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Due to escalating production costs and the increased VAT rate, the selling price of the Limerick Leader, weekend edition, has been increased to 35p from the issue dated May 1st 1982.

Comfortable

Chin Sa Chen, a Chinese sailor, who was injured in a fall at Foynes port this week, is still in Limerick Regional Hospital, where his condition was said this Friday to be "quite comfortable".

'Limerick youths attacked Libyans'

By LEADER REPORTER

GARDAI BATON-charged over 50 Limerick youths who were involved in a fracas with a group of Libyan students at Todds Lane, Limerick City Court heard this Friday.

Two Libyans, who pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly behaviour, had the case against them dismissed by Justice de Burca after he heard evidence that the local youths had thrown bottles and beer kegs at them.

The Libyans, Jamal Jamada and Abraham Basonie, both students at the Aer Rianta School at Shannon, were set upon by a group of 50 to 60 local youths outside the Courtyard licensed premises on

wet with showers getting more persistent in the afternoon.

Hit and run

Gardai are investigating a "hit and run" accident in which a blue Mazda car, parked near St. Joseph's Church, was damaged by a yellow van at around 3.30 p.m. this Thursday. Anyone with any information should contact 28963.

Deaths

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the early hours of April 24, the court was told.

Mr. Maldieves, student representative, told the court that he had left the Courtyard with another Libyan and a girl after closing time on the night of the incident. A youth pushed him against a wall and said to him: "Get out of here, you nigger".

Witness said that he went back into the Courtyard, where he told his friends that there was a gang outside and that they had better stay together.

"We were protecting ourselves. They were throwing bottles and kegs at us. The Irish people started the fight," said the witness.

Miss Pauline Kennedy,

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By EU

THE LONGEST-SERVING member been elected Mayor, Cllr. Tony the office on June 28th next.

Nine city councillors have pledged their support enough to get him elected.

Cllr. Bromell, who was elected to the council in 1967, was last weekend chosen by Fianna Fail as their choice as a Mayoral candidate.

This assures him of six votes in the 17-strong council. However, when contacted this week, Cllrs. Mick Lipper (Lab.), Frank Leddin (Lab.) and Win Harrington (Ind.) said they would vote for him.

Going on this, Cllr. Bromell is a certainty for Mayor, but a week is a long time in politics and there are eight weeks to the election of Mayor.

Meeting

The Fianna Fail leader, Cllr. Paddy Kiely, told the Limerick Leader that Cllr. Bromell was selected by them last Saturday.

They believed he was very deserving of the position, as the longest-serving member of the city council not to be elected.

Cllr. Lipper said that he would have "no hesitation in supporting" Cllr. Bromell.

What would happen if Labour put up a candidate?

"I believe it would be very selfish if we put up a candidate, as we hold office at the moment," he answered.

"Cllr. Bromell is one of the longest serving and highly qualified men for the position and I will definitely be supporting him."

Cllr. Lipper said that it was time that the "horsetrading" regarding the Mayoralty was finished for ever. He believed that such "hogging" of the Mayoralty was to the detriment of the city.

On that issue, Mayor Tommy Allen (Lab.) revealed that the three main parties are to have discussions to get a fair rotation system going once again.

He would not reveal, however, what way he would be voting in the Mayoral

Limerick sole is Ric Hour

By FERGAL KEA

LIMERICK'S Senal resenation has been reduced from two seats to one after three local dates failed by a breadth to be elected.

Pat Kennedy, Ted and Rory Kiely, all of whom served previously in the House, were defeated by centages of a vote.

Limerick's sole victor, Richard Hourigan, a member of the agricultural panel. A Fine Gael candidate, June general election, Hourigan exceeded the quota.

He said this week that he was committed to work in close co-operation with other members of the Council to service the elect

"I will be looking at the whole question of unemployment to make sure that we can earn a decent wage and enjoy a good standard of living," added Mr. Ho

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Tourism

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open for the peak season only. The only major drop in enquiries was in Ennis, where the 25 per cent reduction was probably due to the increased business at Shannon and the Cliffs of Moher.

The number of enquiries from people concerning home holidays increased by 45 per cent while enquiries from Northern Ireland, due to the disturbances caused by the H-Block hunger strike were down by 18 per cent.

North America

The most significant increase in the number of enquiries was from North America which showed a rise of 78 per cent over the previous year.

The number of complaints received was only one-third of the level of the past five years and was the lowest ever on record. The drop was spread over all categories.

Total development expenditure in the region in 1981 was £405,000. These grants generated a total investment of over £1 million in the tourism plant of Shannonside.

"For the 1980's Irish tourism must ensure that its competitive edge is not eroded even further," said Mr. Tony Brazil, chairman of Shannonside Tourism.

"The ability to sell Ireland as a holiday destination depends not only on the prices which the industry charges, but also on the quality of the holiday.

"One of the most important areas in which we can differentiate Ireland as a tourist destination is to have a totally unique holiday experience. This means that we must fully understand what he wants and guarantee a level of service and standard of product that he demands."

Commenting on the cost of holidaying in Ireland, Mr. Brazil said: "Value for money is now a critical consideration for Irish holiday makers, and all of us in the industry must make every effort to ensure that our standards are in line with our prices".

