



Disappointed ... Kieran Devaney

# Too much chat LIVERPOOL ECHO MARCH 1985 from Hatton earns City show the axe

RADIO CITY'S controversial chat show Devaney has been sensationally axed after a dressing down by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The I.B.A. has found the programme guilty of contravening the broadcasting charter by its political content and comment.

City's programme controller Brian Cook has scrapped the show 24 hours after receiving a warning letter from the I.B.A.

He was told to tone down the programme's content or face being the first provincial radio station ordered to take a programme off the air.

Mr. Cook said he had made "a programming decision" to take the show off the air.

By Andrew Edwards

It had not been as successful as was hoped. Presenter Kieran Devaney would now be switched back to producing radio documentaries.

Radio sources suggest the I.B.A. caution was the final straw for the programme, which has attracted widespread criticism.

Politicians have accused Mr. Devaney of showing political bias towards city council deputy leader Derek Hatton, who has appeared on the show more than anyone else.

The National Coal Board complained after

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