

ANNOUNCEMENT

SEPTEMBER

St. Louis Irish Northern Aid (Dick DeLaney Unit) August 1997

Calendar

- 9/6 Demonstration**
11:30 a.m. Monthly anti-deportation demonstration in front of the Federal Court building on Market Street downtown.
- 9/6 Road Trip to Chicago**
7 p.m. Details below.
- 9/10 Card Writing for the POWs**
Meet at the Flynns' house (1011 Blase, Des Peres). All welcome.
- 9/13 Tailgate Sale**
At Freddie White's White House, Gravois and Laclede Station Road. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Irish Northern Aid.
- 9/15 and 9/25 Video "North Belfast: The Struggle"**
7:00 at Jennifer Furey's. Details below.
- 9/18 Monthly Noraid Meeting**
7:30 p.m. in the basement of the rectory of St. Joseph's Church in Clayton; corner of Maryland and Meramec. All are welcome.

Another Successful Irish Breakfast

Once again, the Irish Breakfast held on Sunday, August 3, was a tremendous success, thanks to the planning and hard work of Linda DeLaney, Charlotte Holmes, Sharon and Fred White, and many others. CBS came to the Irish breakfast and taped for the documentary, and the event was covered by a number of other local media outlets. The breakfast was, if anything, even more successful than the last; a significant sum of money was raised for the Matt Morrison Defense Fund, and the breakfast provided another chance for local people to show their support for Matt Morrison.

The next breakfast will be held on October 5. Reservations are encouraged: please contact Dave

and Charlotte Holmes for advance reservations at 645-3572. Price is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children between 5 and 12; children younger than 5 have free admission. Don't forget to bring small items for the gift baskets to the next Noraid meeting; the raffling of these baskets is a great source of donations to the Defense Fund.

Chicago Road Trip

Caoimhghin O'Caolain (pronounced Kweeven O'Keelon) will be speaking in Chicago on Saturday, September 6, at 7 p.m. at the Local 134 IBEW Hall at 600 West Washington St. He will give a Gaelic presentation at 9:00. The donation amount is \$20. INA is urging all people who are able to do so to make the trip to hear Mr. O'Caolain speak and show their support for Sinn Fein's participation in the peace talks.

St. Louis INA will be going to Chicago to hear Mr. O'Caolain speak. Those of us who were in Ireland last month had the chance to hear him, and he is a great speaker. This is a historic opportunity for American Republicans; Mr. O'Caolain is the first member of Sinn Fein elected to the Irish parliament who will take his seat. We will be leaving on Saturday morning around 11:00 (I will call those who gave me their phone numbers), and coming back Sunday morning; lodging is being arranged. We have enough cars to take as many people as want to go; eight have already said they will be attending. If you want to go, call me at 781-7981 immediately.

Videotape Screening

North Belfast Sinn Fein has produced a 75-minute videotape, North Belfast: The Struggle, that gives an overview of North Belfast's role in Irish history of the past 30 years. I will be showing it at my apartment since it's too long to show at a regular monthly meeting.

It's an interesting history, including interviews with Gerry Kelly, Bobby Lavery, Martin Meehan, and many

er Republicans, as well as footage of British Army/RUC attacks on North Belfast. I'll be showing it on the 15th and the 25th at 7 p.m. Refreshments and chips and the like will be provided. Give me a call at 781-7981 or leave a message if you're interested in coming, so I'll know how many to expect. Small place; I've got seating for four and a comfy floor. My address is 6238 Oakland Ave., Apt. 3W. Let me know if you need directions to Oakland Ave; it's right across from the zoo parking lot, and my building is the first apartment building west of Deaconess Hospital; I have a tricolor flying from my balcony. Go around the far right of the building, and up the first set of steps. I'm on the top (3rd) floor, and my door is the one with the welcome mat. If you can't make it, but still want to see the tape (or "The Law and the Order" by the LOCC), let me know at the next Noraid meeting, and I'll get the tape to you.

