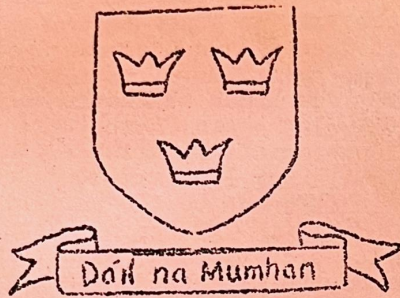


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There can be little doubt that there is a growing cynicism as regards politics and politicians among the Irish people to-day, and in particular among the younger generation, and who can blame them? When they see the very essence of democracy being drained away with the increasing centralisation of authority leading to bureaucratic rule. They can see that this will ultimately lead to the regimentation of every individual in the country. There has been growing criticism of, and dissatisfaction with what to-day passes as Irish democracy. There is no doubt that the people of Ireland are becoming increasingly sceptical about the values of our present political systems and institutions. Finding that many promises are unfulfilled, and that hopes of progress too often are shattered, elder members of the community are disposed to wring their hands in despair and take up an attitude of a "plague on both your houses". Even more marked and menacing is the fact that members of the younger generation tend to develop a cynical view of political life. To them democracy becomes the mere catchword of party interests, and talk about freedom and liberty a mask for those politicians with a personal axe to grind.

Therefore it should be in the interest of everyone who believes in democracy that changes will have to be made before it's too late.

In Ireland as in most christian countries, the well spring of freedom will be found at parish level. The minds of the Irish Statesman and every Irish democrat should therefore be focused on the lesser community - especially on the rural parish (or chapel area) community which should be the primary basis of national organised life. The Popes have never ceased to demand in their Encyclicals the observance of the laws of organic growth from below. The answer is that unless people be trained to develop a sense of social responsibility which they can exercise on their own small local affairs, thus giving them practical experience in the use of democracy, they will become socially and democratically atrophied, - leaving as the only alternative in the present condition of world affairs a rapidly growing bureaucracy leading to the omnipotent State.

It is with these things in mind that the Republican Movement has prepared plans for the setting up of Provincial Parliaments for the four Provinces of Ireland. Great progress has been made over the past year. Already committees have been set up in Ulster, Connaught and Leinster with the remaining Comharle na Mumhan to be formed on the 8th October, in Limerick. The Meeting for this purpose will be open to people of all class and creed no matter what there present political allegiance maybe.

"Socialism and Nationalism are not two separate and unrelated Ideals, but are two parts of the same great principle, each, being incomplete without the other".

James Connolly.

We have been asked to publish the following Statement from the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau:

- (1) The armed struggle in Occupied Ireland continues and enemy casualties over the past two weeks are as follows:

Killed - 5 British Servicemen;
Wounded - 30 British Servicemen, one member of the R.U.C. one Officer of the T.A.V.R. and one member of the U.D.R. A British Army helicopter was hit and forced to land near Forkhill on Tuesday, the 5th September, and 2 Crew members were wounded.

- (2) The Republican Movement was not responsible for the bomb incident in Portadown on Tuesday, 5th Sept., in which a member of the U.D.R. was killed.

- (3) The public are again for the second time in two weeks strongly advised to avoid travelling in the vicinity of British Military Vehicles or Military Personnel as these will be subject to continuous attack at all times. We note the narrow escape of a civilian car-driver in the Dungannon area last night.

- (4) The living conditions of Republican Prisoners awaiting trial at the Maze Prison, Long Kesh, are in direct violation of human rights - the food is bad, the prison is overcrowded, there are little facilities for recreation, and a number of prisoners are continually being brutally beaten, kicked and abused by the R.U.C. when they are taken to court. These prisoners are members of a resistance movement waging an armed struggle, the responsibility for which is accepted by the leadership of the Republican Movement. Therefore, the minimum that these men are entitled to is political treatment, as exists in Crumlin Road Prison. Every effort will be made to protect the interests of these men.

SIGNED: _____

P. O'NEILL,

Runai, I.R.P.B.

"HANNIBAL CROSSES THE ALPS"

The proposed visit to the Six Counties of Liam Cosgrave the Leader of the Fine Gael Party, and his side kick Richie Ryan, the Party spokesman on the North will hardly cause a tidal wave of excitement amongst the oppressed people of the Six Counties. It's a source of wonder that the garrulous Liam could find time off from

hunting mongrel foxes to visit the North, maybe the constant yapping of the foxes is driving him to desperation, indeed the yapping has increased to a howling intensity since the Cork Bye-Election.

