

POBLACHT NA h-EIREANN

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Irish Republican Army was established to maintain the Irish Republic, and, having sworn allegiance to the Republic, is determined to resist every power, foreign and domestic, inimical thereto; and

WHEREAS: The setting up of the Free State Government is inimical to the established Republic, and the majority in the Dail having connived at the creation of the Free State Government, have by that act forfeited the allegiance of all citizens of the Republic, soldiers and civilians alike; and

WHEREAS: The present Dail Cabinet and the majority of General Headquarters Staff are avowed supporters of the "Articles of Agreement for a Treaty" signed in London on December 6th, 1921, and are using the Army which is the mainstay of the Republic to protect the Provisional Government which is determined to subvert the Republic; and

WHEREAS a disloyal Irish Press is being inspired by those subverters of the Republic to represent the Army and the Nation as having approved of the Articles of Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE: We, the undersigned having no other means of informing the peoples of other nations that the surrender of the Republic has not been and will not be sanctioned by the people of Ireland and that the people of Ireland will frustrate any attempt to set up any form of government incompatible with absolute Independence and not deriving its authority from the freely expressed will of the Irish people;

AND that the Irish people regard the proposed establishment of the Free State as incompatible with the absolute Independence of Ireland, as the authority by which the Free State is being created is foreign authority;

TAKE this opportunity of giving that information to the world by solemn proclamation;

AND WE do further pledge ourselves to rouse the nation from its lethargy and to band together the Army and the People to resist the treacherous inclusion of Ireland among the British possessions;

AND WE recall to the mind of Irishmen that at Easter Week, 1916, a minority saved the nation from the deceptions of their political leaders and their dishonest press and proclaimed the Independence of Ireland;

AND WE do now call upon the nation in the same manner and to the same glorious end, convinced that a "beginning must be made somewhere, some time, and by some one," and that this heroic generation of Irishmen and women need but to know that their independent nationhood is in danger in order to offer every noble service to protect it.

AND WE DO NOW PUBLISH AND PROCLAIM:

1. That the attempt to set up the Government of the Free State is illegal and immoral;
2. That the present Dail Cabinet and the majority of General Headquarters Staff, by conniving at the establishment of this illegal Government, have made themselves usurpers with no power but that of tyrants and of traitors;
3. That, therefore, all their orders, decrees, and acts have no binding force on the people of the South Tipperary Brigade area, or of any other part of Ireland, and as such are to be resisted by every citizen of the Republic living in this area by every means in his power.

And we do call upon every other unit of the Army to take similar action, and by that means to unite the nation to defeat these domestic enemies who would usurp the national authority and destroy the Independence of Ireland.

We urge upon the nation to save the still unsullied honour of this great Gaelic people by refusing to sell their nationhood for the shameful gains of a false peace and a disgraceful prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the Council of South Tipperary Brigade.

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