INA-Related Information Wanted

While we were in Ireland, Linda, Leslie, and I met a man who said he would be willing to file any information we generated regarding St. Louis INA and the Matt Morrison campaign with the Irish National Library in Dublin. We will be sending him all newsletters we create, but he is also looking for "stop the deportation" stickers, "let them stay" postcards, demonstration fliers, anything printed that we did. This is a great opportunity for us. Please bring anything you have accumulated over the years (and are willing to part with) to the next (or any) Noraid meeting.

A Request from the Card Writers

St. Louis INA is going to try to send a Christmas card to every Irish POW this Christmas. This is an ambitious project, and your help is needed. Please bring any Christmas cards you have left over from last Christmas to the next Noraid

meeting; your generosity will save the group money. Also, we will start addressing the envelopes and writing the cards starting in October; this will be a lot of work, and any extra volunteers to come to the Flynn's and help us out would be greatly appreciated.

Update on Anti-Terrorism Bill (From Cari Zall, IAUC)

I would like to remind everyone NOT to get paranoid about this and to remember to keep your eyes on the Prize. The British lobby to get Irish activist groups on the State Department's List of "terrorist support organizations" is simply another dirty trick/Roisin McAliskey ploy to distract us from our main fight: Irish Nationalism. Just as when they cruelly imprisoned Roisin, they thought they could redirect our activism from our main cause to her, they are playing the same game with our legislation and Constitution. They underestimate our stamina and our ability to fight on many fronts at once. So while you fight this list and the unconstitutionality of the Act, remember to keep your focus centered on our goal: A FREE AND UNITED IRELAND.

I have spoken to several people from the ACLU and the Center for Constitutional Rights regarding the State Dept. "List." After several conferences, we've come to the conclusion that the list won't be released during Gerry Adams' visit, especially if Sinn Fein is named. However, although there is Administration support for Sinn Fein, both Janet Reno and Madeleine Albright opposed Gerry and Martin's visas. So our biggest contention at this point is with State and Justice: State because they are the ones who will determine who goes on the List and Justice because they will enforce the Act.

The minute the list is released, bank accounts will be frozen, phone taps will go up and indictments will come down. However, according to the

Act, no one can be indicted RETROACTIVELY. This means that if someone is "associated" with a group named on the List, they can only be prosecuted for actions AFTER the List is released. We also discussed the fact that "alien removal" courts have already been established and the corrupt Diplock-like justice system that is conceivable under this Act is already in swing. I was informed of an Egyptian deportee who has been held for 16 months in prison SOLELY on "secret evidence" (that his defense attorneys cannot see). And we all know what's happened with our own H-Block 3. This needs to be taken seriously but not with paranoia. There needs to be calm and organized response, but it also needs to be immediate.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to begin preparing a letter or phone call to be made to a local paper, Congressman, Senator or any federal representative for the moment the List comes out. Our job is to get the other side of the story out as quickly as possible since the government is going to spin it with power.

There is already an organization set up to deal with the fall out from the release of the List—the National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom (NCPFF). They are setting up a system to handle the lawsuits and litigation that will erupt when the list is published.

These are the areas we need to focus on fighting:

1. Opposing the use of secret evidence in deportation proceedings
2. Building opposition to key provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Act:
 - a. Criminalizing humanitarian fundraising
 - b. Use of secret evidence
 - c. New Federal deportation court (the "alien terrorist removal court")
 - d. Limiting political asylum
 - e. Threat of mass deportations (the government has already placed thousands of immigrants in deportation proceedings on the antiterrorism laws)
 - f. Immigrant communities targeted (the broad targeting of entire

communities)
Chilling speech and association
the government wants to chill
political expression, free exchange of
ideas and the right to associate
politically and religiously throughout
the U.S. The government is also
using this to justify a major buildup of
federal law enforcement and military
presence in the U.S. and abroad)
h. Expanding FBI Investigations
(including the DOUBLING of the
FBI's counter-terrorism budget)
i. Restricting habeas corpus appeals

Finally, it is very clear that the
British government is lobbying
EXTREMELY hard to get every Irish
Republican organization on the list
that it can. The British Embassy
alone has over 600 employees, and
they don't even have a constituency
in this country. The Friends of Sinn
Fein office is run by one Irish woman
Sinn Fein representative and one
Irish American woman. That's the
extent of Republicanism's "official"
presence in the U.S., yet its
constituency is tremendous and the
Irish American community's
association with it expansive. Thus,
if Sinn Fein is named on the list, even
though FOSF and INA and other Irish
American political groups are not
named, the "guilt by association"
prospect is unappealing.