Cosgrave's interest in the North and its people is very nominal, far more shadow than substance, to say that his credibility is suspect is to put it mildly. His main task at the moment is to restore the confidence of his Party in his shattered and shakey leadership. The political pundits are forecasting an early General Election (next Spring) and Cosgrave, not to be outdone by his rival in intrigue "Honest" Jack Lynch is loathe to be caught napping again, hence, the pre-election gimmickery in the North.

How could any Irishman be so callous and indifferent to the sufferings of our people in the North. Cosgrave's aim is to create the image of the helper of the oppressed, thereby hoping to capture some extra votes in the next Election. This is mongrel politics at its lowest.

Cosgrave may fool some but not all the people of the North, they know him for what he is, a potential Dictator whose rantings and ravings about "subversives and law and order" has him type cast in this mould, indeed it is fair to say that if he were to change places with Brian Faulkner the change would probably go unnoted.

He has no common basis of understanding with the people of the North Protestant or Catholic they are heartily sick of him and his type. What can he offer? :- More Treaty's? Executions? Another Ballyseedy?

There are many reasons why the Northern people will reject Cosgrave and his band of shysters, we can think of 77 good reasons.

MOUNTJOY

The brutal treatment of the Republicans imprisoned in Mountjoy still continues with some further heinous refinements. The prisoners are now being denied proper medical treatment for skin ailments affecting all of them. It is believed that the general health of the prisoners is rapidly deteriorating due to the poor food, poor living quarters and an appalling lack of consideration shown by the authorities to the unhygienic and insanitary condition of the prison. The barbaric attitude of the Minister for Justice can only be interpreted as an official line of policy to be pursued towards Republican prisoners. If any prisoner should die from the effects of this inhuman treatment the culprits will have to answer to the Irish People for their crimes.

JOIN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT.

STRIKE AT HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL SHANNON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The first all out Strike approved by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions commenced on Monday morning at the American owned firm of Hamilton International at Shannon Industrial Estate. All twenty two strikers are members of the I.T. & G.W.U. and they are seeking higher wages. The strikers rightly claim that the pay increases offered by the Management do not measure up to the terms of the National Wage Agreement. A Union Shop Steward was dismissed last week and seven others suspended for three days.

Basically the terms of the N.W.A. grant an increase of £2.50. per week to all workers. Hamilton International tried to coerce the workers into accepting £130p. per week and a so called merit increase phased over three years at increments of 30p. per week. This 30p. per week would be at the discretion of the Management and based on reports of "workers appraisal", a totally ridiculous arrangement.

The deviousness of the American employer mentality is more than enough to boggle the mind, but they are not entirely to blame. The chief culprits are the Fianna Fail Government and the Industrial Development Authority. Recent advertisements in the Wall St., and other American Financial Journals by the I.D.A. invite and encourage the Industrial Capitalists to come to Ireland, where they will be guaranteed all the prerequisites for cheap and profitable investment. The inspired I.D.A. advertising paints the picture of a Country where the rapid making of dollars is assured, the path to profit strewn with shamrocks if not with roses. Great emphasis is laid on the availability of a large work force and Cheap Labour costs.

The American policy of treating the Irish worker as a mere component part in their money making machine is absurd. The Irish Worker is entitled to and expects a just reward for his labour. It would appear that the Americans and the Fianna Fail gomebans have learned nothing from the E.I. dispute of some years ago. It is about time for someone to tell them that the Irish worker will not meekly submit to any form of Industrial coercion, he will stand and fight for his just rights.

N.A.T.O. CONFERENCE

The National Association of Tenants Organisations is to commence a National Rent & Rates Strike within the next six weeks and will refuse to pay any arrears due in the event of any subsequent settlement. This decision in the six year campaign against differential Rents was agreed on unanimously at the annual N.A.T.O. Convention in Liberty Hall Dublin, which ended on Sunday last 10th September. This decision was made in view of the attitude of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Molloy towards this Organisat-

ion and his obvious contempt for its Officers".

