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THE TALLAGHT REPUBLICAN



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NO DOLE OFFICE

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● Unemployed protestors from Tallaght block O'Connell Bridge.



● Unemployed people from Tallaght attend a public meeting organised by Sinn Féin for better facilities

THE CAMPAIGN FOR a proper labour exchange/job centre for Tallaght, is at the time of going to print, still continuing and according to reliable information received by us, the campaign will have to carry on and indeed be intensified before our demands are met.

Despite media speculation over the past few weeks that the opening of the new labour exchange was imminent, we now know that the post offices in Tallaght were notified that a labour exchange would be open within 6 MONTHS! — That is some time around February 1984, which could well be the tail end of a very long hard winter.

Although a portacabin has been erected at the site of the Old Eastern Health Board offices and we are now being told that the

only hold up is a security fence we are still miles from the ideal situation. We will still have to queue in the rain.

WHO IS McMAHON FOOLING?

In view of these facts it seems extraordinary that Sen Larry McMahon felt confident to stand on the dole queue on Tuesday 23rd August, handing out leaflets informing the people that a new labour exchange would be open by that Friday (26th August).

Now either Sen McMahon is being greatly led astray by someone, or is so out of touch with the situation that he hasn't a clue

what's going on, or else could it be that he is trying to give people the impression, that if and when they do win for themselves a proper labour exchange, that somehow they have Mr McMahon to thank for it?

I don't think any unemployed person in Tallaght is so naive — it is becoming increasingly clear that any amenities that we will win in the future, will be won at the end of many hours, days, weeks or months of determined campaigning and protesting.

Sinn Féin will be continuing to organise protests until our demands have been met, and I would urge anyone in Tallaght who cares, to join us in this campaign.

Animal Pound for Saggart?

A picket was placed by Saggart residents and members of Sinn Féin from Rathcoole and Tallaght on Monday, 5th September, to coincide with the Mid-County meeting of Dublin County Councillors. The purpose of the picket was to protest against the proposed animal pound which the Council intend to build at Boherboy Rd, Saggart.

Saggart residents maintain that the Boherboy Road is already extremely dangerous as it connects the Blessington Road to the Naas dual-carriage-way and is consequently used by very heavy traffic. In fact a fatal accident occurred near to the proposed entrance.

The local school is only yards away and the people fear that if the pound is sited there it will also be used as a rabies centre, if an outbreak of rabies were to occur. Plan-

ning permission has been refused for bungalows and for an extension to a bathroom on the grounds that there are no proper sewerage facilities.

Sinn Féin supports the Saggart residents' opposition to the siting of the pound. A petition was taken up recently in the area on the subject and the vast majority of residents oppose it. Sinn Féin suggests that while it may be necessary to have an Animal Pound for the South County Dublin area that an alternative site should be found, in a less populated area and that it be under the complete control of Dublin County Council.

As we go to press we learn that at a recent meeting of Dublin County Council it was decided to defer a decision to go ahead with the pound to allow local residents to air

their opposition to it. It is obvious that local councillors are worried about their vote in the area in the forthcoming local elections because of the protests already voiced by the local people.

However, though the decision has been deferred, this does not mean that the battle has been won as council officials have stated that the pound is necessary and that this site is the only one suitable in the area — an assertion which is in itself ridiculous in view of the fact that there are many derelict sites in the South County Dublin area which could be used and which are not in populated areas.

Sinn Féin urge the people of Saggart to continue in their opposition to the siting of this pound and assure them of our continued support in the matter.

Fáilte Romhaibh

THE TALLAGHT REPUBLICAN is being brought to you by the three Cumainn of Sinn Féin in the constituency area — Cumann Cathal Brughá, Cumann Markievicz and Cumann Wolfe Tone, and we would like to welcome our readership to this first edition.

We intend to make Tallaght Republican a monthly newsheet, which will be highlighting the many social problems in the area and where relevant making suggestions on certain issues.

We are an open organisation, our main aims being the overthrow of British rule in Ireland and the establishment of a Democratic Socialist Republic.

We are unambivalent in our support for the legitimate struggle of the IRA

Letters and comments from our readership will be welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

Beidh fáilte roimh litreacha ónár léitheoirí agus tá súil againn go mbeidh fonn scríobh-neoireachta oraih. Leis an gcéad eagrán seo de Tallaght Republican cuirimid fáilte romhaibh.

Advice Centre

OUR MOBILE ADVICE CENTRE is situated in Tallaght village every Tuesday to coincide with signing on day for the 3,500 unemployed who live in the area.

The caravan is parked across from the Post Office and is open from 10 till 1pm and from 2 to 5pm.

On Saturdays it is parked at Killinarden Shopping Centre from 9 till 1pm in order to facilitate people collecting their dole at Killinarden Post Office.

Though there is a limit to the service we can offer, (since we have no paid politicians in Leinster House who can pull strings) we do our utmost to help overcome bureaucracy and red tape within the present corrupt system of the Free State.

Advice given on: tax, redundancy, social welfare, housing, legal matters etc.

