

NO DANCING THIS SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)

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The Monarchs

THIS is a very busy week for The Monarchs, Limerick's only professional showband.

On Wednesday last they held yet another of their informal receptions at the Royal George Hotel—this time to launch their first L.P.—“Fifty Years After.”

In this, Tommy Drennan sings no less than eleven ballads, from the martial rhythms of “A Nation Once Again” and “Green Jackets” to the lilting “Oro Se To Bheatha Abhaille” to the pathos of “The Ballad of James Connolly” and “The Dying Rebel.”

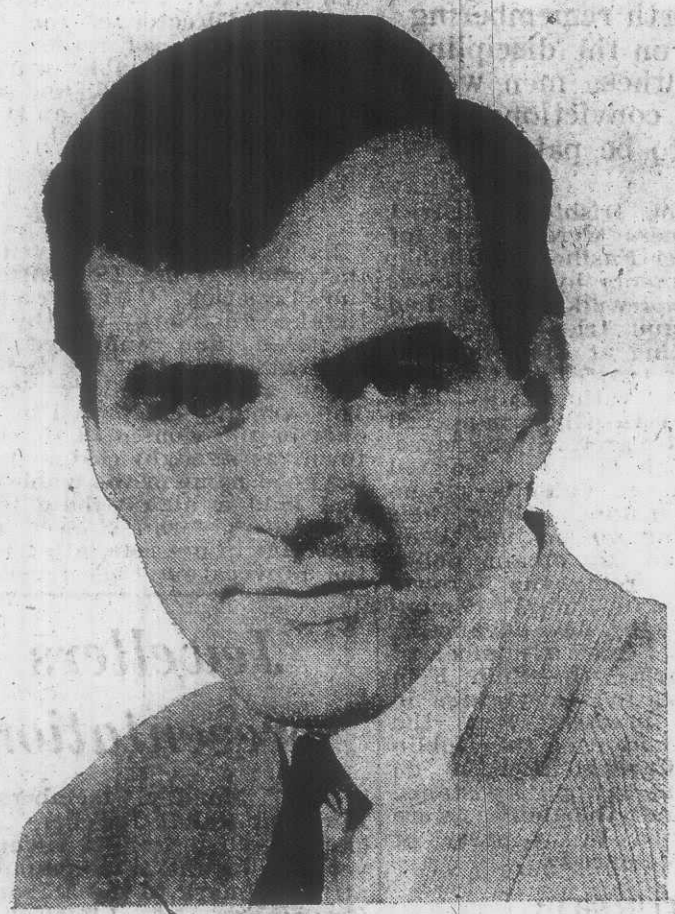
In all, there are fourteen tracks and here I must pay a deserved tribute to the band's musical director, Bryan Meehan.

And I must not forget to mention the pretty Kathleen Connolly (Jim's wife) from Gweedore in the Donegal Gaeltacht.

Hers is the lovely voice you will hear speaking the symbolic lines of “Mise Eire.”

This L.P. is a tremendous effort by our local boys and is certain to find its way into many homes in the weeks to come.

Finally, may I thank Monarchs Manager, Ray Heraty, for his many courtesies to me—gestures which I have come to expect from this gentleman of music.



Tommy Drennan of the Monarchs.

DUBLIN

The Monarchs play in Dublin's National Ballroom this Saturday night.

EFFIN

The Monarchs, with Tommy Drennan, will top the bill in a star-laden Celebrity Concert at the Canon Hayes Memorial Hall in Effin this Sunday.

Ennis

The Royal Showband—direct from their American tour—will open the Easter dancing in Ennis at the New Hall Ballroom.

Jetland

THE Santa Fe Showband will be the big attraction in Jetland Ballroom this Saturday, and I hear that among the forthcoming attractions are visits by Dermot O'Brien and his Clubmen and the famous Everly Brothers.

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