Our best tactic at this point remains
dissemination of information;
educating the public about the
consequences of this Act and the list.
For us, our focus can be the Irish
American community; however, the
general population needs to be
aware of these issues as well.
Consistent letters to the press and
the government are our best bet at
this point, until the list is released
and litigation begins. Gerry Adams
cannot speak to the Anti-terrorism
Act while he is here because it is an
internal U.S. policy, and Sinn Fein
cannot speak to other countries'
internal policies. So it is up to US to
fight this. Please send the following
letter to all the individuals whose
addresses follow.

Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of
State

Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madame Secretary:

Representative Henry Hyde sent a
letter to you last week requesting that
the State Department finalize its list
of "terrorist groups" and "terrorist
support groups" to be used in
conjunction with the new Anti-
Terrorism Act of 1997. Listed among
possible candidates for this list are
Friends of Sinn Fein and Irish
Northern Aid. I am writing to urge
you not to include these groups on
the list. They are NOT terrorist
support organizations and, despite
what British officials insinuate, do not
give money to the IRA. They are
legitimate U.S. organizations that
work tirelessly for the human rights of
the people of the North of Ireland.
Many people in the U.S. are active in
this work and are associated with
these organizations.

In addition, there is the problem of
civil rights infringement that this Act
causes Americans. The Act allows
the U.S. government to operate
hearings where secret evidence can
be submitted without the defense
having knowledge of it, hearings can
be completely denied and Americans
can be imprisoned or deported for
association with the groups named
on the list.

As an American, I am ashamed of
my own government's complicity in
civil rights abuses committed against
its own citizens. This includes the
families who are already facing unjust
deportation back to the North of
Ireland where their lives and the lives
of their families will be in mortal
danger. As an Irish American, I
assure you that the censoring of
legitimate organizations that have the
support of millions of citizens of the
U.S. will not only alienate Irish
Americans but severely affect their
votes in any upcoming election.
Americans have the inalienable right,
guaranteed by the Constitution, of
freedom of speech, and the implied
freedom to support whatever causes
they choose. If the State Department

takes those rights away from
Americans, there may be serious
legal repercussions. As voting,
tax-paying citizens of this country, we
cannot stand idly by while Congress
and agencies of the federal
government propose to censure
Americans or legitimate American
organizations, especially ones that
work for the human rights of others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

cc: Rep. Henry J. Hyde, U.S.
Congress; John Shattuck, Assistant
Secretary of State, Bureau of
Democracy, Human Rights and
Labor; George J. Mitchell, Special
Advisor to the President & Secretary
of State for Economic Initiatives in
Ireland; Joseph L. Brand, Esquire,
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Senator George J. Mitchell
[use his State Department title and
send it to the State Department
address]

Also, please copy your own Members
of Congress and Senators on this
issue.

Action Alert for Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson may well be allowed an appeal because the evidence submitted in his trial was from the discredited FBI lab. Richard is serving a ten-year sentence for "possession of property in aid of foreign insurgents," an 80-year-old statute which had never been used in court until his case. He surprised the FBI while they were bugging his car and they were forced into an early arrest, which led to a trial in which the judge was openly favorable to the prosecution, allowing them to admit as evidence such items as back issues of AP/RN and Irish history books—items most of us probably have in our homes. The judge then proceeded to double the federal sentencing guidelines, which called for five years—had he not done so, Richard would have been out for some time by now (as it is, he is to be released in October 1999). Now the Department of Justice wants an *ex parte*, in camera hearing (i.e., a secret hearing without the defendant or his representatives present) to determine how such an appeal would proceed and the extent to which possibly tainted evidence affected Richard's trial. Richard has served years in prison and we are trying to get his sentence commuted to time served (which is already in excess of the sentencing guidelines). Please write to President Clinton and make sure to send a copy of whatever you write to Rep. Diana DeGette at the following address:

Hon. Diana DeGette
1400 Glenarm St.
Suite 202
Denver Co. 80202
ATTN Alice Huppert

Please do this as soon as you can. It would be great if you could forward copies of letters to either Joe Joyce <oneire@juno.com> or David Fanning <fanning.10@osu.edu>, who will forward them to Richard.