Drop in and see if we can do anything for you.

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SOLIDARITY GREETINGS

SOLIDARITY GREETINGS to Vivion Hayden and Jimmy Kelly at present serving sentences in Portlaoise Prison and to all Republican prisoners in jails in Ireland, England and America.

Táimid go léir ag smaoineamh orthu. O Cumainn Markievicz, Wolfe Tone agus Cathal Brughá.

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Join Sinn Féin



If you would like to join with us in our work or just find out a little more about Sinn Féin, contact us at the following addresses:

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Cumann Wolfe Tone — (Old Bawn, Aylesbury, Cushlawn, Killinarden, Killinarden Heights, Knockmore, Donomore, Springfield, Virginia Heights, Jobstown, Brookfield, Fettercairn, Bawnlea, Kilmartin.) Peter Cunningham, 36, Old Bawn Ave, Tamhlacht.

Cumann Cathal Brughá — (Rathcoole, Saggart, Brittas, Newcastle.) Tony Flannery, 74, Coolamber Drive, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

Tallaght — land of promises

THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC problems affecting the population of Tallaght are now approaching the point of no return. A growing number of families have recognised this and are anxiously awaiting transfers, hoping that there are better things elsewhere. Certainly a dream!

The harsh reality of unemployment has no boundaries and is by far our biggest evil, though by no means our only one.

PROBLEMS

Tallaght is still expanding. Even over the past three years there have been at least fifteen housing estates built, mostly on or around the Blessington Rd, Saggart direction. With the overall population of the area now standing at 65,000 plus and of that 3,500 unemployed, it amounts, roughly speaking, to one sixth of its work force without jobs. This can also be broken up sectionally with the population of the large Local Authority estates having an even bigger percentage of the whole.

Let us look at just some of the people in these estates. The majority of people move into the estates together and usually form a very mixed community. Many moved out from Dublin; many from flats north and south of the city. Then there is an increasing number of rural people moving to Dublin, believing that what little work is left in the country is to be found there. There is also a percentage of people from the six counties who have settled in Dublin over the years as a direct result of the war. There are coloured people and boat people and, particularly in Tallaght, the on-going problem of the travelling people who are also anxious to get settled. The integration alone of all these families is a major problem.

BILLS

The expense incurred when moving in is astronomical. Everyone experiences this and, of course, with little money available, the Credit Companies are by far the biggest expanding business in the area. In fact the only one, excepting St. Vincent de Paul and Chinese food caravans.

The ever rising expenses of feeding, clothing, occupying and indeed, educating our children has become so enormous that every penny has to be watched meticulously, but

not everyone in working class (though not working!) areas has the money, will-power or the knowledge of home economics to be able to cope.

Subsequently the number of eviction orders rise, and the queues outside the ESB get longer — all waiting for the same reason, to make arrangements. These offices are not manned by sympathetic social workers, (not that there are any in Tallaght anyway!) but by trained, determined and ambitious staff who don't give a damn about the miseries that all these individuals are going through.

The chances of getting employment elsewhere, no matter about locally, are slim indeed. On a local basis we have a mythical micro-chip factory that was to employ over 3,000 locals, plus of course the building of it. Tallaght has the most modern (mythical) hospital in the whole of Europe, not to mention the (mythical) 500,000 square feet of shopping complex, with built in Labour Exchange/Job Centre; leisure centre, swimming pools, office complex

IN FACT WHAT DO WE HAVE?

A population equalling that of Limerick city. Compare for yourself the facilities Limerick has to what 'Tallaght New Town' has. What have our 'Public Representatives' done to alter the situation ?

So what can we ourselves do? Firstly I believe we must look at the over-all problem and realise that no-one can change it except ourselves. We all have various severe problems but all around us there are thousands of people who are suffering. To try and tackle the problems individually is impossible. If we can unite in numbers we can approach many of these problems together and not work in isolation.

Sinn Féin in this area are prepared to spear-head such a programme. Action groups that will fight and unite against anybody preventing us from rising out of the gutter we are now in. Anyone experiencing these



Residents of Cloonmore estate, Tallaght, hanging Jim Mitchell, Free State Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, in effigy because of his failure to provide a phone service in the new estates.

problems and yet refusing to tackle them, is, I believe personally, a social coward and has no interest in generating a good solid community where we all can live in harmony and strive to bring up our children, free of the inevitable evils that they certainly will encounter if nothing is done.

Just your cop of tee!

NOW THAT THE GARDA involvement in massage parlours has been exposed, our friends in blue have had to find another way of getting away from it all.

Having spent all week speeding around the city in fast cars harassing republicans while people are being mugged, joyriding after joyriders, arresting junkies and letting pushers off scot free or playing target practice with their Uzis, they can now retire to their very own £1 million 109 acre golf course in the Dublin mountains.

From their clubhouse they will have a view of Dublin Bay, Naas, and even the Mountains of Mourne. So in the event of any future SAS incursions across the border our boys will have the situation under control from their new golf course.

