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Dáil Chonnacht



Dáil Uladh



Dáil na Mumhan

A NEW IRELAND



Dáil Laighean

The trend towards Bureaucracy has been growing steadily in Ireland over the years. Unless some counter-system of decentralisation of authority be devised to put a stop to this, then this country will end up as a dictatorship. A beginning should be made at once to counteract the growing centralisation of power. At the moment the most pressing necessity, in the sphere of politics is decentralisation or the conferring of authority upon smaller units of self-government. The structure of the State should not be from above downwards, but from below upwards, and it should be organic and hierarchic in charac-

ter. All the powers of government should not be confined at one point. The way to guarantee a truly democratic society is to leave to the smaller units of Irish Society to the family, to the community, to the groups of communities in a province - all the functions which they can fulfill.

This would lead to a better community sense and the spirit of social solidarity would be developed according as the people got habituated to the exercise of authority and the control of their own local affairs. It could also spread out to wider spheres such as co-operative buying, production and marketing.

In Switzerland there are 3,000 local community councils in which democracy is firmly rooted. The smallest commune has only fourteen inhabitants. There is in that truly democratic country a useful precedent for Ireland, as it gives a valuable example of effective protection against a growing bureaucracy. Because each province have their own particular problems who would be better able to solve these problems other than those closest to them? Ulster which at the present is divided by partition and is seeking for a solution, has been offered a solution within the framework of Dail Uladh. By creating a provincial parliament for the nine counties of Ulster, within a new Ireland, the partition system would be disestablished and the problems of the Border removed.

The Protestant people of Ulster would have a working majority (of approximately 1 million) within the Province and would have immediate access to power. That power would be the surest guarantee of their civil and religious liberty within a New Ireland.

Furthermore the devolution of power to local level would ensure for each community the opportunity to foster its own traditions and culture.

Similarly with Connacht, a Provincial parliament could be the saving of one of the most neglected Provinces in Ireland. This Province which has one of the largest Gaeltachts, has been losing its population by a flow of emigration equalled by no other part of Ireland. To stem this flow, radical changes in the system are needed.

The Provinces of Munster and Leinster although in a better position economically than Connacht are both lacking in the necessary powers to create a better community spirit among the people. The devolution of power from central authority to the people is the essence of democracy. The ability of the people to be involved in decision making which influences their own lives and their own particular community is the only guarantee of a practical, progressive and viable democratic system of government.

"THE LION'S DEN"

The forthcoming British inspired so called Peace Conference is doomed to failure. Ostensibly the reason for bringing together the Representatives of the various political parties, Unionist and anti-Unionist is to give these Representatives an opportunity to discuss harmoniously the setting up of a new style of legislative assembly for the Six Counties with power being s

hared proportionally. The real reason for the diplomatic exercise is to give a veneer of respectability to Whitelaw's suspect administration. Whitelaw is an excellent political conjuror, he has many tricks up his sleeve and he can mesmerize his audience with telling effect, his guileless and open demeanour is a facade for a ruthless, cunning, he is a devilous political trickster, a carbon copy of Lloyd George the Welsh Wizard.

One would have hoped that the lessons of Irish History would not have gone unnoticed by intelligent men, that the tragic negotiations of 1921 leading to the Treaty of Surrender and the Civil War would be uppermost in the minds of any Irishman when dealing with skilled double dealers like Whitelaw. We repeat, and will keep on repeating that the only basis for peace in Ireland must be founded on real justice for all our people, and an unambiguous recognition of the right of the Irish People to decide their own destiny. The vast majority of the Irish People have always disputed the right of the British to rule our Country or any part of it, and, oh, many occasions have asserted in arms their right to freedom. The only just course open to the British is to get out of our Country and let us Irish live in peace. That is our demand now as before, we will not accept less, and anyone who negotiates with Whitelaw on any other basis will be helping to prolong the agony of the People in the Six Counties. We call on all Irishmen to boycott this Conference, don't be fooled by Whitelaw or what may appear as genuine concessions he is trying to trap you by getting you into his den, and if you go into the Lion's Den, the lion will surely devour you.

MARIA MCGUIRE TRAITOR

The sensational announcement of the defection of Miss Maria McGuire from the Republican Movement gave the enemies of the Irish People a glorious opportunity to launch a slanderous and lying campaign against the leadership of our Movement.

