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Ruairi O'Bradaigh

The Sinn Fein Ard-Fheis was held in the Connolly Auditorium Liberty Hall Dublin last week-end 28-29th. Oct. A large group of delegates and visitors from Limerick City and Co. were present. An estimated 1000, people packed the hall for one of the most successful Ard-Fheis in recent years. This was despite the effort made by Union Jack Lynch & Des Hitler O'Malley to disrupt the organising of the Ard Feis when they put a closing order on the Kevin St. Sinn Fein office and confiscated the agenda's and delegates cards.

The Saturday session was private and dealt mainly with subjects involving the internal running of Sinn Fein. A large contingent of Press & T.V. reporters from home and abroad were present on Sunday for the public session. This included the President's Address Mr. Ruairi O'Bradaigh was returned unopposed to this position. In the course of his address in which he received a standing ovation Mr. O'Bradaigh stated: "We gather here this week-end with a great sense of high purpose, each one of us deeply conscious of the tremendous responsibility for the future of our country--for the generations yet unborn--which is thrust upon us at this time.

As the national crisis deepens, and the situation generally continues to open up, the opportunity for effecting a just and lasting peace in our country increases.

South of the Border during the past year, Mr. Lynch has relinquished his 'standing by' role for one of total collaboration with the British Government and its Forces in the Six Co. Arrests and jailings of Northern freedom fighters increase and the Special Courts without a jury set up last May does an extensive trade. It required a 30 day hunger strike in July to force W/S O'Malley & Lynch to give political prisoner status that a 36-day strike in Belfast and Armagh jails had extracted from the British Government the previous month for the first time in 50 years. More recently the Linnater House establishment showed itself willing to let Republicans at the Curragh die on hunger and thirst strike, rather than accede to five paltry demands.

Jimmy Brady Continued:

The abrupt dismissal of the entire work-force of the 750 car assembly operatives by Britain's while on official strike just recently is another indication of the times and reminds us of the attitude of the American B.I. Company at Shannon some years ago in refusing to recognise a trade union. It will be remembered that the car assembly workers were among the foremost in the anti-B.E.C. campaign.

The Free Trade Area Agreement with Britain continues to grind on, doing its deadly work among us. Soon it will be reinforced by full B.E.C. Membership. In the year to March 31st last, the total number at work in industry in the 26 Counties fell by 1,900, compared with an increase of 2,400 in the previous year. A further fall of 2,000

PROFILE OF A "TERRORIST"

He was only 14 years of age when the British Army came here in 1969. He and his friends watched and marvelled at the might of this Army of England as it marched bayonets fixed down the Falls Road; to save him and his people from the burnings of that terrible year. He like so many others cheered aloud at the arrival of these troopers from across the sea. As a child he had spent horrifying nights watching houses burn and people die from bullets fired by the B-Specials, R.U.C. and Orange extremists; impressions in the mind of a child, not easily forgotten.

He was 15 years of age when he saw the worm turn, when he huddled with his mother, father, brothers and sisters in their small home in the Falls, while the CS gas crept under the door, through the window blinding his eyes, making him sick. He was still only a youngster when he watched four coffins borne along to Milltown Cemetery; people who had died at the hands of the Army, who came to 'save' them. So here he was, when he should have been playing the games that children play, beginning a new phase in the tortured youth of Ireland, the game of war. Now he asked the question, why.

He was only 16 when he began to realise how rotten the system was under which he had to live; how he had left school, and had just joined the same dole queue which had been inherited from his father. He was, as are so many here, another hopeless case in a depressing situation.

At the age of 17 he came to be a 'terrorist', a 'gunman' still only a child he had accepted the challenge thrown down to him by a foreign government - submit, emigrate or fight. He choose to fight.

He was 17 when he witnessed the round-up of men, women and boys. He read of the tortures and the killings of August 1971. This is the boy or man the British call a terrorist. Daniel McAreavy or young Jimmy Quigley would fit this profile.

Children in 1969 when it began, they became the freedom fighters of

1972. Some are now dead and gone, like Jimmy Quigley and Daniel McAreavy, some are in prison hell serving time for the love of their country. These are the children born and created out of the sickness that inflicts us all; British domination. To-day in 1972, the man who was a child in 1969, watches over the 14 year old who in 3 years' time will be a terrorist.

GREEN PAPER

Whitelaw's Green Paper like all his other papers is 'nt worth tuppence. The President of Sinn Fein Ruairi O' Bradaigh, in a statement issued after the publication of the "Green Paper" said, "Sinn Fein viewed the document as a further example of the inability of British politicians to understand the conflict in the Six Counties."

"The complete ignoring of such immediate basic issues as internment, torture, military repression and harassment of the civilian population shows how irrelevant the document is in the current situation. It may be of interest to middle of the road political dilettantes who are removed from the realities of the conflict, but it offers nothing to the hard-pressed people, Orange or Green.

The arrogant claim of British sovereignty over part of Ireland is rejected outright by all republicans and by the vast majority of the Irish people. Even those who favour Britian's presence in Ireland are growing more disenchanted with the with the role of the British Government.

Until Britian makes a clear renunciation to claims of Sovereignty over any part of Ireland, there is no prospect of creating the right climate within which realistic political proposals can be discussed and implemented."

