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level, which had tonnes of

'We were seconds but the just disappeared. He valued

Navy was proving to be obstructive in regard to claims for damages from Irish fishermen. Another Co Down trawler, the Mourne Dawn, which had lost its tackle and had snared a submarine sonar buoy in February had yet to receive any compensation or salvage for the buoy which

surfaced. At the weekend a surfaced submarine had sailed through a cluster of trawlers and, when one of the boats shone a spotlight on it, it had veered, narrowly missing one of the boats. He also had received a report that a Scottish trawler lost its tackle four weeks ago in the Clyde.

Irish waters. "It is a most serious offence on land, and should be regarded with equal abhorrence when it occurs at sea."

He called on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to raise the matter at international level so that the perpetrators could be identified and the skipper and crew compensated.

FINE GAEL has asked the service unions to forego the promised pay increase for 1988 in order to make money available for primary education and to reduce the number of redundancies. The party put down a motion in the Dail yesterday, requesting the unions to suspend all action in the programme of National Recovery. It was debated the day before the unions vote on acceptance of the terms of that package.

The Fine Gael proposal is short of the mandatory wage increase demanded by the Progress Democrats to provide more similar services, but it is unlikely to command the support of Labour or the Workers Union when it is put to a vote in 1988.

The motion noted that the cost of pay increases for 1988 is £70 million, which is the amount expected to be saved through job shedding, and asked the Government to return to its partners to achieve a better balance between continuation of public services, public service employment and public service pay."

Awards for children

President Hillery yesterday presented the annual Children's Ireland Awards to eight people in recognition of their education, commitment and contribution. Among the winners is 16-year-old Iris Whelan of Gorey, Co Wexford, who lost her eight-year-old sister drowning off Cahore pier, and 16-year-old Gareth Rogers of Walkinstown, Dublin, who has been unable to speak since

Yvonne Buckley (15) of Glasnevin, Dublin, received the award for visiting resident Michael's House in Ballynabreena suffering long-term illness. Michael McGrath, aged 11, of Knocknacara in Galway, was awarded for saving a fish from a stream in which the water supply had been cut off. Triona O'Donnell (16) of Kilmallock, Co Limerick, has learned to write, draw and paint with her feet. Mary Brosnan (18) of Croom, Co Limerick, won the medal in swimming at the Olympics in the US this year.

Angel Donohoe (7) from Charlestown in Dublin, who has a syndrome which makes her prone to obesity and has shown great courage and determi-



Conferrings at TCD

Four of the graduates on whom degrees were conferred at Trinity College Dublin yesterday (top left and clockwise): Ms Karen Lowe, Ballsbridge, Dublin (B Sc); Ms Fiona Smith, Donnybrook, Dublin (B Sc); Ms Anna Pyle, Rathmines, Dublin (BA, Mod); and Mr Eoin Costello, Bray, Co Wicklow (B Bs). — (Photographs: Matt Kavanagh)



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try Minister, yesterday said the number of jobs in Northern Ireland is 124,701, or 1.2 per cent employable. He said a "healthy" economy is in the local

added: "The unemployment is high and there is a concern for the future. No one has the passion for to try without and the large employed are concerned for the future figures of the economy that is winning

Friday by the Economic Development Commission suggested there will be 5,934 in the unemployment benefit register, 1986.

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th police yesterday said it was possible an Irish crew of fishermen was during its voyage of arms from Libya.

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