Mr. Brazil deplored cheap sales gimmicks, and said: "We all accept that holidays in Ireland have become expensive, but then, the cost of living in Ireland is high".

Continuing, he said: "We cannot always put the blame for poor tourism performance on factors outside our control, like high rates of VAT, rampant inflation, poor weather and the greater ingenuity of travel agents in offering other destinations in more imaginative form".

Speaking in relation to Limerick city, Mr. Brazil welcomed the efforts of urban renewal, and in particular the restoration of the Granary.

Libyans

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solv., for the two Libyans, said her clients were students at the Aer Rianta School in Shannon and they had poor English and were at a certain disadvantage because of this. She said that her clients admitted the offence of being drunk and disorderly, but offered in mitigation that they had been provoked by the local youths.

Garda Murphy, Edward Street, told the court that he was on duty near the Courtyard and he saw Mr. Jamada roaring and shouting at a group of youths. He saw the defendant throw a bottle at the youths and it crashed on the ground. The youths were roaring at him and he was aggressive.

"He seemed to have lost his head," said Garda Murphy.

Asked

Garda O'Connor said that Basioni drew belts at the personnel carrier and started shouting and jumping in front of the van with his hands up.

Miss Kennedy, cross-examining, asked the Garda if the defendant had not asked permission to accompany Jamada to the station.

Both had poor English, but Basioni had a better command, she said. Garda O'Connor said he could not recall this.

Garda Murphy said that there were 40 to 50 youths in the lane and they were aggressive to the Gardai.

Justice de Burca said that it appeared that some of

"the local heroes" tried to pick on these people. Garda Murphy said there were only two of the Libyans, who were present, arrested. He said there had been some kind of row in the Courtyard. Garda Murphy said they had to baton charge the Limerick youths up the lane.

Mr. Tony Alfred, headmaster, Aer Rianta School, said that the two defendants had been learning English with a Dublin company before coming to Shannon. Aer Rianta had never any trouble with them.

If they were found guilty of the offence it could affect their status as students in the country, he said.

Justice de Burca said he was dismissing the charges, although they pleaded guilty.

"These people were under a certain handicap and the evidence suggests that if there were a fault it lay elsewhere," he added.

Bromell

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The current favourite for the Mayoralty, Cllr. Bromell is registrar at the Mary Immaculate Training College, South Circular Road, Limerick.

During his student days, Cllr. Bromell proved to be an outstanding academic, winning a string of scholarships. He holds a first-class honours B.A. and while at U.C.G. won the Mansion House scholarship for Irish, which was open to students in all universities.

Cllr. Bromell is at present on the governing body of Thomond College and is, since 1969, a member of the Higher Educational Authority. He has been vice-chairman of the authority since 1977.

A native of Thomondgate, he has in the past been beaten in a Mayoral election. A former professor of Irish at Mary Immaculate, he lives with his wife, Aine, and four children at Hazeldene, Ennis Road.

Senate

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pleased with my performance".

Pleased

Another city candidate to lose out was city councillor, Terry Kelly, F.G., who had a first preference total of 42. "I couldn't be but pleased with my performance," she said.

However, she added: "You have to have a certain amount of money to run a Senate campaign and it certainly militates against those who have not got the back-up".

Cllr. Kelly felt that the candidates with the higher public profiles were at an obvious advantage over the lesser-known names.

Former Senator and Dail Deputy, Ted Russell (F.G.) was narrowly defeated for a seat on the industrial panel and he described this campaign as the toughest yet.

"This is my fifth Senate campaign and it was tougher than the previous four. Like every candidate who was not successful, I am disappointed — even more so to be beaten by one or two votes".

But, he added: "I learned to take things like this as they come a long time ago".

A newcomer to the Senate campaign was Crescent College teacher, David Barry, who ran on the NUI panel as the official ASTI candidate.

"I finished sixth out of 16 candidates and I consider that a good performance for my first time out," said Mr. Barry.

"I was especially pleased with the reaction that I got in schools, but I found that a lot of teachers were not on the register for one reason or another."



Theresa Delap and Marie O'Gorman representing the Coach Inn and Feenagh in the Colleen Bawn.

Region's tourism advisers on course

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SHANNONSIDE Tourism recently conducted an intensive familiarisation and training course programme for their permanent and seasonal tourist information office staff.

Held in the Two Mile Motor Inn in Limerick, the course was attended by 35 travel advisers who will deal with visitor enquiries at the year-round and seasonal tour-

ist offices and visitor centres throughout the Mid-West region.

At the opening session of the course, Mr. Tony Brazil, chairman of Shannonside Tourism, in welcoming the staff to the course, said: "The board of Shannonside Tourism, is deeply committed to providing the highest possible standard of service to visitors using our tourist offices and this course reflects that commitment." The course was organised in association with C.E.R.T.



Left to right: Mr. Sean Browne, manager; Mr. Tony Brazil, chairman and Mr. Brendan Russell, marketing officer, all of Shannonside Tourism, discussing the board's annual report at Cruise's Hotel this week.

