Dínnéardamhsa Bronta

11th Annual
Presentation: Dinner & Dance

De hAoine 20u Deireadh Fómhair 2000

DERRY BRIGADE

ÓGLAIGH NA hEIREANN

Eagraithe ag an
Choiste Cuimhneacháin
Óglaigh Dhoire

Organised by the
Derry Volunteers Commemorative Committee

Clár - Programme

Cathlaoirligh:
Raymond McCartney

8.00 - 10.00	Dinnéar *Dinner*
10.15 - 11.00	Fáiltiú agus Bronnadh Introduction & Presentations

Aíonna - Guests

Pat Doherty	*Sinn Féin Vice President*
Bairbre De Brun	*Minister for Health*
Martin McGuinness	*Minister for Education*
Barney McFadden	*Honorary President Derry Sinn Féin*
Leo Green	*Hunger Striker*
Cathal Crumley	*Mayor of Derry*

12.00 -	Rinca - Dancing "Streetlife"

Presentations

on behalf of the Republican Movement to:

Gino McCormick

Paddy O'Carroll

Cathal Crumley

Donncha Mac Naillias

Mary Doyle

Pauline McLaughlin

The
Spirit of Freedom

The Five Demands of Irish republican Prisoners

1. **The Right not to wear a prison uniform.**
2. **The Right not to do prison work.**
3. **The Right of free association with other prisoners.**
4. **The Right to organise their own educational and recreational facilities.**
5. **The Right to one visit, one letter and one parcel per week.**

The Blanket Protest, No-Wash Protest and Hunger Strikes were part of a struggle by Irish Republican prisoners to regain the political status that Republican Prisoners were entitled to.

In 1976 the British Government made a decision to use the prisoners as pawns whereby they would criminalise the struggle for Irish freedom. All prisoners sentenced after 1st March 1976 would be treated as criminals and made to endure the infamous 'H-Blocks', denied political status and treated like common criminals. In defence of their rights our prisoners were forced to embark on the prison protests refusing to wear a 'convicts uniform'. After years of deprivation, inhumane treatment and brutality they reluctantly but with determination began a hunger strike demanding political status.

Tonight we honour some of those who endured Britain's campaign of torture and repression during that struggle.