The resignation of Miss McGuire in itself was of minor importance, people come and go. The Republican Movement is no haven for egotists or people of shallow convictions. Her claim that her main reason for leaving the movement was because of her opposition to the bombing campaign does not ring true when we note that she joined the Movement at the height of the campaign. Her allegations of improper conduct by Daiti O'Connell during the Amsterdam incident would do justice to the worst type of gutter Press sensationalism and are totally without truth or foundation. She alleges that a conspiracy was initiated by Rory O'Braidaig and Daiti O'Connell to assassinate Sean McStioph

in because she says that he (Sean Mc Stiephain) was a Dictator and a bigoted murderer. Not a shred of truth is contained in this Fairy Tale it is a British inspired fabrication. Sean McStiephain is not a Dictator, his orders are decided collectively by the Republican leadership in a democratic manner and, all the leaders are elected by the grass roots membership of the Movement.

Miss McGuire's lying statements and her sudden absconding to the bosom of Mother England where she now enjoys the protection of the British Secret Service and her acceptance of monetary rewards for the publishing of her fables in the Observer has all the appearances of a well laid plot. She was free to leave the Movement at any time, that was her right but her manner of leaving was calculated to do the maximum harm to the cause she once served, to the Republican Movement, and especially to the people of the North in their hour of great need and suffering.

We feel sorry for Maria, she will have to live with her guilt to her dying day. No one leaves a traitor for Treason is her crime. If she sought publicity she succeeded, her niche in history is now assured she will be remembered as Judas is remembered in the Halls of Infamy with Diarmuid Mc Murrow and Carey the Informer.

Who dares to say forget the past
To Men of Irish Birth,
Who dares to say cease fighting
For your place upon this earth,
Let remembrance be your watch word
and your dead you'll ne'er ferg
et let grave to us be mile stones
on that blood soaked one way
trail.

Hear ye now the voice of Connolly the worker's soldiers friend
The unconquered soul assert
itself for we will rise again,
for freedom yes! and not to starve
and not for rocks and clay
but for the lives of Ireland's
working class we rise and fight to day

What said Cathal Brugha if your last man's on the ground
and he hears the ringing challenge
of his enemies howling round
if he's reached his final cartridge
and his fired his final shot
if asked to come into the Empire
he will answer,
I will Not.

READ RIRE NUA: READ AN PHOBLACHT:
READ THE REPUBLICAN PRESS:
JOIN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT:

BELFAST SCHOOL'S PROTEST

The Rev. Dr. Philben, Bishop of Down and Connor has demanded of Mr. Whitelaw to remove the British Army from the Schools occupied by them since the infamous operation "Metorman". We commend Dr. Philben for his protest. He should now go one further and demand the withdrawal of all British Soldiers from all of the Six Counties.

"WE ARE ALL BRITISH"

The racist policies of General Amin of Uganda in expelling Asians holding British passports is deplorable. Racism in any form whether practiced by Whites against Blacks as in South Africa and Rhodesia, or by Blacks against Asians as in Uganda, or by Whites against Whites as in the Six Counties is an ugly policy. Ugly too is the attitude of the British to the flood of Asians expected to arrive in Britain from Uganda. In the cry all members of the British Commonwealth of Nations are supposed to be of equal status, the obvious distaste of the British at the thought of more "natives" arriving in their Country is despicable. The high sounding title of the equality of British citizenship is meaningless, as the people of the Six Counties know well. It's another case of we're all British but some are more British than others.

"Oh! how I hate those British,
but I must admire them too,
they are marvellous hypocrites".

