

Jenny Ronan, 21, Louise O'Connor, 24, Miriam Kiely and Olivia Bane, both 19, wanted to do something useful for the summer and chose to

primary school," said Jenny. Herself and Louise spent six months in Rhodes; Olivia was at the Baha'i Temple in India for three months; and Miriam was in the Ivory Coast in West

Bahai and staying with my fellow Baha'is made me feel very much at home. It was interesting to see how we are culturally so different and yet in so many ways the same," she said.

improve family life. "Women seemed to do most of the work but had little power in the community. They rarely spoke out and were not involved with decision making. "We used drama and puppets

very satisfying to see the women consulting together about their lives and about what they could do to improve their situation," said Miriam. The four girls are back in Limerick now preparing to go to college.

McCourt TV show is 'biased'

By EUGENE PHELAN

THE producers of the biggest television news programmes in the world, 60 Minutes, have been attacked for allegedly giving a totally biased report on Frank McCourt and Angela's Ashes.

A special report on McCourt went out all over the States last night on the programme—but many people in Limerick are unhappy.

"They came over here and I spent five days with them, introducing them to contemporaries of McCourt, who totally disagree with the book," said long time critic and radio presenter Ger Hannan.

Mr Hannan said that he was astounded to get a call late last week from the producers of the programme to tell him that "all our side" had be cut from the programme.

"It's a totally biased report. You had people who were friends of Angela and he likes of Paddy Malone and their contribution and the truth is just cut out," he declared.

The producers did confirm to the Limerick Leader that much of what was shot in Limerick had to be cut out.

"I was delighted when they came to Limerick. I co-operated fully with them. I

gave them about 20 names of people who had strong objections, but the world will not see this side of the story," he complained.

"Now all that we said has been censored. He has got a free run.

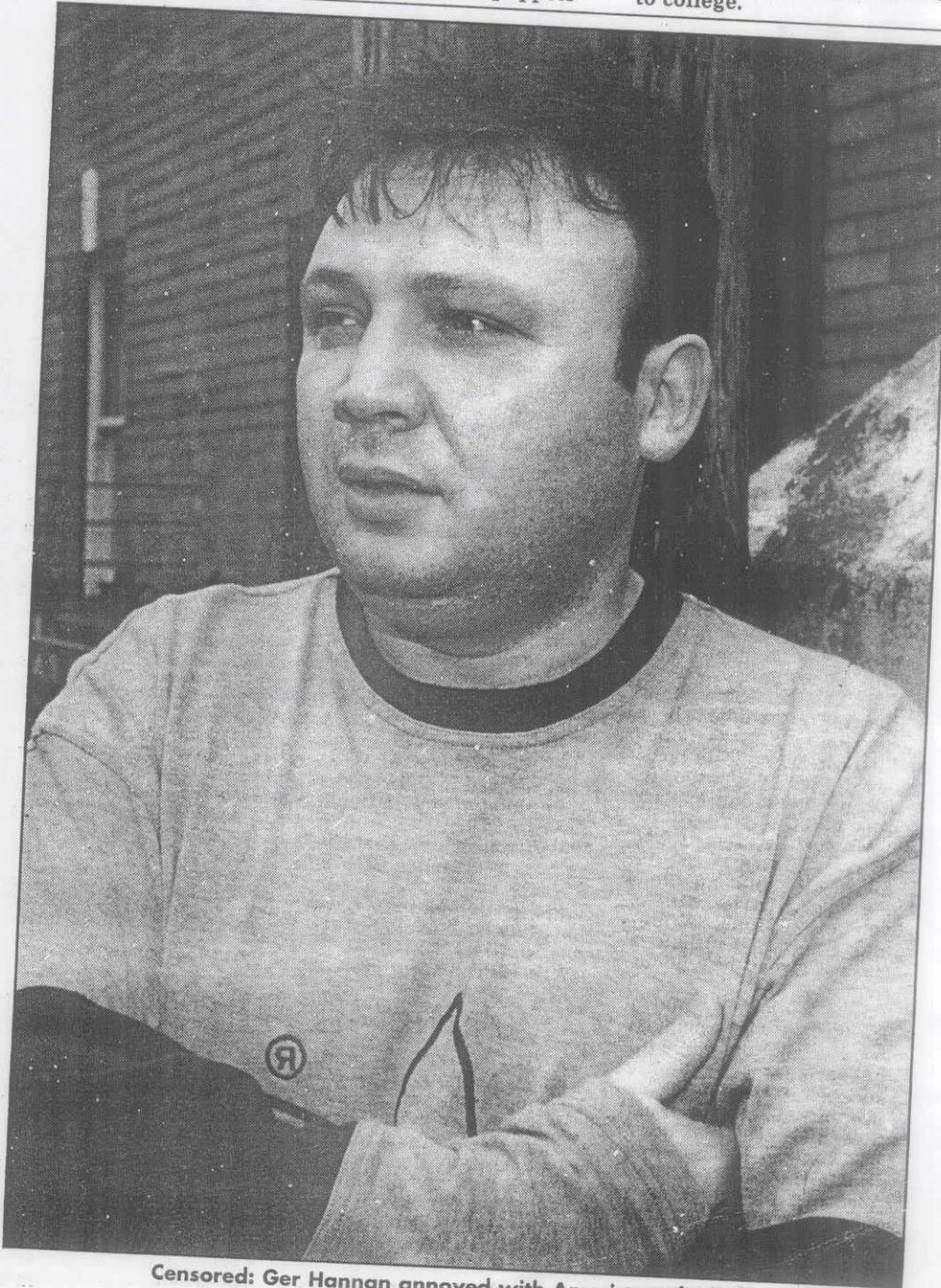
Mr Hannan has been a long time critic of McCourt's and wrote his own book Ashes last year, which he says is not being republished and revised.

Frank McCourt will shortly be publishing his latest book, 'Tis, in the next few weeks. But Hannan will not be leaving the opportunity go.

He is publishing his own book, Tis'nt. "In his new book he will be writing about leaving Limerick and living in the US and what a great place it is. But my book will focus on the people who stayed behind in Limerick. He is saying New York is a great place but I am say it Tis'nt. That is my book," he said.

The Limerick broadcaster says he is thrilled that ITV came over to do an extensive interview. "They showed no bias and my interview with them will be going out shortly."

• BBC Radio 4 are all this week serialising Frank McCourt's latest book 'Tis. The author will read excerpts of the book each morning this week at 10.45am.



Censored: Ger Hannan annoyed with American