

# SINN FEIN.

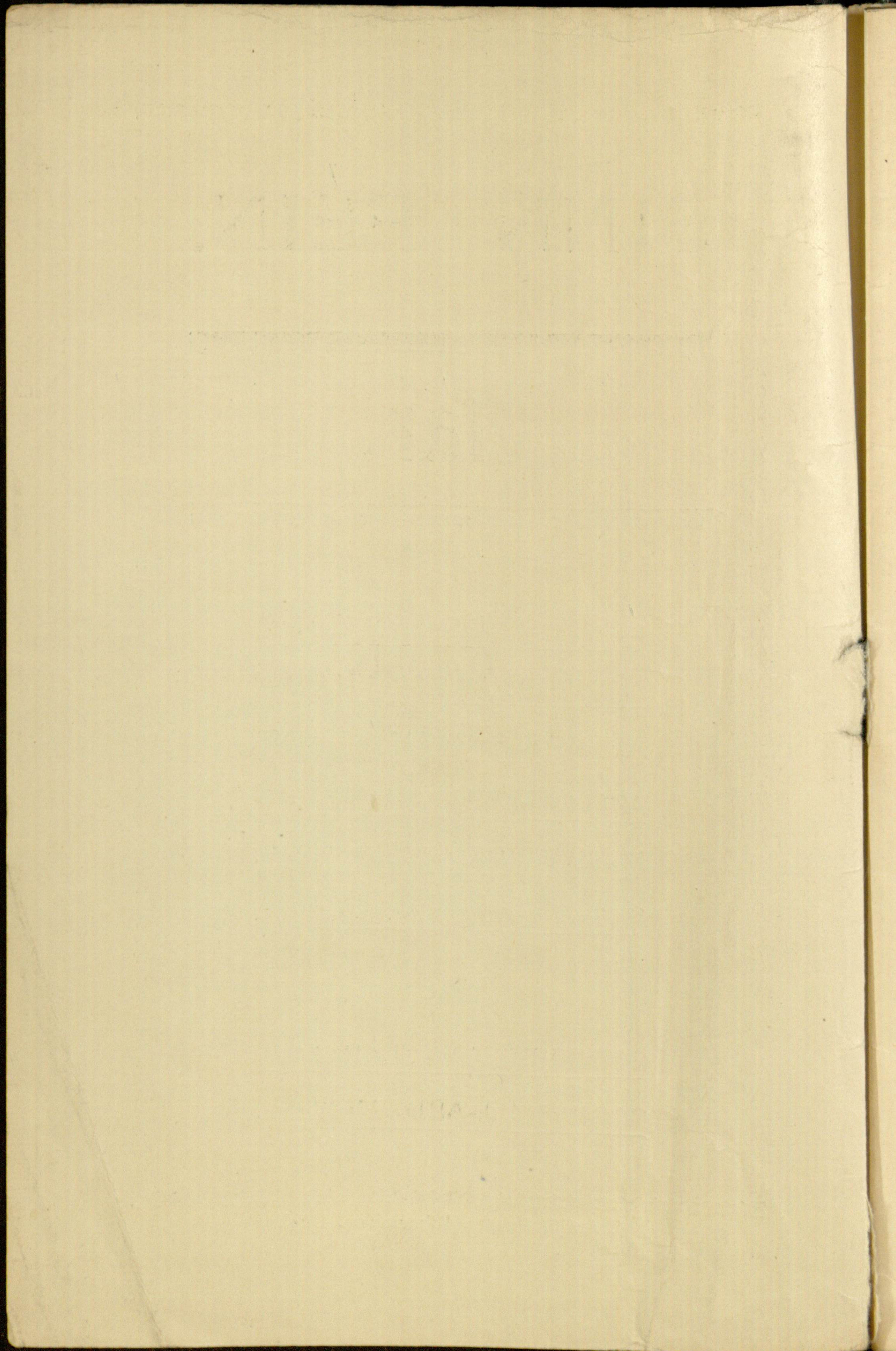
## Clar.

ÁRD - FHEIS, 1925,  
A BHEIDH AR SIÚL i'HALLA  
AN BHAILE, RATH Ó MÁINE,  
ATH CLIATH, DIA MAIRT AN  
~~13<sup>adh</sup> DEIRE, FOGHMHAIR,~~  
~~1925.~~ . . . . . 17 NOV. 1925.



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GCOIR NA h-ÁRD-FHEISE. .







CLAR.



## RIALACHA STIURTHA DO GHLUAISEACHT NA FEISE.

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**Riailiú.**—Ní beidh aon dul thairis focal an Chathaoirligh ag stiúra an chruinnithe dho.

**Uain Cainnte.**—Beidh cead cainte ar feadh deich neomad ag an t-é a cheud-chuirfidh abhar rúin. Beidh cúig neomad ag éinne chun tagairt de'n rún.

