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but the key embassies are now in Paris and Bonn."

Without doubt, this work will be extensively referred to in many discussions and researches, both third-level and in the media, in the years ahead, though it is clearly a work which will have to be updated with the passing years.

This is because Ireland is continuously re-appraising its rôle in the world, and foreign policy — one of the most difficult governmental topics to research — is a continually evolving one, with Ireland's rapidly-increasing involvement in a fast-changing world.

All three authors — Michael Holmes, Nicholas Rees and Bernadette Whelan — pay warm tribute to the staffs of the University of Limerick and Mary

Immaculate College in Limerick for their help in the preparation of their work. (PM)

• "The Poor Relation— Irish foreign policy and the Third World" by Michael Holmes, Nicholas Rees and Bernadette Whelan, No 3 of Trocaire World Topics texts, published by Trocaire, the Catholic Agency for World Development, at 169 Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin, and Gill and Macmillan Ltd, of Goldenbridge, Inchicore, Dublin 8. Price £4.99.

(*The Department of Foreign Affairs was known as the Department of External Affairs until the 1960s. The old term derived from British colonial useage, and is still in use in some Comonwealth states today.)

New book on Kate O'Brien

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LONG-time Kate O'Brien fan, Deputy Jim Kemmy, will officiate at the launching of a new collection of essays about the famous Limerick novelist at the City Art Gallery on July 1.

And the book is to be presented to President Mary Robinson in July.

Deputy Kemmy will also be conducting an open-top-bus tour of Kate O'Brien's Limerick for visiting and local journalists, compliments of Bus Eireann.

The essays by several distinguished writers, including former Limerick Leader journalist, Michael O'Toole, are edited by Eibhear Walshe, and published by Cork University Press.

The title of the collection is "Ordinary People Dancing", a line taken from the

works of the novelist herself.

The event coincides with the launch of a series of postcards by the City Art Gallery, including one from a portrait of Kate O'Brien by Jim Sleator.

A copy of the book of essays is to be presented by the editor to President Robinson on July 16.

The eleven essays are mainly by women, including well known poet Eavan Boland, and deal with all aspects of Kate O'Brien and her life, including her travel and her feminism.

Michael O'Toole's essay is on Kate O'Brien's journalism.

Deputy Kemmy has written extensively himself about the novelist. He grew up in Garryowen, close to her former home - Boru House in Mulgrave Street and has been one of the most prominent promoters of the annual Kate O'Brien week-end in Limerick.

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