The huge complex has a restaurant, saunas, a games room, a penthouse and a swimming pool. We are sure that many Tallaght people will be very anxious to join.

It will only cost you £500 initial signing on fee and after that a £200 subscription. — Truly a police force of the ordinary people!

Youth field day

THE SAGGART YOUTH FIELD DAY, organised by Sinn Féin, was held on Sunday, 4th September, after being postponed for a week owing to unforeseen circumstances.

It got off to a late start against prevailing winds and threatening rain, although the contestants won the day and we did not see any rain until late evening.

There were medals handed out for 50, 100 and 200 metre events for boys and girls and for the under 18's there were over 200 metres and 800 metres. There were also wheelbarrow and three-legged races in the different age groups. Young Michael Joyce won the long puck.

The other event enjoyed by all present was the Karate Exhibition by members of the Tallaght Club. They will be putting on a display in the Embankment, Tallaght, on September 22nd next at 8pm and are well worth seeing.

The event is an annual one organised by Sinn Féin and we would like to thank the sponsors for the many goods donated, which ranged from soft drinks and ice-cream to crisps peanuts and balloons.

A good and enjoyable day was had by all and we hope next year that the event will be bigger and better, though earlier in the year in order not to clash with events around the neighbouring villages.

To their disgust and anger, when they broke open the box that lay inside, all they found were a few copper coins, a half bottle of wine and a pair of old shoes.

They threw the old beggar's body into the vault which they covered over with stones and went back to the village. When the beggar was missed the local people organised a search but no trace of him was found.

The weavers felt confident of hiding their crime, until one of them, not the killer, began to hear strange sounds at night and a wailing voice telling him to admit to the murder. The beggar appeared to him on several occasions and he nearly went insane with fear. He eventually went to the local magistrate and confessed and both weavers were hanged.

It is said that the beggar still appears from time to time at night around the Old Bawn, guarding his treasure.

Corporation Strike — The facts

PEOPLE OF TALLAGHT, be prepared for industrial action in the near future by workers in Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council. Before you blame the craftsmen let us give you the facts.

The craftsmen want their employers, the local Government Staff Negotiations Board, to uphold a 1979 agreement that pay levels

would be reviewed regularly to keep their salaries in line with craftsmen in the private sector.

Now the problem this year is that the amount of the rise is approximately £5.00 and was due in April last. The employers have decided to pay only 40% of the £5.00 rise, which after tax and PRSI is approximately £2. Also the amount will not be

paid from April but from October next. Not only will they not pay the correct amount, they won't even pay on the correct date, making the craftsmen lose out on the six months pay.

It is not the craftsmen who are breaking the agreement therefore, but the employers. Alas there seems to be no option left open to the craftsmen but industrial action.

people lived in Tallaght. The principal resident was Mr. Jones, a cook and innkeeper. Amongst the others we find a smith, a maltster, a carpenter, two weavers, a butcher, a "sneezing merchant", and a beggar. The occupation of a beggar was then considered to be a legitimate one.

The story that most people believe in the surrounding townlands of Templeogue, Tymon, Jobstown and Killnamanagh is that the beggar was really a wealthy man who had his money hidden in the ruins of an old castle.

The two weavers, who were fond of the drink, decided one night to force the beggar to disclose the whereabouts of his money. They disguised themselves and waylaid him as he passed the castle near Old Bawn. One of the weavers grabbed him by the throat and threatened to choke him if he did not tell them where he hid his money. Terrified, he led them to an old vault inside the castle and told them to remove a slab that covered it. Having got the information they wanted, one of the weavers killed the old beggar with a blow to the head and pulled back the slab.

Gaeilge

In each issue we will have a small RANG GAEILGE. First read the piece below, and see how much of it you can understand. Now look at the small dictionary below and see how much more you can understand — probably a lot more than you imagined!

Má tá suim agat i bhfoghluim na Gaeilge anois an t-am chun tús a chur leis an obair. Tá na páistí díreach imithe thar nais ar scoil agus is gairid go mbeidh na Ranganna oíche ag tosú arís. Tá ranganna ar fáil duit i dTallaght, is cuma cén caighdeán atá agat — bunranganna, dian chúrsaí agus meán ranganna. NÁ LÍ CÚTHALACH — téigh amach anois agus déan fiosraithe!

suim — interest
tús — start
ag tosú — starting
caighdeán — standard
cúthalach — shy
dian chúrsaí — intensive course
fiosraithe — enquiries

TALLAGHT STORIES

TALLAGHT, ONCE A VILLAGE, is now a rapidly expanding area of around 60,000 people. It was inhabited from very ancient days and many stories and legends have come down to this day.

The name 'Tallaght' means plague grave, and it is said to have been used in ancient times as a burial place for colonists from Greece, who came here under the leadership of a man called Partholon. The legend goes on to say that the descendants of these colonists were struck by a great plague, with as many as 9,000 dying in one week, hence the name.

During the 1890's there were reports of phantom figures seen moving about at night which were thought to be the ghosts of these settlers.

A survey in 1650 showed that 200