**Leas-Rúin.**—Caithfar leas-rúin is aguisíní a chur fé bhráid na cathaorach sar a luafar iad.

**Riar Lucht Labhartha.**—Beidh tosach labhartha ag teachtairi an dreama ó'n ar frítheadh an t-abhar rúin.

Ar éirighe dho chun labhartha caithfidh gach teachtaire a anim do lua mar aon le ainm a Cumann agus a Chomhairle Ceanntair.

**Rúin Cómhara-aChéile.**—Seasóidh an bhreith a tabharfar ar rún mar breith d'aon abhar rúin eile a bheadh chómhara-a-chéile leis.

**Breith.**—Tógfar breith an chruinnithe ar aon cheist le teaspána lámha.

**Aireamh.**—Toghfaidh an Comh-Dháil ó n-a measc aon dhuine deug mar lucht áireamh vótaí. Ní mór na aon deug ainm a chur fé bhráid na Cathaorach.

**Smacht.**—Ar bhula an chloig do'n Chathaorlach stadfaidh éinne láthreach dá chuid cainte.

**N.B.**—Cun na Rialacha Stiúrtha do chur as bfheidihm ag an Ard Fheis ní mor abhar rúin do chur os comhair an cruinnithe, in a luafar fath an abhar rúin. Beidh ar an té a tharrach an t-abhar rúin an té d'aontú leis agus triur teachtairi eile ag cuidiu leis seasamh i na n-aiteanna-annsín beidh ar an Cathaorlach an t-abhar rúin do chur fé bhraid na h-Ard Feise gan cead cainte do bheith ag éinne.



## RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE OF ARD-FHEIS.

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**Ruling.**—Chairman's ruling on procedure shall be final.

**Time Limit.**—The proposer of a resolution will be allowed eight minutes ; speakers to the resolution five minutes.

**Amendments.**—Amendments or addenda must be sent up to the Chair before being moved.

**Priority of Speakers.**—Delegates representing a body who have tabled a resolution shall have priority in speaking to that resolution.

Every delegate on rising to speak must first announce his or her name, name of Cumann and Comhairle Ceanntair.

**Similar Resolutions.**—The decision on a resolution shall be held to determine the issue of any similar resolution.

**Decision.**—Decision will be arrived at by a show of hands.

**Tellers.**—The Convention shall elect and forward to the Chair the names of eleven of their number to act as Tellers.

Any speaker shall cease speaking on the striking of the Chairman's gong.

**N.B.**—In order to suspend the Standing Orders at an Ard-Fheis a resolution to that effect setting out the object of the proposed suspension, must be proposed and seconded by delegates and assented to by at least three other delegates rising in their places whereupon the Chairman shall put the resolution to a vote, without any discussion on the merits.



## CLAR-OIBRE.

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ARD FHEIS—13ad DEIRE FOGHMHAIR, 1925.

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- 1.—Sceul an Uachtarain.  
(Dispoireacht ar an meid sin).
- 2.—Toghadh lucht áireamh vótai.
- 3.—Ainmniú Choiste cun na Cunntaisi scrudú agus  
cunntas do thabhairt don Ard Fheis ar  
cunntaisi na gCisdeoiri.
- 4.—Cúnntas na Runaidhthe Onóracha.
- 5.—Cúnntas Stiúrthóir na Timthreachtha.
- 6.—Cúnntas na gCisdeoiri Onóracha.
- 7.—Cúnntas Stiúrthóir na Economica.
- 8.—Abhar Rúin.
- 9.—Toghadh na n-Oifigeach :—
  - (a) Uachtaran ;
  - (b) Ceithre leas-Uachtarain ;
  - (c) Dha Rúnaidhthe Onóracha ;
  - (d) Dha Chisdeoir Onóracha.
- 10.—Scéim nua timthireachta agus riaghalacha.



# CLAR.

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ANNUAL ARD FHEIS—OCTOBER 13th, 1925.

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- 1.—Presidential Statement (Discussion thereon).
- 2.—Election of Tellers.
- 3.—Appointment of Accounts Committee to examine  
and report on the Accounts presented by  
the Honorary Treasurers.
- 4.—Report of Honorary Secretaries.
- 5.—Report of Director of Organisation.
- 6.—Report of Honorary Treasurers.
- 7.—Report of Director of Economics.
- 8.—Motions.
- 9.—Election of Officer Board :—
  - (a) President ;
  - (b) Four Vice-Presidents ;
  - (c) Two Honorary Secretaries ;
  - (d) Two Honorary Treasurers.
- 10.—Revised Scheme of Organisation and Rules.



## ROINN I.

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### NATIONAL PROGRAMME.

#### Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).

1.—“ That the present policy of contesting Parliamentary Elections be abandoned for the present.”

(Similar Resolution from Stranorlar C.S.F., Tircornail.)

#### Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).

