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Deejay Jimmy Keogh and the poster for the doomed event.

reputable prophet, posters advertising the dance, "Dance your way to Eternity," were put up around the town.

"Everything will be in good taste and

totally light-hearted," said Jimmy Keogh, who added that if he really believed the end was nigh, he wouldn't want to go out like that.

The affair was to be a fancy dress one

Meanwhile, in C stleconnell, the Last Day rumour have rekindled interest in the .gins of the name "World's End" along the river front. But local historian, Mr. Davey Quaid, says that it is simply a corruption of the name "Worrall," a gentleman who had an inn there once and after whom the present Worrall's Inn is also called.



Pauline (centre, front row) with her Virginia 8, Helen 10, Tracey 14, Shirley

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Elected president

Sister Mary Regina Kelly, Ballinacurra, Limerick, has been elected president of the National Council of the Sisters of Mercy.

Former mother general of the order, she was educated in Scoil Carmel, Limerick, and UCC. Daughter of Mr. Seamus and the late Maureen O Ceallaigh, she was based in Tipperary town for many years but now moves to Dublin.

Weather

The weather in the Limerick city area over the weekend will be mainly warm and dry with some fog patches. However, from Monday it will be more broken with more rain expected, according to Shannon Met. Office this Friday.

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Sean Kelly

to the finish line at the Royal George Hotel via O'Connell Avenue and O'Connell Street.

All parked vehicles should be removed from the route before 8.30 on Saturday morning.

The Gardai have advised motorists to avoid the race route during the crucial time between 10.30 a.m. and noon.

Traffic through the city Turn to page 2

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Lights go out at the Royal

ANOTHER CINEMA CLOSES IN CITY

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK'S ROYAL CINEMA has closed. Its last show—Police Academy II—was screened this Thursday night.

The Royal, formerly the Athenaeum, had a staff of 11 and it is expected that at least two will be absorbed in the Carlton and Central Studio which, like the Royal, are owned by the Green Group.

A question mark had been hanging over the future of the Cecil Street cinema for months but there were hopes that the proprietors might convert it into a twin complex and thus breathe new life into a house which had gone into decline.

A spokesperson for the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, who represent the workers, told the Limerick Leader that the Green Group thought such a conversion would prove too expensive.

Attendances

Falling attendances was given as the reason for the closure.

The Royal was one of Limerick's most popular cinemas for four decades. It was one time in the ownership of the late Mrs. Collins, and the Green Group bought it in the late sixties.

Some of the screen's greatest hits played at the venue which underwent a major conversion job in the forties.

It had a seating capacity of around 500. Some members of the staff had upwards of 20 years service and are to receive two weeks pay for each year on the payroll.

The Royal's closure brings to six the number of cinemas which have ceased to operate in Limerick in the last few years.

The City Theatre was first to go, followed by the Astor, Savoy, Movieland Twins and the Lyric.

In the sixties Limerick had 5,000 seats to offer: Savoy (1,500), Carlton (700), Central (600), Lyric (500), Royal (600), City Theatre (700), Astor (400). Now it has a mere 750 between the Central Studio and the Carlton.

The city had three other cinemas in the past—the Coliseum, the Tivoli and the Thomond.

On television

The 1985 Irish Triathlon.



Last night at the Royal.

STORM ALERT!

AS A MILLION people along the East Coast of the U.S. prepared to evacuate their homes this Friday, fearing destruction from Hurricane Gloria, a young Limerick couple who arrived at Shannon told of the warning being flashed every half hour from radio and television.

Dorothy and Jira Ryan, of Ballycannon Heights, Meelick, had been on a three-week holiday on the East Coast which Mrs. Ryan had won in a draw after competing in a race in South-ill, organised by Fr. Joe Young.

Mr. Ryan described the fears of the people as the hurricane thundered from

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Worker Centre in fight for funding

By LEADER REPORTER

THE DIRECTOR of the country's first Worker Education and Training Centre at NIHE, Mr. Michael Murray, vowed this week that courses at the centre would continue despite the threat of a withdrawal of AnCO funding.

The threat to the future of the centre came when ICTU representatives on the council of AnCO decided to vote against any further



Mr. McLoughlin.

funding of the centre on the grounds that it was not a trade union body.

Meeting

But Limerick Trades Council which has threatened dis-

affiliation from the ICTU over the issue has thrown all its weight behind the centre and will meet at the Glen-

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Bomb aboard

A bomb was found on board a plane owned by Air Tara, part of Guinness Peat Aviation, at New York's Kennedy Airport this Thursday just as the aircraft was going to take off for Port-au-Prince.

There were 48 passengers on board. A man was arrested.

Coyle out

Marian Coyle, who was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in 1976 for her part in the kidnap of Ferenka chief, Dr. Tiede Herremann, was released from Limerick Prison at 9 a.m. this Friday after serving nine years of her sentence.

Fight plan

The Desmond Arms hope to screen the Barry McGuigan world title fight at around 9.45 p.m. this Saturday night. Proprietor Mr. Pat Dowling is having the bout taped in Cork on BBC Wales and providing the reception is good he will have the fight on the big screen and two televisions.

Here comes the bride and her 9 sisters

By LEADER REPORTER

WHEN PAULINE Collopy of Moyross walks down the aisle in Corpus Christi Church this Saturday, she will be accompanied by nine bridesmaids—all of them her sisters.

Pre-wedding nerves are at a high pitch in the Collopy household at Cosgrave Park as Noreen and Bill Collopy prepare for the nuptials of the first of their ten daughters to get married.

Pauline (17) is a model with the Celia Holman Lee Agency and is getting married to Paul Ross of Glenview Gardens, whose four-year-old brother, Scott, is manfully adding support to a team of groomsmen gathered from older brother, Stuart, and cousins.

"It will be a sentimental occasion," said Pauline's mother. "All the girls were very close and always pulled together. This is the first break."

First trip

Bill, whose ten daughters all under the age of 20 have been featured in Time magazine, is looking forward to his first trip down the aisle with a daughter. "But he's dreading it as well," adds his wife.

The bridesmaids ranging in age from 19 to 9—Louise, Lorraine, Antoinette, Tracy, Shirley, Colette, Helen, Georgina and Virginia—will all wear different coloured dresses in the same style.

"The fittings have been hectic," said Mrs. Collopy, "and they won't be ready until Friday."

However, a smooth rehearsal at the church this week helped to steady nerves and everything is ready for what promises to be the prettiest and most colourful wedding ever in the city.

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