

# Mitchell for Mid-Ulster



- To end British Occupation.
- To establish an All-Ireland Parliament.
- To end Sectarian Dissension.
- To end Poverty and Insecurity.
- To preserve our Irish Christian Heritage.
- To ensure the Welfare of the Irish Nation.

## **Vote SINN FEIN**

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**Your Candidate**

**TOM MITCHELL**

**is in Gaol for Service to Ireland**

**GIVE HIM YOUR SUPPORT**

**ELECTION COMMUNICATION**

*Mr. Glavin, Charles 30/1/47*  
*Mr. Glavin, Mary 30/1/47*

*Doorat*  
*Donemana*  
*Strabane*

**“A Felon’s Cap’s the noblest crown  
an Irish head can wear.”**

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# ELECTION MANIFESTO

MID-ULSTER ELECTION 1956

IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1918 THE IRISH PEOPLE, BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY REPUDIATED THE CLAIMS OF ENGLAND AND HER PARLIAMENT TO RULE THEM AND THEY ESTABLISHED THE IRISH REPUBLIC WHICH WAS PROCLAIMED IN ARMS IN 1916. THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT AND STATE THEN ESTABLISHED WERE LATER OVERTHROWN BY ENGLAND AND THE NATION WAS PARTITIONED INTO TWO STATELETS. THE CARDINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE IS THE RESTORATION OF THE REPUBLIC THUS UNLAWFULLY SUBVERTED.

The Sinn Féin candidate seeks the votes of the electorate and the support of the Irish people as the representative of the Republican Movement now on the onward march towards achievement of the National ideal—the enthronement of the Sovereign Irish Republic. Once again the winning of this seat in the Mid-Ulster election will not be regarded by Sinn Féin as an end in itself, nor will the result, whatever it may be, affect in any way the determination of Republicans to forge ahead towards their objective. Through the medium of the election machinery, Sinn Féin aims at providing once again an opportunity for the electorate in Mid-Ulster to renew their allegiance to Ireland. By their support of the Republican candidate the people will demonstrate to England and to the world the right of an ancient and historic nation to its complete and absolute freedom and independence.

*The policy which Sinn Féin is pursuing in relation to what is termed "The Irish Government" is clearly defined in its National Unity and Independence Programme. Official statements issued on behalf of the Republican Movement from time to time, stress the point that a main concern of the Movement is to get the British forces of occupation out of Ireland and that use of physical force in the Twenty-Six Counties is not contemplated.*

The existing machinery of Government in Ireland was fashioned by Britain to prevent Irish people exercising their just right to the free and unfettered control of the internal affairs of the nation. Since its inception this machinery of government has functioned in accord with the interest of Britain, by whose rulers it was designed. Constitutional tinkering with its basic blueprint has not, in any way fundamental to the interests of the Irish Nation, hampered or hindered its smooth functioning in conformity with the purpose for which it was created. Designed as it was to maintain the partition of the Nation's territory, and to secure her own selfish and Imperial interests, its maintenance cannot serve the cause of Ireland's Sovereign Independence, and full freedom for the Irish people will remain unaccomplished until the machinery of Partition Government in Ireland has been abolished.

*Members of the Republican Movement do not seek to engage in Civil War with fellow Irishmen, and they are not taking measures to provoke*



civil or sectarian strife. The menace, the threat of physical strife that exists in Ireland to-day arises directly from the presence on Irish soil of armed forces of a foreign power and from the activities of Irishmen who bear arms in support of British aggression in Ireland and British oppression of Irish citizens.

It is the perpetrators of sectarian strife in Ireland, it is those who in varying degrees help to perpetrate sectarian animosities who are the real instigators of strife in Ireland, because in their respective actions and ambitions, individually and in combinations, they foster and maintain conditions which, while they exist, make peace in our land impossible.

*Sending representatives to take part in the proceedings of the Westminster Institution responsible for the creation of the partition of Ireland, or to either of the partition institutions that enable Britain to perpetuate it, has not served, and as a policy cannot be made to serve in the least degree to end the evils to Ireland and her people that stem from British occupation.*

Sinn Fein is not just another political party. It is a National Organisation and an integral part of the Republican Movement. Its policy and programme are determined on a basis that includes the entire territory of the Nation, and they are designed to serve the interests of all Irish citizens.

Sinn Fein appeal to all Irishmen to "unite and survive" as opposed to the Imperial dictum of "Divide and Conquer". By doing so they will end the conditions whereby Irishmen are compelled through the stress and strain of the bad economic status to visit Britain and there to seek and plead for crumbs from the table of their Imperial rulers. While the British occupation lasts this state of affairs will prevail to the detriment of Ireland's social and economic conditions, and, it may be added, to the eternal shame and humiliation of all Irishmen.

In two previous elections within the past 12 months, a majority of the electorate in Mid-

Ulster cast their votes in support of my candidature as the selected standard-bearer of the Republican Movement. Once again as the Sinn Fein candidate, I represent the resurgent confidence of Irish men and women in their own strength to achieve the full freedom of their country and their right to live in peace and prosperity and happiness in their native land.

**ONCE MORE I APPEAL TO THE ELECTORS OF MID-ULSTER TO ELECT ME FOR SINN FEIN AND FOR IRELAND.**

**TOM MITCHELL AT THE OMAGH ELECTION COURT**

*"I am proud to be the representative of this area. The more so because I come from Dublin. Until the people of Mid-Ulster decide otherwise I will hold myself as their representative. Some day there will be a free election, and candidates will be returned to an all-Ireland Parliament. When that day comes, I have no doubt that a better man than I will be available. I will be only too glad to stand down for such a man if the people of Mid-Ulster so decide. They are the judges and nobody else.*

*Sinn Fein does not recognise this Court, or any other puppet court set up for England by the pseudo patriots of the Stormont regime. Nothing this Court will do will alter the people's decision. When I go out of the door of this Court no doubt it will be decided that I am no longer the M.P. of Mid-Ulster, but nothing it can do will alter the fact that the people returned me.*

*The police-state reigns supreme, but I wonder for how long? Freedom is a God-given right, and no man or group of men can deny this to us. So long as freedom is denied to us in Ireland, there will never be any peace in Ireland because the earnest desire of the Irish people is for sovereign independence.*

**mise éire—Sine mé ioná an Cailleac Béarra.  
mór mo glóir—mé do ruiz cú Cúlainn cróda.  
mór mo náir'—mo clann féin do díol a mátair.  
mise éire—uaigníze mé ioná an Cailleac Béarra.**

**—PÁDRAIG MAC DIARÁIR**