2.—“ That if the policy of contesting elections be continued, the Standing Committee be directed to draw up and issue within three months, a National economic and cultural programme, which will be binding on the Republican administration, as soon as it begins to function, and which will be on the following lines :—

“ (a) The initiation of a system of tariffs for the protection of the industries of the country, agricultural and otherwise, the underlying principle being that as far as possible the Irish people be fed and clothed from the resources within the country ;

“ (b) The abolition of a Standing Army, which is wasteful and demoralising, and the substitution therefore of a territorial force ;

“ (c) The abolition of the present administrative system established by England, and the substitution therefore of a simpler and more economical system based on the needs and capabilities of the country ;

“ (d) The abolition of the present costly judicial and police systems, and the substitution therefore of simpler systems, answering to the country's needs.”

(Similar resolution from Glasnevin C.S.F. (North City) and Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).)



**Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

3.—“ That the Sinn Fein vote be utilised at the discretion of the Standing Committee to be cast for any or all of the various groups, going forward, so as to secure the best results for the nation.”

**Annaduff-Dromod C.S.F. (South Leitrim).**

4.—“ We, the members of the above Cumann call upon this Ard Fheis to order the President and Government of the Irish Republic to publish in its final form the Constitution of the Irish Republic with an Economic Programme, having special reference to maximum salaries in all Departments under Government control, and extending over at least a ten years' period from the date on which the Republican Party freely functions, and we further call for this said publication within the six months next following the date of this Ard Fheis, 13th October, 1925.

(Similar resolution from South Leitrim Comhairle Ceanntair.)

**Caherciveen (South Kerry).**

5.—“ Owing to the insidious rumours that Republicans will enter the ‘ Free State Parliament ’ if the Oath be removed, we call on Sinn Fein to get a definite statement from the Government that they will adhere to the policy of Cathal Brugha, Erskine Childers, and their fellow-martyrs, and enter only an Irish Republican Parliament for all Ireland.”

**Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

6.—“ That Republican members of Local Councils, dissolved by the ‘ State Government ’ and in particular Dublin Corporation be instructed to approach their fellow-Councillors, of all shades of opinion with the proposal that they assert their mandates from the electors, and by every means in their power attack the growing system of taxation without representation.”

(Similar Resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).)

**Ballinacoon C.S.F. (South Kerry).**

7.—“ That the time has arrived when the buying of Irish-made goods should be made a matter of active propaganda and part of the policy of Sinn Fein.”



**" Brothers Breslin " C.S.F. (North City Dublin).**

8.—" That we call on this Ard Fheis to instruct all delegates present to take action throughout all Ireland against British propaganda being displayed in Cinemas and also to resent the display of British emblems, viz. : Union Jacks, etc., in public places."

(Similar Resolution from Glasnevin C.S.F. North City, Dublin.)

**Stranorlar C.S.F. (Tirconnail).**

9.—" That as the ' Alternative to the Articles of Agreement ' or Document No. 2 was drawn up in an attempt to preserve National unity, and at the same time safeguard the national position, and as it was a settlement that was only acceptable at THAT TIME, as such, we respectfully suggest that a statement be issued by the Government of the Republic that same is now withdrawn as a basis for any future peace Treaty, as we consider that same would not NOW be an equitable settlement between this Nation and England."

**Sandymount, C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).**

10.—" That the Ard Fheis be asked to rescind the recent order issued to Republican members of local bodies (subsequent to their election) instructing them to withhold their support from certain candidates for public appointments, as being an infringement of such members freedom of action on Public Boards, incompatible with their undertakings to their electors to administer public affairs nationally and without sectional bias, and further, that action on this order by elected representative Republicans would place some of them in an invidious position in view of the known fact that in some cases members elected to various positions in the Republican interest had previous to the ' Cease Fire ' order, 1923, put their names to a certain document, known as ' The Form,' and they could justifiably penalise applicants who for economic reasons are compelled to take analogous action."

**Sandymount, C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).**

11.—" That the recent wise step taken by Headquarters in deciding to boycott the so-called " Senate



Elections " (which boycott was so successfully carried out) be taken as a precedent, and that in future all elections ordered by a foreign government or its minions be treated in the same manner, and further that the National Government be requested to get ready the necessary machinery for holding an election to An Dail at the earliest opportune moment."

12.—" That in the event of the Organisation deciding to contest future elections to the ' Free State Parliament ' that no more than one candidate be nominated in each Constituency."



## ROINN II.

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### ORGANISATION.

#### **Sandymount C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

1.—“That all resolutions sent forward for consideration by the Ard Fheis be considered by that Body in session, and that the evil practice which has grown common, of referring bundles of resolutions to the Standing Committee be definitely made contrary to the Constitution, as detrimental to the best interests of the Organisation, and the Nation, leading, as it does, to ‘clique-ism’ and lack of consideration for the opinions of the rank and file of the Organisation, who are not financially or otherwise able to be constantly at Headquarters.”

#### **Terenure C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

2.—“That the following be added, as an additional sub-section (d) to Clause 3 of the Constitution :—

(d) Require a three-fourth majority of the elected Republican Deputies, and ratification by a three-fourth majority of a specially convened Ard Fheis, for acceptance of any proposal or proposals put forward, and claiming to satisfy in whole or part the aim of the Organisation.”

