

SINN FÉIN



JOE O'CONNELL

IMPRISONED IN PARKHURST JAIL, ENGLAND

POLITICAL PRISONER

*'A felon's cap is the noblest
crown an Irish head
can wear'*

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Election

OUR PRIMARY AIM

Securing a British withdrawal and the re-establishment of the Democratic Socialistic Republic of 1916-21 and based on a de-centralised or federal system of government best suited to this age. British rule has brought death, agony and suffering to our people in the occupied part of our Country. Two thousand Irishmen and women languish in jails and prison camps in Britain and Ireland, north and south.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

The establishment politicians mislead the electorate on the E.E.C. issue. The promised affluence turned out to be a myth. Many of our native industries have gone to the wall and the farmers are now suffering the hardship of the Brussels dictatorship. Sovereignty has been surrendered and neutrality is seriously threatened. More than 146,000 people are unemployed in the 26 counties and 300,000 people in Ireland as a whole.

COLLABORATION & APPEASEMENT

This shameful policy reached new depths recently with the jailing in Portlaoise of republican escapees from R.U.C. custody. These same forces were found guilty before the European court of Human Rights of "brutal and inhuman treatment" of prisoners. The British Government of Margaret Thatcher gleefully accepts all the help they get from successive Dublin Governments but despise them at the same time for their weakness. Every vote for Sinn Fein and the prisoner candidate will show that the soul of Ireland is not yet dead.

THE COST

Southern Governments have expended vast sums of money in pursuing a policy of collaboration with the British. Last year, the Coalition Government spent £375 million on collaboration and outlined a projected expenditure of over £500 million for the coming year. In order to raise this money they plan to cut back in health, education and social welfare, and allocate the relatively

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meagre sum of £15 million for a Youth Employment Agency. The sum of £89 million has been allocated for agricultural grants at a time when farmers are struggling for their very existence.

THE REMEDY

End this craven collaboration and the saving of at least £500,000,000 per year would wipe out the budget deficit and create rapid economic recovery.

CENSORSHIP AND R.T.E.

It is an insult to the intellect of the people, the manner in which R.T.E. treats Irish cultural matters and in particular the denial of the media to Sinn Fein to express their legitimate political views. This is a complete travesty of any semblence of democracy. We believe that the people should be trusted to think and judge for themselves.

REPRESENTATION AND THE CANDIDATE

The candidates put forward by Sinn Fein are, in most cases, well and truly tried public representatives. In Clare, however, the candidate is a political prisoner, Joe O'Connell from Kilkee, presently jailed in Parkhurst Prison, England. Although a prisoner, his constituency work will be adequately carried out by Sinn Fein councillors and by a fully staffed Office, which would be opened in Ennis to serve all his constituents' needs.

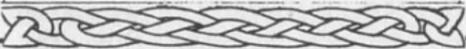
COMMITMENT

Republican dedication to the cause of Irish freedom has been demonstrated over the decades and especially over the last twelve years. The heroism of the dead hungerstrikers won national and international respect. The radical political developments, initiated by Bobby Sands' victory in Fermanagh/South Tyrone and enhanced by the successes of Owen Carron, Paddy Agnew and the late Kieran Doherty, can advance significantly with the election of Sinn Fein T.D.'s in this contest.

Tá Sinn Féin ag obair ar son córais nua a thabharfaidh fíor-chumhacht daonlathach do gach pobal in Éirinn.

JOE O'CONNELL, single, was born in Querrin, Kilkee. One of a family of four, his mother was the local schoolteacher and his father a farmer. Now thirty years of age, he was well known for his sporting and community interests. He worked as a machine operator at SPS in Shannon before following in the footsteps of the Fenians and the famous Clare Column of the IRA in Black and Tan days. He was captured on the Border and spent time in Mountjoy Jail and the Curragh. Following his release he went to Britain to continue the resistance against the British Government's war on the Nationalist people in the Six Counties. Arrested after the siege of Balcome St., he was sentenced to over 600 years in Parkhurst Jail. His speech from the dock impressed all and did Ireland and Clare proud.

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In Support of His Candidature

PAT JOE BURKE, County Councillor
SEAN O'CONNOR, Kilkee
HARRY DUGGAN, Feakle
JOE McGRATH, Tulla
PADDY BERMINGHAM, Kilrush
SEAN TALTY, Doonogan
KEVIN MARREN, Newmarket-on-Fergus
MIKE (Gunner) McMAHON, Newmarket
P. J. McMAHON, Newmarket-on-Fergus
MICHAEL HENCHY, Clooney
MARTIN TALTY, Miltown Malbay
LARRY DONNELLY, Shannon
MARTIN McNAMARA, Scariff

and numerous other leading republicans
and personalities in cultural and sporting
organisations.