N.A.T.O. General Secretary, described the picture as one of militancy and determination. He was convinced that even with only one third support from its members N.A.T.O. could bring Local Government to its knees. Details would be worked out and the final "go ahead" given at a special delegate Conference of all N.A.T.O. Associations to be held in the Midlands within four to six weeks. The Strikes should all be co-ordinated and held simultaneously, he said local agreements have been reached in individual centres such as Cork with the result that the real culprit, the Minister for Local Government, has been left in the background, The resolution that N.A.T.O. should contest next year's Local Government Elections was defeated by twenty one votes to ten. Mr. Larkinsaid that the role of Local Councilors was being restricted and strait-jacketed by legislation designed specifically to crush the will and determination of the ordinary people to have their own voice. He added that N.A.T.O. should realise their strength and settle for nothing less than a repeal of the 1966 Housing Act. The Convention unanimously passed resolutions calling for the end of Internment North and South and they also called for the release of all Political Prisoners held in the Six County and Twenty Six County Prisons.

D A I L M U M H A N

A Meeting of Dail Mumhan will take place on Sunday the 8th October. The venue for the Meeting has been fixed for the Shannon Arms Hotel, time 3.p.m. Invitations will be sent to individuals and representative organisations. It should be understood that a firm belief in the principals of the decentralisation of power and the delegation of power and authority to the people of Ireland, and, an absolute belief in the right of the Irish People to unification and the right to decide their own destinies are necessary prerequisites for the working of a Provincial and Regional Government Administration.

We sincerely hope that the Meeting of Dail na Mumhan will be a full and representative one. We believe that the occasion will be an historic event, that a full and open discussion on the problems of our area will be dealt with. Beannacht De ar an Obair.

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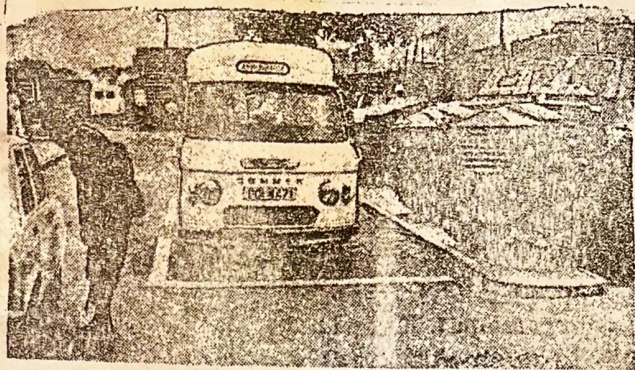
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READ THE REPUBLICAN PRESS:

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE THE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING SINN FEIN ARD FHEIS.

THE LIVING PROOF



An ambulance leaving the hospital passes an Army checkpoint at Broadway.

The British Army denial that they are using the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast for Military purposes is untrue. It is clear from the reports of people living in the area of the hospital and from photographs that a large number of soldiers are billeted in the grounds of the hospital, that Ambulances are regularly used to convey marksmen to trouble spots and that the Royal Victoria Hospital and Musgrave Park Hospital code names "Nightingale 1 and 2" are regularly used as bases from which British Army S.A.S. Patrols operate. (Dressed in civilian clothes). Sniper scopes (an infra red ray telescope device which enables the operators to see and shoot in total darkness) are hidden on the ho-

spital grounds. On Saturday Sept 2nd after a shooting incident in Leeson St., in which shots were fired from an unmarked van, it was seen to enter the gate into the Maternity Hospital which leads to the Army Post in Broadway, in what is part of the hospital grounds. The Nurses at the hospital have strongly protested about the use of the hospital by the British Army. There can be no doubt that the British Army presence at hospitals is in direct contravention of the Geneva Convention which stipulates quite clearly that no Military personnel should billet or camp near hospitals and that hospital buildings must not be used as observation posts. This is a clear case of more BRITISH PROVOCATION.

Anniversary

Sean Glynn (Pennywell, Limerick)
O.C. 8. Coy. Orlagh Mahon
aged 24 years. Died in
Arbor Hill Detention bars
13th Sept. 1936.

As the 13th Sept. 1936

O wise men, riddle me this: what
if the dream come true?
What if the dream come true? and
if millions unborn shall dwell
In the house that I shaped in my
heart, the noble house of my
thought?

Lord, I have staked my soul, I
have staked the lives of my kin
On the truth of Thy dreadful word.

Do not remember my failures,
But remember this my faith. And so
I speak. Yea, ere my hot youth pass
I speak to my people and say: Ye
shall be foolish as I; ye shall
scatter not save; Ye shall venture
your all, lest ye lose what is more
than all. Ye shall call for a mir-
acle, taking Christ at His word.
And for this I will answer, O peo-
ple answer here and hereafter, O
people that I have loved shall we
not answer together? P.H. PEARSE



SEAN GLYNN