#### **Standing Committee.**

3.—“The Standing Committee shall have power where it deems advisable to set up, in an area, a body superior to a Comhairle Dailcheanntair with powers, functions, and duties, as defined by the Standing Committee.”

#### **Lough C.S.F. (Cork).**

4.—“That in the best interests of the Sinn Fein Movement, we are convinced that annual provincial Conventions should be held each year, thereby giving



opportunity to Cumainn in small towns and villages, to send representatives to such Conventions ; bringing about a closer cohesion and organisation in the movement, and also sharing in the responsibility of selecting Delegates on behalf of the Province to attend at the Annual Ard Fheis in Dublin."

**Sandymount Cumann (Pembroke).**

5.—" That the Standing Committee be formed on a more representative basis, say on the following lines :

- " (a) Four to be nominated by the Ard Chomhairle, said four to be one from each Province ;
- " (b) Two members of An Dail ;
- " (c) Four from Dublin City, i.e., Two from North Dublin and Two from South Dublin ;
- " (d) Five from Dublin County, i.e., one from North County Dublin, one from South County Dublin, one from Rathmines, one from Pembroke, and one from Clondalkin."

6.—" That any suggested change of Policy be submitted to the Cumainn of the country for consideration, and that same should not be pursued unless approved of by a two-third majority of said Cumainn, and subsequently ratified by a two-third majority of An Dail, as this would prevent a similar disaster to that which succeeded the negotiations during the Truce, 1921."

**Ushers Quay C.S.F. (" M. O'Meallain ").**

7.—" That Rule 1, sub-section ' Ard Chomhairle ' be altered to read as follows :—' One representative from each of the Comhairle Ceanntair areas in which there are at least three affiliated Cumainn, and one from each Comhairle Ceanntair area of a borough, etc., etc.' "

(Similar resolution from " P. O'Brien C.S.F. (St. James'). )

**"Sean Heuston " C.S.F. (Dublin).**

8.—" That all Candidates for the Officer Board, and Standing Committee be members of a Cumann for at least three months, and that the name of the Cumann to which he, or she, belongs, be attached in brackets, after the person's name on the list of Candidates."



**Inns Quay C.S.F. ("Ua Rathghaille").**

9.—"Constitution of Ard Chomhairle to read as follows :—

"(b) Not more than twenty and not less than fifteen members of the Organisation to form, with the Officer Board, the Standing Committee of the Ard Chomhairle, such members to be nominated by the Cumann who have obtained the consent of the nominees, and to be elected at the annual meeting of the ARD FHEIS, with a view to their availability for weekly meetings in Dublin ; the names to be forwarded to Headquarters at least five weeks prior to the date of the opening of the Ard Fheis, and list of nominees must be forwarded to delegates at least fourteen days in advance of meeting."

**Ushers Quay C.S.F. (M. O'Meallain).**

10.—"That the Comhdhail shall consist of two delegates from each Cumann only, and that the clause authorising outgoing officers to be present at the initial meeting be deleted. The outgoing Secretary to convene the new Comhairle Ceanntair, and attend only for the purpose of handing over Minute Books or other property of the outgoing Comhairle."

**Harold's Cross, C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

11.—"That each Comhairle Ceanntair shall endeavour to own its own hall."

**"Harry McEntee and Cusack" C.S.F. (Dublin).**

12.—"We recommend Sinn Fein Ard Fheis to decide for one Comhairle Dailcheanntair for North and South Dublin (City) and County, and not as at present with one in North City, and South City. We believe if the larger body were agreed to, and given certain powers in the Sinn Fein Organisation, and subject to the proper Rules, it would be productive of good results. We believe that all members elected to such a body should be from the Cumainn and not as at present from the Comhairli Ceanntair. We also think there should be more than one Delegate from each Cumann



as the number is too small to elect a proper Officer Board."

**Shragh C.S.F. (Mayo).**

13.—" That in view of the carelessness prevailing in a good many places with regard to membership of Sinn Fein, this Cumann demands that Headquarters issue membership cards, each new year for the future, free of charge, to all Cumainn, and that at least one member of every Republican family become enrolled on paying the sum of one shilling and obtaining a membership card. That all monies raised by this means be sent to Headquarters towards affiliation and other necessary expenses."

**Ushers Quay C.S.F. (" M. Meallain ").**

14.—" That Cumann Rule 9a be amended to read as follows :—' That the financial year of the Organisation shall be the calendar year ending 31st December. The affiliation fee for Cumainn shall be One Pound, for each financial year or part thereof."

**Tullow C.S.F. (Carlow).**

15.—" That we the members of the above Cumann, call upon the Ard Fheis to have the affiliation fee for a Cumann reduced from Three Pounds to One Pound Ten Shillings. We believe same to be in the interests of the Organisation generally, as the reduced fee would enable less favourably situated units to affiliate and thereby be in touch with Headquarters, and Comhairli Ceanntair, and under their supervision, thereby forming a more perfect organisation, moreover, the increased number of affiliated Cumainn would bring in just as much to Headquarters."