Action for the H-

Block Four

The U.S. District Court in San Francisco has ruled that the remaining members of the "H-Block Four" (Terence Kirby, Kevin Artt and Pol Brennan) can be extradited back to the Six Counties. These men will face harassment, continued abuse of their human rights, and separation from their families in the U.S. This is a violation of the 1985 Supplementary United States-UK Extradition Treaty which allows for no extraditions when those involved will face threats to their human rights based on their nationality or religious or political beliefs. They need your support.

Phone/Fax/Write to President Clinton now! Demand that he do the following:

1. Stop the extraditions of Kevin Artt, Terence Kirby, and Pol Brennan and support the Irish deportees.
2. Demand that the rights of the H-Block Four and the Irish deportees be included in the all-party talks

Write to President Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
White House switchboard:(202) 456-1414
Fax: (202) 456-2461
Website & e-mail:
<http://www.whitehouse.web>
President@whitehouse.gov

Write to the POWs

The following prisoners have birthdays in October. Entries are organized as follows: Name/ Birthday/ Prison/ Number or Hometown/ Sentence/ Release date (if any)

Breslin, Michael / 10/16 / Maze / A2098 Derry City / 25 / 4/2001
Collins, Kieran / 10/24 / Maze / B266 Clonard [Belfast] / 10 / 12/97
Conlon, Steven / 10/31 / Maze / A1721 Blackwatertown / 20 / 1/99
Coyle, Colm / 10/14 / Maze / A9106 Newry / 14 / 4/99
Crawford, Robert / 10/11 / Maze / A603 Bone [Belfast] / LIFE + 25
Deery, Anthony / 10/31 / Maze /

A8960 Derry City / 20 / 3/2002
Doherty, Anthony / 10/15 / Maze / A7780 Derry City / LIFE
Doherty, Seamus / 10/30 / Maze / A3615 Derry City / 20 / 10/99
Duffy, Michael / 10/27 / Maze / A6875 Andersonstown / LIFE
Duggan, Harry / 10/31 / Whitemoor / 338638 Clare / LIFE
Gilmartin, Eugene / 10/13 / Maze / A303 Twinbrook [Belfast] / LIFE
Mahon, Robert / 10/17 / Maze / A9191 New Lodge / 12 / 5/98
Marley, Emmanuel / 10/24 / Maze / A1757 Ardoyne [Belfast] / 20 / 1/99
Molloy, Tommy / 10/7 / Maze / A122 Andersonstown [Belfast] / LIFE
Morrison, Ciaran / 10/12 / Maze / B473 Beechmount/ 25 / 7/2005
Murray, Paddy / 10/4 / Maze / B474 Beechmount [Belfast] / 25 / 7/2005
McFarlane, Brendan / 10/9 / Maze / A742 Ardoyne [Belfast] / LIFE [Note: Bik is being released; birthday cards may not get to him]
McGoldrick, Francis / 10/9 / Maze / B521 Lisnaskea / 14 / 1/2000
McNally, Brian / 10/30 / Portlaoise / Dublin / REMAND
McNulty, Sean / 10/13 / Maze / Tyrone / 25
Wright, Marie / 10/20 / Maghaberry / F9 Andersonstown / 24 / 10/2004

H.M. Prison Maghaberry--Female

Old Mill Road
Ballinderry, County Antrim
NORTH IRELAND BT28 2 PT

H.M. Prison Maze

Lisburn, County Antrim
NORTH IRELAND BT27 5RP

Portlaoise Prison

Portlaoise, County Laoise
IRELAND

H.M. Prison Whitemoor

Long Hill Road
March
Cambridgeshire PE15 0PR
ENGLAND

If your membership anniversary date is in September, please remember to pay your dues.

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<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/2677>; photos from the Belfast tour coming soon