

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## IT'S WOMEN FOR EUROPE

THE European Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Meglena Kuneva, will give an address in Galway city this week.

Commissioner Kuneva will attend the Galway launch of 'Women for Europe' on Thursday August 27th. It's a growing network of women who have come together to encourage a Yes vote in the Lisbon referendum.

## CONFERENCE FOR KERRY

MORE than 650 travel agents from Germany and Austria will descend on Killarney later this year as part of a major tourism conference.

DEKTOUR is Germany's largest tour operator and the Kerry town had to beat stiff competition to host the event in November. The company brings around 40,000 German visitors to Ireland every year.

# EXCLUSIVE BODYGUARDS WHO

# RANSOMERON

## Former special forces officer teaches how

BY GERALDINE COMISKEY

Security, which is headed by former Irish Army Ranger Danny Cluskey.

The real-life action man spent over twenty years as a member of Ireland's elite Army Ranger Wing, where he was chief close protection training officer, and has also worked as a private bodyguard in the middle-east.

Together with his A-team of specialists from Irish and British special forces, he will teach up to 30 young men how to earn a living guarding heads of state, celebs, oil-rig workers and merchant seamen in some of the world's most dangerous places.

The intensive course, which runs for more than 200 hours over two weeks, is the only one in Ireland to be recognised with a City & Guilds qualification. Those who complete the course successfully will get a Level

three Cert in Close Protection (the professional word for bodyguarding).

They can then apply for a Security Industry Association licence which entitles them to work as bodyguards and risk consultants for governments and private companies.

### SKILLS

And, after learning skills ranging from surveillance, evasive driving and conflict management to unarmed combat and weapons training, those who complete the course will be ready for any situation.

At €3,500 for the two weeks, it's an expensive way to get your adrenaline hit, but as Danny Cluskey points out: "It's an investment in your future. Those that achieve the grade and get work out of this course will make that money back in less time than it took to complete the course."

## Instantly Eliminates the Appearance of Baldness and Thinning Hair!

**T**oppik is an amazing complex of organic protein microfibres made of pure Keratin - the exact same protein that makes up human hair. To eliminate any signs of hair loss,



TRAINING: Potential bodyguards are

put through their paces by Danny Cluskey (right)