**Sandymount C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

16.—" That where Cumainn avail themselves of the instalment system of paying affiliation fees, that same be received by the Treasurers in three instalments of One Pound, final payment of One Pound to be made in no case later than August 31st, as the practice of leaving £2 balance to the end of the ' Lean ' season means in many cases lack of affiliation or else certain members having to stand the whole cost."



**Stranorlar C.S.F. (Tirconnail).**

17.—“ That the Affiliation fee for Cumainn be reduced to Two Pounds, payable in half-yearly instalments of One Pound each.”

**Harold's Cross C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

18.—“ That Teachtaí Dail take a more active interest in all Cumainn in their respective constituencies by attending Cumainn meetings at least once a month. Where this is not possible, when Teachtaí Dail do not reside in their constituencies—deputies should be sent.”

**Merchants' Quay “ Eamon Ceannt ” C.S.F.**

19.—“ That any member of the Sinn Fein Organisation who advocates the taking of an Oath of Allegiance to the King of England be expelled from the Organisation.”

**Fitzwilliam C.S.F. (South City, Dublin).**

20.—“ That all members employed by the Sinn Fein Organisation be members of the Organisation.”  
(Similar Resolutions from Mansion House C.S.F., and Royal Exchange C.S.F. Dublin).

**“ Harry McEntee and Cusack ” C.S.F. (Dublin).**

21.—“ We the members of the above Cumann wish to know if foreign dancing or pastimes, other than Irish, will be allowed in the Sinn Fein Cumainn. We are of opinion the Ard Fheis should give its decision on same.”

Similar resolutions from “ Brothers Breslin ” C.S.F. (Dublin) ; “ Sean Heuston ” C.S.F. (Dublin) ; and Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke).)

**Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

22.—“ It is proposed that a Committee be appointed at once to report back to the Ard Fheis suitable ways and means to counteract West British influences in Ireland, and to take active measures to prevent Armistice day this year, being the occasion of an Imperial display in the capital of Ireland.”



## ROINN III.

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### FINANCE.

#### **Merchants' Quay C.S.F. (Liam Mellows).**

1.—“ That this Cumann refuse to take part in any money collections for at least six months, as it is the unanimous opinion of its members that it is this continuous begging of money that has the Organisation in its present state of decay, at least so far as we ourselves are concerned. The ever-repeated calls for volunteers to go out and beg money being responsible for many of our members lapsing, and the begging itself losing us the support of sympathisers.”

#### **Fermoy C.S.F. (Cork).**

2.—“ That in view of the difficulty of acquiring funds for both local and general needs of the Organisation, this Cumann recommends the following for the delegates' approval, viz. :—‘ That weekly penny collections be taken up by each affiliated Cumann from members and sympathisers in its own area.’”

#### **Askeaton C.S.F. (Limerick).**

3.—“ That a Church Gate Collection in aid of the Gaeltacht be held on one Sunday in November throughout the land. A convincingly worded appeal to be posted in every district.”



**ROINN IV.***Economico***Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).**

1.—“ That this Ard Fheis declare the Sinn Fein policy with regard to the following urgent matters, affecting the country at the moment :—

- “ (a) Unemployment ;
- “ (b) Irish labour ;
- “ (c) Housing ;
- “ (d) Question of equitable distribution of land.”

2.—“ That this Ard Fheis declare a definite and exhaustive Economic Policy, and have same issued at once to the country.”

3.—“ That this Ard Fheis demands a full explanation as to why the All Ireland Economic Conference decided upon at the Ard Fheis of 1924, was not held.”

4.—“ That this Ard Fheis urge each Republican Teachtaí Dail to study the needs and resources of his Constituency, and help in organising employment schemes for unemployed Republicans.”

(Similar Resolution from Clonadd C.S.F. (Laoighis) and Caherciveen Cumann (South Kerry).

**Clonadd C.S.F. (Laoighis).**

5.—“ That we protest against the conditions imposed in the “ Hogan Land Act ” whereby tenants are compelled to pay rent only receiving 25 per cent. reduction on existent Rents, otherwise those tenants will be deprived of the means of living by armed forces. We hold that all unpurchased tenants were entitled to 50 per cent. reduction on their existing rents, and all arrears to be included in the purchase on the date of investment. This arrangement would only place the unpurchased tenant on the same basis as their neighbours, who have purchased under previous Acts, and in general those to whom landlords refused to sell so as to extort the last pound of flesh from their unfortunate tenants.”



6.—“ We protest against the Oath drafted for those who accept positions under the ‘ Local Government Department ’ as we believe the object of this Oath is to prevent Republicans from accepting positions under these Departments, and as by those laws and regulations Republicans are debarred from any means of living, we contemplate on the subject that we Republicans are under no moral obligation to pay taxes seeing that we get no fair play.”

**Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

7.—“ That if the policy of contesting elections be continued, the Standing Committee be directed to draw up and issue within three months, a National economic and cultural programme which will be binding on the Republican administration as soon as it begins to function, and which will be on the following lines :—

“ The raising of such a Reconstruction Loan, external and internal, as will enable the following works to be completed within five years :—

“ (a) The provision of suitable housing accommodation for the people ;

“ (b) The completion of arterial drainage ;

“ (c) The provision of a system of national roads ;

“ (d) The re-afforestation of the country ;

“ (e) The development of the fishing industry ;

“ (f) The utilisation of the water power and other resources of the country.”

Similar resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).)

**Clonadhadoo C.S.F. (Laoighis).**

8.—“ That we call upon this Ard Fheis to discuss the advisability of empowering the Director of Economics, to convene an all Ireland or provincial or county, convention or meeting, of representatives of the working farmers of the country, at a suitable venue (or venues) for the purpose of deciding a number of important questions bearing on the agricultural industry in Ireland, considering that a very important



section of the community is unorganised and misrepresented, whilst the industry is on the decline, emigration on the increase, and the economic condition of the country in anything but a satisfactory condition."

**Rotunda Ward C.S.F. (North City, Dublin).**

9.—" That in view of the continuance of unemployment and emigration this Ard Fheis be urged to summon a conference of representative business men, to consider the present economic position of the country, the high price of Irish products compared to that of imports, and the question of profiteering."

**" Sean Heuston " C.S.F. (North City, Dublin).**

10.—" That the Director of Economics be empowered to ask for and receive from all Republicans in Ireland, the sum of at least One Pound (£1) yearly. The amount to be collected by the Cumainn throughout the country, at the rate of one shilling per week. This fund when created to be used for the development of the productive resources of Ireland, and to create new efforts in the industrial life, and thereby give much-needed employment. This money to be the property of the subscribers, and only to be used for the purpose mentioned in this Resolution."

**Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

11.—" The preservation of the Gaelteacht by :—

" (a) The abolition of all rates, rents, taxes and annuities in the Irish speaking islands, and the other districts in the Gaeltacht where the economic conditions warrant this relief ;

" (b) The protection of the fishing industry from foreign trawlers ;

" (c) The establishment of fish-curing and packing stations ;

" (d) The establishment of iodine, potash and kindred factories to deal with the kelp industry ;

" (e) The establishment of such home and cottage industries as may be found workable."



**Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

12.—“ Be it resolved by the Ard Fheis that steps be taken to preserve the Gaeltacht by protecting the fishing industry from foreign trawlers and by establishing suitable industries.”

**Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

13.—“ The re-organisation of the whole system of education on lines that will speedily bring about the establishment of a self-supporting Gaelic state.”

(Similar resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F., Rathmines.)

15.—“ The appointment of Consular representatives abroad, with the idea of providing alternative markets for Ireland's surplus produce.”

(Similar resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F.)

16.—“ That each member of the Sinn Fein Organisation gives a pledge to as far as possible buy and wear Irish manufacture.”

(Similar resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F.)

**Ballymurrin C.S.F. (Wexford).**

17.—“ Resolved that we call on the delegates assembled in Council at this Ard Fheis, that every effort be made to carry on a trade boycott of English-made goods, and have it worked effectively by appointing a man to look after each area, to see that the local traders stock Irish-made goods or some other brand rather than English, also call in the strongest term upon the necessity of trying to get Sinn Fein as a body to take to the learning of the Irish language.”

**Standing Committee Sinn Fein.**

18.—“ That steps be taken to declare and enforce a boycott by Republicans of all those members of public Boards who are responsible by their votes for dismissing Republicans in public service, who have refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to the ‘ Free State,’ and that a Black List of such members be accordingly compiled and circulated.”



**Glasnevin C.S.F. (North City, Dublin).**

19.—“ That this Ard Fheis calls on the Standing Committee to instruct all Republicans to support the Insurance Companies whose vested interests are in Ireland.”

(Similar resolution from Merchants' Quay C.S.F., Dublin).

**Fitzwilliam C.S.F. (South City—Dublin).**

20.—“ That the Sinn Fein Organisation urge its members to give all their support to Republican business houses, or business people who are friendly. For the carrying out of same proposal, each Cumann to compile a list of people whom our members can support, list to be sent to Headquarters who will classify the traders in their respective trades, so that anyone inquiring for friendly firms can be supplied without any delay or inconvenience to the Staff at Headquarters. It will help those people who help us, and also do away with the excuse of people who will tell you that they did not know these firms, particularly country people who may not know Dublin, or Dublin people not knowing the Provinces.”

**Sandymount C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

21.—“ That this Ard Fheis asks the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to take steps to terminate the abuse whereby purchasers of 5½d. and 11½d. cigarette cartons are almost invariably supplied with folders of foreign vestas in lieu of their legitimate change, as this practice is a mean effort to inveigle the public to buy foreign goods.”

22.—“ That definite Republican opposition be offered to the invasion of Ireland industrially by foreign capitalists, whether German, British, or of other nationalities, until such time as all Irish workers are securely provided with work and sustenance.”



