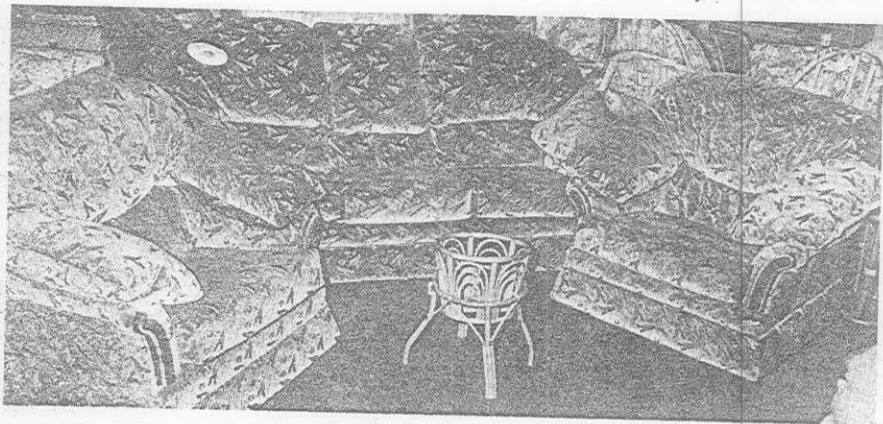


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Cruises Hotel, soon to be demolished.

## Closure of Cruise's is time to remember

WITH the imminent closure of Cruises Hotel to make way for an ultra modern shopping complex, a passionate plea was made this week by a city Alderman not to let its passing go unheralded.

"The hotel played a vibrant role in the life of the city over the past 200 years and its closure should be marked in a fitting way," said Alderman Tim Leddin.

Limerick, the alderman said, would be the poorer for its closure.

"But we can't stand in the way of progress."

But as a tribute to the hotel and to the many famous people who stayed there Alderman Leddin made a special plea to the hotel's owner, Mr. Colm Kennelly to put on display memorabilia associated with the hotel over the past 200

years. "Perhaps he could put photographs and other suitable memorabilia in a glass case in the foyer of the hotel for the benefit of the general public."

Not just Limerick people but people from all over the country have, the alderman said, fond memories of this historical establishment.

"It has been used by generations of Limerick people and it would be nice now if some form of exhibition maybe portraying some of the famous people who stayed in the hotel and the famous events which took place there could be recalled."

### Memories

"It would bring back fond and happy memories to many

people," he said.

Steeped in history, Michael Collins spent the night before his tragic death at Beal na Blath, in Cruises. Daniel O'Connell and Charles Stuart Parnell also have links with the hotel which was the stop over for the Bianconi coach.

"It would certainly be appreciated by many people if such an exhibition was mounted in the foyer of the hotel.

"A large part of the social life of the city will disappear with the demolition of this landmark and its going shouldn't go unnoticed.

"We all have happy memories of the hotel," he said.

The Alderman said that he was confident that Mr. Kennelly would respond to this plea.

"We are writing off 200 years of our history and we just can't let it go unnoticed."

## Deputy says beware of Lenihan's account

STUDENTS wishing to read up on the Sieges of Limerick in order to prepare themselves for the Tercentenary were warned this week by Limerick deputy Jim Kemmy to treat Maurice Lenihan's account of this important period with care.

According to the deputy who has read much on this period in our history, much of his account is flawed and inaccurate.

"Unfortunately many people looking at the Sieges will go back to Maurice Lenihan's

historical work — a major achievement at the time and while I have great admiration for Lenihan, a lot of years of research went in to this history, his book is flawed, said Deputy Kemmy.

Described by the deputy as an outstanding journalist and editor, he said that in terms of the Sieges and the Treaty, his history was very partisan.

"Students should be careful how they treat it," he warned.

"It gives me no great pleasure to say it but his accounts are both inaccurate and partisan."

"Treat him with care," the

deputy warned.

"I do admire his hard work and I know the amount of time he put into this history. He was one of our best known historians and though a native of Co. Waterford he adopted Limerick as his native city. Lenihan served as a town councillor in the city for a number of years," he said.

Deputy Kemmy said that he believed Lenihan's history was very much a product of his time.

"And though his intentions were good his account of this time is very flawed and inaccurate."