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

THE FREEDOM CAMPAIGN

WAR NEWS

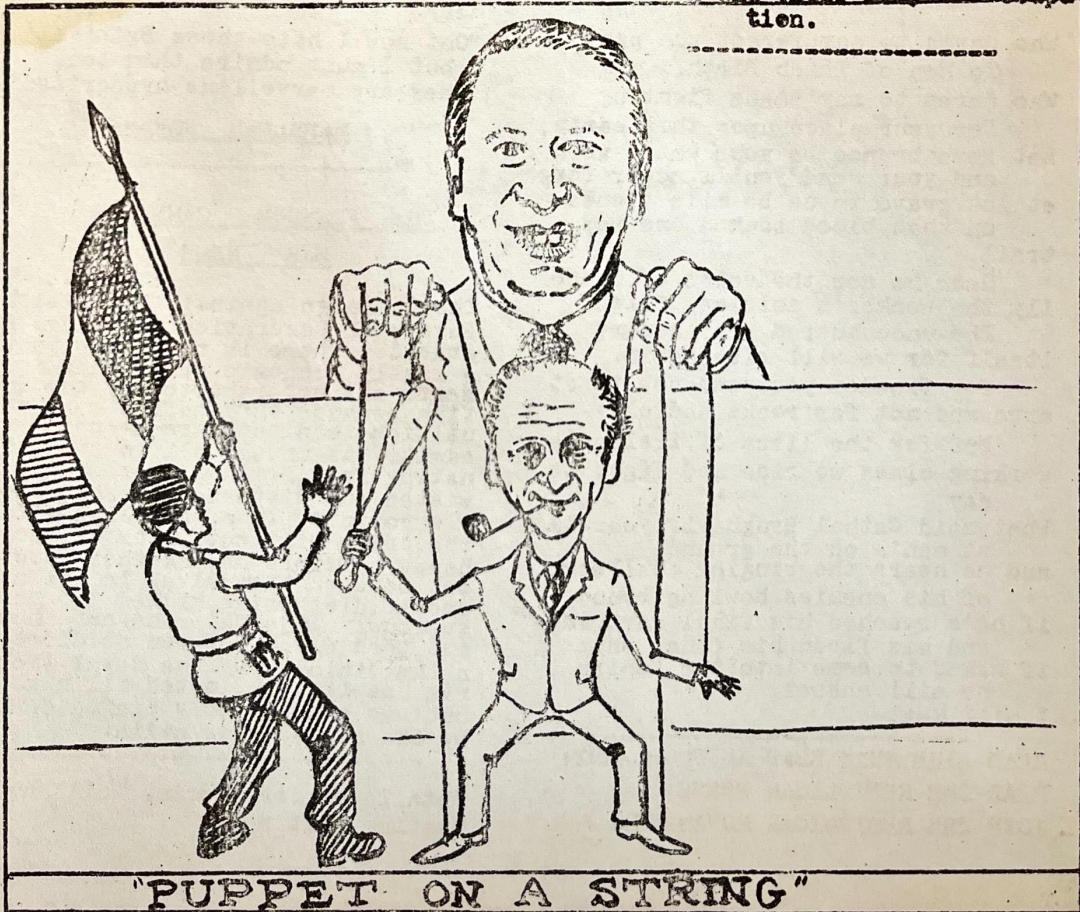
The Campaign against the British Forces of Occupation continues unabated. There is no let up in the costly economic war. Many incidents are not reported by the British because they suffer more casualties than they are prepared to admit. As usual, all reports emanating from British sources are twisted and distorted to show the "Terrorists" in a poor light, but the truth will out. The trigger happy soldiers had another shoot out between themselves in Belfast one soldier being killed two more seriously injured. Another shoot out took place between soldiers in the vicinity of the Royal Victoria Hospital it lasted all night but was considerably played down by the biased news media.

Details of forthcoming Dail Mullan Meeting next week.

EVENT: 0 0 0 GYMNASTICS:

What was the real reason for the meeting between Jack Lynch and Head Heath at the Munich Olympics. There can be no doubt that Lynch took a dressing down from his Boss Head. Heath is not satisfied with Lynch's efforts at putting down the Rebels. It is also widely believed that a new deal has been arranged. Hence Jack is expected to drop the torture charges investigation by the Human Rights Courts in Strasbourg, in return Heath will arrange to free the internees at Long Kesh and substitute for internment a Special Court system of detention modelled on the much admired Fuhrer O'Malley's Act. For political gymnastics and double dealing Lynch takes the Gold.

The shooting down of innocent Protestant people by the infamous Paratroopers on Thursday night in the Shankill area of Belfast will not be the cause of rejoicing in Republican circles. The people of Shankill like their neighbours in the Falls Road are a poor working class people. They are an integral part of the life blood of our future Nation. They too have been exploited by the Faulkner's and the O'Neill's, and if they are divided from us by the events of history they are nevertheless our Brothers and sisters. They are slowly but surely beginning to realise that their future is our future, let us hope that the day of reconciliation for Protestant and Catholic is near. Their enemy is our enemy the British and their Army of Occupation.



"PUPPET ON A STRING"