## ROINN V.

### LANGUAGE.

#### **Ballinacoone C.S.F. (South Kerry).**

1.—“ That in future it be obligatory that one of the Secretaries of Sinn Fein be fully qualified in Irish.”

#### **“ P. O'Brien ” C.S.F. (St. James', Dublin).**

2.—“ That, as the discussion on the Irish language at last year's Ard Fheis caused grave disappointment to a majority of Republicans, and serious injury to the language cause, and in order to give practical proof that the Sinn Fein Organisation wholeheartedly supports the Irish language movement, this Ard Fheis decides, as a first step, that in future all correspondence issued by Headquarters to Sinn Fein Cumainn, be printed in Irish and English, except in the case of Cumainn in the Irish-speaking districts, when correspondence shall be in Irish only.”

#### **Roscrea C.S.F. (Tipperary).**

3.—“ That in the case of all Teachtaí Dail to be selected or nominated in future elections, that a competent knowledge of Irish should be required, this not to affect existing or previous Teachtaí who, of course, have in many cases given such signal service to the country under great difficulties.”

#### **Rathmines C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

4.—“ That the Organisation concentrate on intensive work on the following lines :—

- “ (a) Regular and systematic classes for the study of the Irish language and history in every Cumainn ;
- ‘ (b) The study and propagation of ideas based on the necessity for the total separation of Ireland, culturally, politically, and economically from the British Empire.”



5.—“ Be it resolved by the Ard Fheis as follows :—  
 ‘ That the members of the Sinn Fein Organisation be strongly urged to give their entire support to the Gaelic League, to its efforts to preserve and foster the Irish language.’ ”

6.—“ The taking of such measures as will ensure that the National language shall be the official language of the country, as such :—

“ (a) Providing that no teacher in any branch of education be appointed who has not a thorough knowledge of the language, excepting only such technical experts as are brought in from foreign countries :

“ Providing that no Civil Servant or official of any public body be appointed who has not a thorough knowledge of the language ;

“ (c) Providing that after a period of five years Irish only be used in the Parliament of the Nation.”

(Similar resolution from Ranelagh C.S.F.)

**Maire Nic Suibhne, T.D. (Vice-President).**

7.—“ That in constituencies which embrace a part of the Gaedealtacht, a due proportion of the elected representatives to Dail Eireann must be Irish speakers, and that it be an injunction to the Standing Committee from the Ard Fheis that at least one meeting each year be held in these districts at which Irish will be spoken.”



## ROINN VI.

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### PROPAGANDA.

#### Ballinacoon C.S.F. (South Kerry).

1.—“ That ‘ An Phoblacht ’ needs improvement and alteration.”

#### Roscrea C.S.F. (Tipperary).

2.—“ That Sinn Fein Cumainn should act as agents for propagating ‘ An Phoblacht ’ and any other national publication in their areas, instead of depending frequently on apathetic newsagents, and that each Cumann should arrange to have the paper sold by a few of their members outside the Churches after Mass

#### Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).

3.—“ That this Ard Fheis order a special levy of One Pound on each Cumann and Comhairle Ceanntair to be paid on or before the 31st December, 1925. That the amount so realised from such levy, be placed in a special fund and be controlled by a special Committee of fifteen, specially qualified and representative members of the Sinn Fein Organisation, to be elected by this Ard Fheis, and who will assemble in Dublin not later than twenty-one days after the termination of the Ard Fheis, 1925, when they will elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, Two Hon. Treasurers, and one whole-time male Secretary, who will be provided with a small office at Headquarters.

“ That after inaugural meeting, Committee to meet in Dublin at least once weekly. The object of Committee is to institute an extensive All Ireland Educational Programme to be directed, principally towards the non-sympathetic element. The Committee to be known as the ‘ Republican Educational Committee,’ and its functions to include :—



- “ (a) Publication and free distribution of the complete economic policy and democratic programme of Sinn Fein ;
- “ (b) In addition to above the publication and free distribution of special exhaustive papers, outlining the Sinn Fein Policy towards Labour, Housing, Land Questions, Unemployment, Protection of industries, Irish language, Emigration, Education, Poor Law, Agriculture, Shannon Scheme, Liquor Trade, Re-afforestation, Fisheries, National Finance, Foreign Trade, etc.
- “ (c) Short biographies of Wolfe Tone, Mitchel, Davis, Pearse, McSweeney, Brugha.
- “ (d) Treaty Demoralisation ;
- “ (e) Lectures ;
- “ (f) Public Meetings ;
- “ (g) Securing all surplus copies of ‘ An Phoblacht ’ for free distribution ;
- “ (h) Propaganda ;
- “ (i) Publicity ;
- “ (j) Formation of Cumainn,—Educational Sub-Committees ;
- “ (k) Formation of Comhairli Ceanntair Sub-Committees (Educational).

