

# Republican Worker

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Is mor an t-athas ata orthainn agus muid ag chur ar nuachtan beag fe clo aris tar eis e in easnamh le leath bhlian. Criedimid go bhfuil gadh nuachtan beag aitiuil a beith ann agus nil se ar amhras againn go mbeith failte ar ais roimhe.

Pressure of work for the General Election accounted for our absence during late spring and early summer and well earned holidays prevented publication during more recent months.

We like to feel that we were missed and the number of enquiries reaching this office regarding our return to circulation suggests strongly that we were!

And so we return to our function as a local supplement to the UNITED IRISHMAN - the function of bringing to our readers the views and comments of SINN FEIN THE WORKERS' PARTY on local situations here in Cork. These are the issues which affect YOU. Issues such as housing, proper use of natural resources, employment prospects (if any) and our answers to the problems which beset the people are YOUR concern. It is our concern to see to it that you know what these answers are.

Read the IRISH PEOPLE on sale weekly price 2p.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

If the public enquiry into police brutality allegations comes about I trust all concerned will have to submit to lie detector tests conducted by an independent authority.

The people of Churchfield and Farranree deserve the highest credit forthe big face lift they have given their respective areas.

This was truly an example of what communities can do to help themselves.

Just imagine if the workers on a national level could control their own destinies and were able to exploit our resources for the benefit of all instead of a few.

The price of drink has risen again. Strangely the Fianna Fail whisper agents have been struck dumb.

Could it be their party has no more control over prices than any other.

Whither the Provos? Now that the Pope has congratulated the British Premier on Britains stand in NorthernIreland where do the Provo bigots stand? After all, they are staunch Catholics.

The departure of Sean O'Leary from the political seene will cause nobody any trouble.

However it is worth noting you can't fool all the people

all the time.

Remember Sean calling for a public inquiry into the sub standard N. B. A. houses? He said they were a disgrace! Then Sean was appointed as a director of the N.B.A. and, Hey Presto, the houses were good enough. It's the tenants were sub standard.

How's this for a laugh? At the Association of Municipal Authorities Conference in Dundalk Cllr. J. Mee (Passage West Town Commissioners) said "There is too much violence on the T.V. screens. Kojack is the cause of street violence".

He might be right but is he honest?

You see, Mee is a Prove of the most Hitler-like type - he applauds car bombs and kneecapping.

Dear me, Mee!

Larry Lyons, T.V. critic on the Cork Examiner was a bit upset by the film on Adolf Hitler's life.

He thought he detected a slight touch of propaganda.

And then he adds in an attempt to justify Hitler and his gas chambers: "other countries and peoples have committed similar acts of genocide". Perhaps Mr. Lyons could name one other country that exterminated seven million Jews.

By the way, was that Matt Doolan behind Franco in the picture with Hitler?

#### SINN FEIN THE WORKERS' PARTY

#### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday 28th. September, two films were given public showing by Sinn Fein The Workers Party in Connolly Hall.

The new headquarters of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union in Cork has been the venue for many social and cultural events and this effort by our party proved as successful

and as popular as most.

The films shown were "Going, Going, Gone" which dealt with shameless waste of Ireland's enormous natural wealth, depicting the manner in which our respurces are exploited for the profit of foreign business interests whereas they could be used (over)

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES (contd.)

to bring great benefit to the people of this country to whom they rightly belong.

The second film, "Caoineadh Airt Ui Laoire", which won high praise at the Cork International Film Festival, is based on one of the greatest epic poems ever written in the Irish language, yet carries a message for us in the present day.

The enthusiasm with the films were received by the large attendance made this effort well

worth while.

At a meeting of the Cork

City Comhairle Cheanntair it was noted with satisfaction that the Cork Council of Trade Unions had passed a motion supporting the strikers in Bishopstown in their struggle for Trade Union recognition. The meeting pledged support for the workers concerned.

At the same meeting it was decided that the Cork Council of Trade Unions were to be congratulated on having presented a cheque for over £950 for the benefit of battered wives.

This expression of practical concern for the welfare of the victims of misfortune is a praiseworthy gesture indeed.

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#### YOUTH NOTES

### IRISH DEMOCRATIC YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Irish Democratic Youth Movement were involved during the summer months in many activities. The main event was the summer camp in County Kerry which was attended by all members.

They succeeded in climbing Mangerton Mountain which is over 2,000 feet and overlooking the Lakes of Killarney. They were alo involved in fishing for trout. Here, however, they were not as lucky as they were in finding Mangerton!

A comprehensive Youth Manifesto was published. It deals with a number of matters affecting young people and these include employment, education, recreation, culture, sectarianism and the law.

On 23rd., 24., and 25th. of September, the National Executive of the I.D.Y.M. held an educational weekend in Mornington, Co. Meath. Members of the I.D.Y.M. who attended came from Bolfast, Dublin, Lurgan, Cork, Newry and Galway. Among other things, they were instructed on how the Public Relations Officer and Education Officer should

function and, most important of all, why.

If you wish to join the I.D.Y.M. or if you would like further information, write or telephone:

THE IRISH DEMOCTARIC YOUTH MOVEMENT, THOMAS ASHE HALL, 15, FR. MATHEW QUAY, Cork. Phone: 23944.

THIS MONTHS BALLAD.

#### Homage to Jim Larkin.

Roll away the stone, Lord,
roll away the stone,
As you did when last I died
in the attic room;
There was no fire as well
and I died of cold
While Jim Larkin walked the streets
before he grew old.

Iarkin was a young man then,
all skin and bone.

Iarkin had a madman's eyes;
I saw them through the stone.

Iarkin had a madman's voice;
I don't know what he said,

I just heard screechings
ringing in my head.

Something screeched within my head as in an empty room;
I felt the lightning of the pain run through every bone.
I couldn't even scream, Lord,
I just sobbed with pain.
I didn't want to live, Lord,
and turned to sleep again.

But with screeches in my head
I couldn't settle right.
At last I scrambled to my knees
and turned to the light;
Then I heard the words he spoke
and down crashed the stone.
There was I with blind man's eyes
gaping at the sun.

Things are much the same again,
damn the thing to eat.

Not a bloody fag since noon
and such a price for meat.

Not a bit of fire at home
all the livelong day 
Roll away the stone, Lord,
roll the stone away.