



A ward in Neurological Hospital, London, yesterday was named after Nurse Bridget Quinn, of Churchfields, Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo. Nurse Quinn died with eleven of her patients, whom she refused to leave during an air raid. Above are Mrs. Bridget Quinn, her mother, and two of her sisters, Mrs. Nora Sheehan (left) and Mrs. Kay Hoban, who attended the dedication ceremony. Below is Nurse Quinn.



Ward named in memory of Irish nurse

THE Mayor of Westminster, Mr. Patrick Stirling, yesterday unveiled a plaque and named a ward in the Neurological Hospital, London, in memory of Nurse Bridget Quinn, a native of Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, who died when a flying bomb fell on the hospital on June 17th, 1944. The bomb also killed 11 patients and blinded for life Nurse Margaret Paterson, who attended yesterday's ceremony in rebuilt hospital in Deane street. Nurse Quinn had refused to leave her patients.

Mr. Stirling said he was glad to pay tribute to the nursing profession. During the war many London hospitals were heavily damaged by bombing, but this hospital was particularly hard hit. In spite of the fact that it had been hit twice by bombs, before the flying bomb fell, work went on steadily.

Watching the ceremony was Nurse Quinn's 58-year-old mother, Mrs. Quinn, of Tourmakeady, who was accompanied by her two daughters, Mrs. Hoban and Mrs. Sheehan, now living at Clapham, London.

Mrs. Quinn told the I.N.A.: "It is a sorrowful day for me, but it is a great honour that this tribute is being paid to my daughter."

Another nurse to be honoured yesterday was Miss Margaret Johnstone, who died in an air raid on September 28th, 1944.

£10,500 prize in forecast of "cosmic age"

Planes powered by nuclear energy and helicopter house-trailers are envisaged for 1985 by some of the aviation experts in the United States who have been asked for their predictions in connection with the "cosmic age" competition.