

VOTE SINN FÉIN

For effective local leadership!

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DÉ CÉADAONIN, an cúigiú lá déag de Bhealtaine, beidh Sinn Féin ag tabhairt faill arís do phobal náisiúntach na sé chondae a thaispeáint go bhfuil siad in éadán riail na Sasana.

Is seans é an toghachán seo le do bhród a dhaingniú as do náisiúntacht, as do theanga, agus as do chultúr, agus lena chinntiú nach bhfuil ceart ar bith ag Sasain a bheith in Éirinn.

SINN FÉIN is contesting these elections so that nationalists who have suffered so long under British and unionist misrule will have strong decisive representation at local level — representation that will not be weak through factionalism but instead powerful, determined and united behind the only organised thirty-two-county political party.

Sinn Féin has a clear record of constituency work through our many advice centres; a record that is begrudgingly conceded even by our political opponents. Through these elections and through the district councils we aim to improve upon the quality of representation which the nationalist people have had to date.

To this end, and despite ill-thought-out rebuffs from the SDLP, we are pre-

pared to co-operate in the councils with other nationalists to neutralise or curb the power of loyalist politicians.

UNAMBIGUOUS

Sinn Féin stands in this election with an unambiguous manifesto supporting the rights of the people of Ireland to rule themselves, free of British interference. We consider the struggle for national liberation to be just. If there were no British arms in Ireland, Ireland would be at peace and would be governed by elected Irish representatives.

Recently, British direct-ruler Douglas Hurd hinted that increased powers would be devolved to district councils. Sinn Féin is opposed to the abuse of such powers which would arise in loyalist-dominated chambers. We have seen such abuses in housing and employment in the past and recently in the anti-democratic attempts to stifle nationalist elected representatives.

As long as British backing for the sectarian six-county state exists, then nationalists can expect discrimination, repressive laws and state violence. Nevertheless, such realities are no excuse for lying down or for compromising.

Alienation from British rule has been a feature of Irish life for centuries. It will cease when Ireland gets her freedom and Ireland will get her freedom when the results of her sacrifices break the will of the British establishment.

PLEDGES

Sinn Féin stands on that analysis but also pledges to represent and defend those in the community who seek our help on social and economic matters while not necessarily sharing our nationalist views.

We enter this election and we will en-

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ter the councils as the voice of the risen Irish people. To date, in the chambers where we have councillors, it is acknowledged that they have been to the fore in representing the interests of their constituents.

It is clear from statements made by Margaret Thatcher, British ministers and from unionist leaders that electoral support for Sinn Féin is a bigger worry for them and a bigger breakthrough for nationalists than support for any other party.

This election may well be the last election for several years and Sinn Féin is asking for your vote as a vote in favour of effective representation, Irish independence and real peace in Ireland and as a vote against sectarianism and British rule in Ireland.

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