BOULEVARD BLOOM

Sir,—The centenary of the birth of James Joyce is almost upon us. Let the city fathers mark the occasion with flair and humour by honouring literature's most famous Dubliner, Leopold Bloom. Let the city be adorned with a commemorative tablet, and let all passers-by seh the irreplicable image on the Addiction of the Capit. Bloom.

Unfortunately, little remains of No. 7 Eccles Street, but a memorial should be incorporated in the development plans for the area. There is, however, no shortage of suitable streets; Westmoreland Street would be admirable as the Boulevards.

The occasion should be further embellished by a mighty ceremony granting posthumously to Bloom the Freedom of the City "embodied in a charter". The statue is laid down in elaborate detail in "Ulysses": "Venetian masks, maypoles and festal arches..."

A streamer bearing the legends "Read Mile Faith and Memory: Tob Meck Israel...". All the windows ringed with sightseers, chiefly ladies..."A line drum barg..." the Bishop of Down and Connor... the primate of all Ireland... the chief rabbi... the president... the head of the Baptist, anabaptist, methodist and Moravians... the guilds and trades... bird fanciers, masseurs, tinsmiths, assessors of fire losses and saddlemakers". And in the evening, fireworks will "go up from all sides with symbolic phosphorescent design."

What a Bloomsday! June 16th, 1982, should be declared a national holiday. — Yours, etc.

Eoin O'Brien.

Street to be named after Joyce

Dublin city councillors are pressing to have a street of the capital called after James Joyce to mark the centenary of the author's birth.

At yesterday's meeting of the council's general purposes committee, Mr. John Freehill suggested that they call a street "Boulevard Bloom", as this had been mentioned in Ulysses.

However, Mr. Ben Briscoe, TD, said that they should call Anglesea Street, where Blooms Hotel was situated, James Joyce Street. He felt that "Boulevard Bloom" had been used as a piece of "implish humour" by Joyce in Ulysses.

It was essential, according to Mr. Tony Gregory, TD, to do something to commemorate Joyce. He was sure that other cities in Europe would be doing something. To call a street after Joyce was the least they could do.

The councillors agreed in principle to call some street after Joyce and a report is to be prepared for the next meeting on the matter.

JAMES JOYCE STREET

Sir,—Recent correspondence suggesting the renaming of a Dublin street in honour of James Joyce must surely call to mind the remarkable prescience of past City Fathers in naming Syngue Street and Shaw Street for John M. Syngue and Bernard Shaw even before these men were born.

Dubliners will be aware that we have had a Joyce Road (north side) and a Joyce Avenue (south side) for many years. In my view James A.'s temperament would hardly permit of his approval of having a street named for him at secondhand by way of a renaming process. — Yours, etc.,

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Man held over teacher's death

A man was last night reported to be helping gardai with their inquiries into the death of the part-time music teacher, Mr. George Maud, who was found dead from head injuries at his flat in Shielbloom Road, Crumlin, Dublin, last week.

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