

and MONITORED it would appear however that the whole lot were not only

excluded but left to their inglorious fates of the bulldozers wreckers and smoke

respectively by being left so well and truly unprotected.

What was that Shakespeare said about Denmark?

It makes one wonder

Doesn't it!

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