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Dublin's dirty linen washed in public



Bertie Ahern, embarrassing disclosures

A sum of money, believed to be about £10,000, was diverted from the ICC Bank account of a passport investor to a Fianna Fáil account in another financial institution in 1993, while Mr. Bertie Ahern was party treasurer. An allegation that the Taoiseach, Mr Ahern, had knowledge of this transaction was made known to the ongoing Flood tribunal some weeks ago by the former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Ray Burke.

The Irish Times has also reported that Mr Burke offered to tell all that he knew on condition that he be granted immunity. In the past few days, however, Mr Burke's willingness to tell all has been prejudiced by the withdrawal of the informal promise of immunity.

In another bizarre incident, a key figure in the Flood tribunal was arrested after arriving at Dublin Airport yesterday with 200,000 in cash in a bag. The man had flown in from the Isle of Man where he had earlier collected the money.

He was questioned by Criminal Assets Bureau detectives in a Dublin Garda station. The man is expected to be one of the main witnesses at the tribunal.



Ray Burke...immunity sought