

Republican Manifesto To People Of The North

Here are the 12 candidates nominated for the dozen constituencies into which British-occupied Ireland is divided for the purpose of British Parliamentary representation. Following is the election manifesto:

IN the Election of 1911 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 was 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.

In pursuance of the right of the Irish Nation to full freedom and of the right of the Irish People to control the affairs of their own country, without let or hindrance by a foreign power, and of their right to live in peace, prosperity and happiness, we the undersigned have been selected to enter the contest of the present elections to Westminster.

We pledge our allegiance not to any foreign power or parliament. We owe allegiance only to God and the Irish nation—our Motherland. Our entry into the contest of these elections provides the people of the Six Counties, compelled as they are by Britain and her forces of occupation to exist under a rule of force, to demonstrate by their support of our joint candidature that they too owe allegiance only to God and Ireland—their Motherland.

Ireland and all its resources rightfully belong to the Irish People. The programme which we advocate aims at development of the full resources of the Nation for the benefit of all its citizens irrespective of class or creed. The material interests of the people of the Six Counties are inseparable from those of the rest of Ireland and, therefore, only as one political and economic unit can Ireland achieve prosperity or greatness.

The mass of the people of the entire country, united by their common interests in a free Nation, could end the present social and economic order which is impoverishing and degrading them and robbing a large section of the rights and dignities of human beings. Within Ireland, with the industrial and agricultural resources of the Nation organised and controlled to serve the needs of the people, the opportunities for prosperity and happiness would be almost boundless.

THE Proclamation of the Irish Republic guarantees religious liberty to all citizens. We uphold that principle and we plead for religious toleration and for the ending of sectarian strife. England and her agents foment sectarianism to keep the mass of the people divided and thus make of them a more easy prey for political and economic exploitation. We appeal to all true Irishmen to come together and to plan and work for their common good. The continued occupation of Ireland by England makes development of Ireland's interests impossible. In their own interests and in the interests of the Nation the people of Ireland must unite and bring British occupation of Irish soil to an end.

Unity is easy and possible on these simple terms—that Ireland is a Nation with a natural right to a separate existence free from outside interference or control, and that Ireland is the country to which all Irishmen should give allegiance. The Movement which personifies the continuance of the National tradition of opposition to the usurped rule of the foreigner is the Movement which has selected us as its standard bearers in this contest.

The Movement provides a platform wide enough to accommodate all who genuinely ambition a free Ireland. It draws its sustenance and driving force from its inherent patriotism and because of these considerations it is deserving of the support of all those who seek the freedom of our country and the happiness and prosperity of its people.

People of occupied Ireland: regardless of sectarianism which in the past has kept you divided and an easy prey for Britain's imperial exploitation, you now have an opportunity once again to declare for National freedom and unity; to register your protest against the unnatural barriers of Partition which separate you from your fellow citizens in the rest of Ireland to their detriment and yours; and once again to assert your determination to persevere in the struggle for the full freedom of the Irish Nation.

We urgently appeal to all lovers of liberty and to all who support a people's right to freedom, to support financially our campaign.

Signed by the Republican candidates:

FRANK McGLADE,—North Belfast.

BERNARD BOSWELL—East Belfast.

THOMAS HEENAN—West Belfast.

BRENDAN O'REILLY—South Belfast.

MANUS CANNING—Derry.

HENRY MARTIN—Fermanagh, S. Tyrone.

TOM MITCHELL—Mid-Ulster.

JOHN LYNCH—Armagh.

JOHN DOUGAN—North Antrim.

MICHAEL TRAYNOR—South Antrim.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL—North Down.

KEVIN O'ROURKE—South Down.