“ Cumainn directors to report activities each fortnight to Comhairle Ceanntair Directors. Comhairle Ceanntair Directors to report activities each month to Central Committee. Central Committee to report progress to Standing Committee each month. Central Committee to furnish an exhaustive annual report and Balance Sheet to Ard Fheis, 1925.

“ Authenticated reports of value for propaganda or publicity to be forwarded to Central Committee at once for utilisation.”



**Sandymount C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

4.—“ That no advertisement whatever be given by the Organisation to the ‘ Independent ’ newspaper, and that all Republicans be requested to refrain from purchasing same, or its kindred publications.”

**Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

5.—“ That this Ard Fheis requests the Republican Press Committee to issue to this Assembly a full statement of :—

“ (a) Past year’s work ;

“ (b) Present position, financial and otherwise ;

“ (c) Future intentions ;

“ and that each shareholder receive a copy of such statement.”



## ROINN VII.

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### EXILES.

#### **Preston C.S.F. (England).**

1.—“ That the delegate representative ask the advice of those in authority, what steps should be taken to deal with the persistent requests for money received from I.S.D.L. Headquarters in London.”

#### **Liverpool C.S.F. (England).**

2.—“ That the Ard Fheis be called upon to define the position of exiles with regard to Irish citizenship.”

#### **Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).**

3.—“ That this Ard Fheis request each English and Scottish Comhairle Ceanntair to adopt a financially weak constituency in Ireland, to assist in defraying the Election expenses ; such constituencies to be determined and allocated by the Ard Chomhairle.”



## ROINN VIII.

### VICTIMISATION.

#### Donnybrook C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).

I.—“ In addition to the eighty political prisoners, whose names are supplied by the Political Prisoners Committee, numbers of prisoners are being arrested for industrial warfare incidental on the attempt made by the ‘ Free State ’ and the Employers’ Federation to reduce wages. These short term prisoners are worthy of all sympathy and support as they are suffering for their Trades Union principles.

“ So long as Irish patriots are held in jail by, or for England, there can never be the real peace which we desire between the two countries.

“ It is necessary to make the jailers feel that it is a costly thing to keep Irishmen in jail and Ireland in bondage.

“ Economic warfare is becoming more and more a factor in international disputes, the Chinese, the Indians, and, to some extent, the Egyptians, have adopted it in their struggle against the British Empire, and are inflicting great loss on England.

“ Ireland is said to be England’s best customer, a boycott of English manufactured articles would, therefore, tell.

“ This is a mode of warfare in which all can join without danger and with comparatively little inconvenience to themselves, for goods that are not made in Ireland can readily be procured from foreign countries. It might be possible to form a reciprocal trade alliance with the countries also boycotting British goods.

“ We propose : —



- “ (a) That Sinn Fein proclaim a boycott of British goods till our prisoners are released ;
- “ (b) That the boycott be extended to Northern Ireland so long as the ‘ Six County Government’ holds our prisoners ;
- “ (c) That a call be made on our countrymen in America to buy no British or North of Ireland goods until the prisoners are released ;
- “ (d) That our representatives abroad get in touch with the organisers of the British boycott in China, India, and in Egypt, with a view to an economic alliance for the strengthening of the boycott ;
- “ (e) That the Cumainn be asked to organise meetings for the release of the prisoners, and to pass resolutions for the boycott of British manufactured articles.”

#### **Dundrum C.S.F. (Pembroke, Dublin).**

2.—“ That this Ard Fheis demand the immediate release of all Irish Republican Soldiers and Political Prisoners, at present detained in Irish or British jails, and that the Republican Government be requested to protest to the Government of all civilised countries, against the continued detention of such soldiers who have been sentenced for acts committed under orders, and while on active service during hostilities in defence of the Irish Republic.”

#### **Fermoy C.S.F. (Cork).**

3.—“ That in view of the large number of our members being thrown out of employment that this Cumann recommends to the Delegates the following for their immediate consideration :—

- “ (a) Men through their activities in either the army or civil occupations of the Republican movement who have been victimised by their employers on their return home from jail or otherwise ;
- “ (b) To provide employment where possible, for members generally out of employment.”



**Sandymount C.S.F. (Pembroke).**

4.—“ That this Ard Fheis hereby commends the noble action of the Rev. M. O’Flanagan in associating himself publicly with the victimised workers of Dublin and throughout the world, and trusts that he speaks as the Vice-President of the Organisation and with its authority.”

**Ranelagh C.S.F. (Rathmines).**

5.—“ That we deplore the widespread unemployment prevailing as a result of the victory of Imperialism, and that we extend our sympathy to the victims who are suffering so severely from this cause.”

**Sean MacDairmuda C.S.F. (North City, Dublin).**

6.—“ That for the protection of Ministers of Religion who have been suspended from their duties because of their political opinions, it is resolved that the organisation take measures in the Dioceses to which the victims were attached, to ensure that no person professing Republican principles subscribe to any collection for Church purposes in the said Dioceses, until such time as the victimised clergymen are restored to their former positions or positions of equal importance in their Church.”



