

formed by Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia that the demand for courses in religion on American university campuses has increased by from five to one hundred per cent. over the last few years. Speaking personally, I can tell you of the extent to which people that I meet casually in places like trains or planes—anonymous as it were yet as a priest—are ready to open their hearts on the subject of religion, people who to the eye of the passing observer could easily seem to be anything but interested in it.

Privilege

Before I conclude I want to say that, as Catholic Bishop of the Diocese, in which this Institute is situated, I am at the disposal of all who profess that Catholic faith or who in any way approach me on the matter of religion. That is my vocation and my privilege. It is why I have been sent amongst you. I pray that you will not let the troubles and anxieties of youth—especially at the present time—come between you and your religion. It is important never to lose contact with it because one day later in life it will be vital to have kept it and once lost it is hard to regain.

I am hopeful that the NIHE will shortly introduce satisfactory arrangements for the presence of a Chaplain amongst you and later, perhaps, for the putting on of lectures on religion such as will enable those who take them to keep their religious formation on an intellectual level with their technical and other competence.

I would ask you to believe that I am intensely interested in the work of this Institute and in all who labour in it and that I shall always be ready and delighted to co-operate with you in whatever way I can, his Lordship concluded.

Arrivals at Limerick Port

A total of 19,981 tons of cargo was unloaded by Limerick Cargo Handling Ltd., the port management company, at the Port of Limerick in the course of the week ending Tuesday, 8th October. The cargoes discharged included petroleum and general.

Arrivals at the Port during the week were the Pytheas, Brevit, Lone Termol, Texaco Whitegate, Falmouth and Carebeka 6. The ports from which the vessels arrived included Stanlow, Le Treport, Milford Haven, Swansea, Whitegate and Bayonne. The importing firms which used the port during the course of the week included Irish Shell, Ranks, Esso and Texaco.

All the vessels sailed "light" from the port for destination, which included Swansea, Dunkirk, Milford Haven and Whitegate.

Public meeting

The Scientific Council for the mid-west region will hold a public meeting at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on next Wednesday, October 16, at 8.00.

The theme will be The Sociology of Industry.

The speakers will include Rev. Fr. H. Bohan, Consultant on Community Affairs, Shannon Free Airport Development Co.; Cllr. J. Kemmy, Limerick Socialist Organisation, and Mr. F.

Attending the Chamber of Commerce annual dress dance at Cruise's Hotel recently, from left: the Mayor, Ald. Pat Kennedy; the Taoiseach, Mr. Liam Cosgrave; his Lordship, the Bishop of Limerick, Dr. J. Newman; Mrs. L. Cosgrave, Mr. Tom O'Dowd, president, Chamber of Commerce, Limerick, and Mrs. T. O'Dowd. L.L. photo

Two new cinemas to open in city

LIMERICK'S first twin cinemas, Movieland 1 and 2, will open inside the next fortnight with two major attractions—the much publicised "The Exorcist" and "The Scarecrow". The cinemas are in the Roxboro Shopping Centre.

Mr. Jack Bourke, director, Movieland 1 & 2, certainly scooped the pool with his opening films.

There has been much speculation in cinema circles in recent weeks as to where The Exorcist would play. This was the film that all managements were hoping to have on their screens.

The Exorcist will play in Movieland 1, which has accommodation for 210. There will be special prices of £1.20 and £1 for the opening production.

The Scarecrow, starring Gene Hackman and Al Pacino, and winner of the 1973 Cannes Film Festival Grand Prix Award, will be shown in Movieland No. 2.

Luxurious

This cinema has seating for 320 and the admission charge will be 75p. Both houses will have three shows daily.

Said Mr. Bourke: "These are the most luxurious cinemas in the country, and I have every confidence that they will win favour with local patrons."

The latest projection equipment has been installed, and the seats were specially imported from England.

Mr. Pat O'Donovan, a defeated candidate in the local Municipal Elections has been appointed house-manager of both cinemas.

Mr. Bourke told me that he expects The Exorcist to stay at Movieland No. 1 until Christmas, at least.

"I have other top line attractions lined up for '75," he continued.

There will be a staff of ten employed in the complex, with Mr. Pat Greaney as chief projectionist. It is not intended to have advance booking facilities.



Mr. Jack Bourke, director, Movieland No. 1 & 2.

The Exorcist is sure to be the most talked about movie in Limerick for years.

I saw it at the Adelphi in Dublin some months ago, and was enthralled by it. Some may find it unbearable.

The Scarecrow had a long run at the Adelphi and should enjoy similar success in Limerick.

Movieland 1 & 2 are situated directly across the road from Messrs Krups factory in Roxboro Road.

It must be encouraging for Mr. Jack Bourke to know that there has been an increase in admissions to cinemas in Ireland over the last twelve months.

The trend nowadays is towards smaller type houses. Rumour has it that there could be further changes in at least two city centre cinemas over the next few months.

—John O'Shaughnessy.

Big attraction for Parkway cabaret

Joe Dolan & the Drifters are the big attraction at the Parkway Cabaret this Wednesday evening. They have a huge following in this region and intending patrons are advised to take their seats early.

Joe Dolan had several records in the hit parade.

Incidentally, entertainments manager, Pat Ryan, informs me that he is negotiating with Val Doonican to perform at the Parkway before Christmas.

Impressionist David Beggs will top the bill at the Savoy Cabaret on Friday and Saturday next. Manager John Likely and his assistant Pat Buckley have introduced a new innovation in that they will serve meals in the cabaret room to parties of four people and more.

Said Mr. Likely: "All we need is 24 hours notice and patrons can pick from a wide choice of foods."

Prices range from £1 upwards. Patrons must be seated before 8.30.

The Two Mile Inn Cabaret continues on this Thursday with Devine Dickie again on stage. This most popular artiste seems to have a special appeal for patrons of the Two Mile Inn.

What it all means

If you have seen the advertisement for Civil Defence which is being shown on television at present, you may wonder, "What is Civil Defence?" Civil Defence is a nation wide organisation and each county council and corporation has a statutory responsibility to organise this important service. It is a voluntary organisation for the benefit of the whole community. Its task is to provide Casualty (first aid), Rescue, Warden, Welfare and Auxiliary Fire Services. In brief, its object is to prepare a trained force of volunteers, equipped to act quickly, so as to minimise any disaster that might befall the community.

Training in County Limerick is given by Limerick County Civil Defence Organisation. This training goes on nearly all the year—in suitable halls in winter and outdoors when weather permits. It only takes a couple of hours per week. The social side is not neglected: quiz sessions, films etc. are organised too. Training for the winter season has now commenced at the following centres: Athea, Doon, Brucee, Dromcollogher and Killfinane. Full details are given in the advertisement elsewhere in this paper. Everybody is welcome to come along and see for himself or herself what is happening. Other venues for classes will be arranged later.

Licensed premises sold

Danus workers stage demo through city

SOME HUNDREDS OF Danus workers staged a protest demonstration through the principal streets of Limerick today.

The workers carried placards. Meantime, management are

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