Read the Social & Economic Programme of Sinn Fein. 2 Eire Nua"

Read an Phoblacht, on sale at all Newsagents.

R. I. P.



The recent death of the late Mrs. Eileen Long of Thomondgate has caused widespread regret amongst the members of the Republican Movement in Limerick. Mrs. Long was a lady of kind and considerate disposition, always cheerful and helpful. To her husband Mr. Desmond Long, her Mother Mrs. Wallace, Sons, daughter, relatives and friends we express our sincere sympathy at their great loss.

Air Deis Dé go Raibh a Anamh.

DANGER! INFECTIOUS DISEASE ACT

1972.

The disease known as Cruiseobrienitis is rampant in the 26 Counties at present. Because of some noteworthy characteristics, the symptoms are easily recognised:

1. Total infallability.
2. Utter disregard for any other opinions.
3. Character assassination (Pearse and Connolly were all wrong, subversives etc.,)

This disease has spread from its originator, Conor Cruise O'Brien, an opportunistic writer who thrives financially from controversy, and delights in basking in the limelight.

He first came to prominence when as a Senior Civil Servant in the Irish Government he was sent to the Congo as assistant to the late Dag Hamerschould. His meddling in the Congo was a catastrophe for everyone not least the Irish Soldiers who died there due to his in-competency. Whilst engaged in his sordid affairs in the Congo he deserted his wife. He later wrote a book (an apóliga) about his Congo adventure and blamed all the mishaps on Dag Hamerschould. (The fact that Dag Hamerschould was dead and could not clear his name of O'Brien's smear campaign didn't worry the Great Conor Cruise O'Brien). A Man Of Principle!

His next adventure was in Ghana

where he worked for the Dictator Nkrumah. To save his pride he got out of Ghana fast. It didn't seem to worry the Great Conor Cruise O'Brien that he was working for a despotic dictator. A Man of Principle! Next he worked as a University teacher in the U.S. where in order to gain admittance to the inner circles of American Society he presented himself as a Street demonstrator, as an advocate of the down trodden and the deprived, even the Viet Cong earned his praise. Compare this performance with his attitude to our own Freedom Fighters. In a very adroit manner he has been stabbing in the back the down trodden people of the Six Counties. A close analysis of his writings and moanings will reveal an astonishing fact, the Great Conor Cruise O'Brien has no solution to offer for our problems! The disease he has created "Cruiseobrienitis" will be found mostly amongst our intellegenzia, they were never worth a damn anyway, the ordinary working people are immune to attack. There is a very effective preventive against "Cruiseobrienitis" (1) Common sense. 2. Read the writings of our dead Patriots. Wolfe Tone, Emmet, Fintan Lalor, Patrick Pearse, James Connolly, Terence MacSwiney, Liam Lynch and Sean Sabat, Countess Markovitch and Maude Gonne-McBride. These writers will be remembered for their contribution to the cause of Freedom in Ireland. O'Brien will be remembered for his treachery and malice and his betrayal of the Irish People. Unlike O'Brien we don't claim infallability, we are not judges, but we do say to our people that his theories must be scrutinized against the background of his disastrous meddling around the world. If O'Brien is right then all our Patriot dead were wrong. If O'Brien is right, Pearse and Connolly were wrong. O'Brien endeavours to Project himself as a liberal intellectual but he has supported all the repressive measure of legislation directed against the fight for Freedom. No we won't judge him, but we will expose his hypocrisy, his egotism, his incompetency and lies.

"The lawers have sat in council, the men with the keen, long faces,"

"We will have our freedom when, we are strong enough to take it."

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2,000/ is expected in the current year, according to the I.D.A. Report, and these figures, added to the flight of the land, give some idea of what is happening behind all the gloss of the consumer society. Factories continue to close, as was expected by Sinn Féin. One thinks of such names as Clover Meats and Ardfinnan Woollen Mills. At this point I would like to commend the action of the workers in a Dundalk Footwear Factory, the Cramnac Furniture Factory at An Uaimh and the miners in the Ballingarry Collieries who occupied their places of work and continued to operate them themselves as co-operative enterprises.

Let us repeat once more, we do not wish to submerge the Unionists of the North East in an all Ireland State, we offer them very real powers in majority control of a greater Ulster through the Dail Udaiah Plan. To all the people of Ireland we say: Let us wipe the slate clean and start anew abolishing the memory of past dissensions, Regional Government will correct economic in-balance and bring power nearer to the people, giving them greater say in decisions affecting their own lives. Bire Nua will restore the wealth of Ireland with a more just distribution of the goods of this world, worker/ownership and participation in decision making in industry; It all adds up to a new life, a better life, a more human life for all our people. It means raising the stature of man-kind in Ireland, for we are all spiritually, at least, part of a world-wide movement to increase the dignity of man now threatened with being submerged by the consumer society. Our struggle is for weak and oppressed Nations and peoples but in the first instance for our own people now enduring all that the imperialists can inflict."

"The heroism, the sacrifices, the terrible price paid over the past year all compel us to one conclusion, we must not fail not now after all that has happened."

READ BIRE NUA: THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC PROGRAMME OF SINN FEIN
READ AN PROBLACHT ON SALE FORTNIGHTLY.

WHITELAWS NEW GREEN PAPER



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