

SINN FÉIN

ARD—FHEIS 1979

(EANÁIR 19 & 20, 1980)

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Rules governing the procedure of An Ard-Fheis

ORDUITHE SEASTA — STANDING ORDERS

1. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed to speak for five minutes when proposing a motion. The proposer or seconder of a motion or an amendment shall be given three minutes to reply before the proposal has been put for a decision.
2. All other speakers to a motion or an amendment, shall be allowed to speak for three minutes each.
3. The policy spokesman introducing each section shall be allowed five minutes and three minutes to conclude the section.
4. On the motion being moved and seconded "that the question be now put", the Chair, after allowing those who have expressed their wish to speak to do so, shall have no option, but to put the motion to a vote of delegates. In the event of the motion being carried, the Chair, after allowing the proposer or seconder of the resolution (and amendment if any) under discussion, three minutes as provided for in (1) above, shall have no option but to put the resolution or amendment to a vote.
5. Visitors shall be admitted at the discretion of An Ard-Fheis. One visitor, representing an accredited organisation, shall be allowed to speak on behalf of the organisation for three minutes on any proposal or amendment under discussion, but shall not be allowed to vote. Sinn Féin Local Councillors shall be given the same facilities as accredited organisations.
6. Persons nominated for officership or membership of An Ard-Chomhairle shall not be eligible to act as tellers.
7. Delegates when speaking, must give their names and the name of the cumann and area represented.
8. All amendments must be handed in, in writing.
9. Once adopted by this Ard-Fheis it shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present to suspend Standing Orders.
10. The Clár shall be agreed at the commencement of An Ard-Fheis and shall be strictly adhered to.
11. Points of order will be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be limited to 30 seconds.
12. Delegates requiring information on matters under discussion must do so in writing.
13. Resolutions seeking suspension of Standing Orders must be submitted to the Chairman in writing giving reasons for same.
14. A Steering Committee will be approved by An Ard-Fheis.

POLICY

(A) RELATING TO POLICY DOCUMENT

- 1 That the present Éire Nua policy and governmental structures be retained, promoted and publicised during the coming year as the policy of Sinn Féin with any amendments as may be passed by this Ard-Fheis.

ARD-COMHAIRLE

- 2 (a) That An Ard-Fheis accept the draft policy paper from An Ard-Chomhairle as a policy document of basic Republican objectives and principles. That this Ard-Fheis endorses the need to build a diversified struggle on many fronts in pursuance of these objectives and, therefore, supports the proposal to build an economic resistance campaign.
(b) That this Ard-Fheis accepts the need to up-date the various sections in the form of interim policy documents such as "The Quality of Life", "National Offshore" etc., based on the policy points submitted in the Ard-Chomhairle paper and authorises the incoming Ard-Chomhairle to draft such documents as the need arises.
(c) That the incoming Ard-Chomhairle be instructed by An Ard-Fheis to prepare a policy programme for consideration by the next Ard-Fheis.

ARD-CHOMHAIRLE

- 3 That this Ard-Fheis confirms its confidence in the Social and Economic Policy and Regional Government structures as outlined in Éire Nua and subsequent policy documents.

FOX, SOUTH MEATH/
FENNELL McDONNELL, BELFAST/
PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL
BALLYSHANNON — COMHAIRLE CHUIGE ULADH
COMHAIRLÍ CEANTAIR: MEATH/MID-KERRY/BELFAST

- 4 That a major campaign be initiated in early 1980 to publicise the advantages of a Four Province Federal Ireland based on self-governing communities

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

- 5 That Sinn Féin up-date Éire Nua and make it an attractive social and economic document for the problems facing the people of Ireland in the 80s.

DONEGAL COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR/
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH/
COMHAIRLE CHUIGE LAIGHEAN

- 6 That if the Éire Nua policy is to be replaced, the new policy be immediately circulated to all Comhairlí Ceantair, that a discussion period of three months be allowed and that, if necessary, an extraordinary Ard-Fheis be called to either ratify or reject same.

**COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR: CLARE/LOCH GARMAN
COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE MUMHAN**

- 7 That Sinn Féin should develop short-term and long-term policies.

PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL

(5) GENERAL

- 8 That Sinn Féin states that when Britain gives a declaration of intent that they will present to all the people their policy and will partake in an election for all Ireland. This is in keeping with our beliefs that the people of Ireland will decide their own destiny.

PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL

- 9 That the Ard-Fheis confirms that the prime objective of Sinn Féin is the reunification of Ireland and that we actively oppose those promoting British interests to the detriment of Irish people.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MEATH

- 10 That Sinn Féin calls for:—
(a) the immediate withdrawal of British troops;
(b) simultaneous with British withdrawal Sinn Féin calls for the disbandment and disarming of the U.D.R. and the R.U.C. by the British.

JAMES CONNOLLY, BELFAST

- 11 That this Ard-Fheis wishes to express its support for a complete British withdrawal.

BAILE MHÚIRNE/CÚIL AODHA, CO. CHORCAI

- 12 That Sinn Féin strenuously oppose the use of the misnomer — Northern Ireland — when referring to the Six Occupied Counties of Ireland.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MEATH

- 13 That as a full member of the E.E.C. we should examine the position in view of the present crisis and state of the economy in Ireland as a whole.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, CAVAN

- 14 That it be Sinn Féin's policy to favour the availability of contraceptives and sex education programmes.

FENNELL/McDONNELL, BELFAST
JAMES CONNOLLY, BELFAST

- 15 That Sinn Féin produce a document explaining their policy on contraception.

TOM CLARKE, DUBLIN

- 16 That Sinn Féin make known its policy to the public regarding the proposed Nuclear Power Plant in this country and that we support alternative energy propositions.

BILLY REID, TYRONE

- 17 That a foreigner applying for Irish citizenship be accorded it only if she/he has an adequate knowledge of Irish history, culture and language.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MEATH

(C) INTERNAL

- 18 That Sinn Féin explore the possibility of the formation of a National Popular Front to bring together as many groups, individuals and the public at large as a broad platform to demand of the British a declaration of their intent to withdraw from Ireland.

EMMET/LIGGET, ANTRIM

- 19 That as much emphasis be placed on Republicanism as on Socialism.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, CAVAN

- 20 That pilot schemes out of Éire Nua be put into operation.

PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL

- 21 That this Ard-Fheis instruct the incoming Ard-Chomhairle to elaborate on the structures and workings of local committees and District Councils as envisaged in the Éire Nua policy.

COMHAIRLE CHUIGE MUMHAN

- 22 That the general membership of Sinn Féin play a greater role in formulating policy.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, LIMERICK CITY

- 23 That any member in an elected position take all possible opportunities to put forward Sinn Féin policy.

COMHAIRLE CHUIGE MUMHAN

- 24 That open film shows and policy courses be held at least quarterly for our members and the public.

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 25 That the incoming Ard-Chomhairle should organise training courses for all Cumann officers.

PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN

- 26 That no member of Sinn Féin be allowed full membership unless he or she has completed the Educational course.

COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE LAIGHEAN

- 27 No landlord or speculator should be a member of Sinn Féin and any such person who is a member already should be expelled forthwith.

CASEMENT/NOLAN, DUBLIN

- 28 That a report of all resolutions passed at An Ard-Fheis be sent to all Cumainn, Comhairlí Ceantair and Comhairlí Cúige, within four weeks of the relevant Ard-Fheis.

EMMET/LIGGET, ANTRIM

- 29 In order to simplify the production of An Clár, that all cumainn, comhairlí ceantair and comhairlí cúige be instructed to classify their resolutions into two categories:—

(a) Resolutions that must stand.

(b) Resolutions that may be deleted in favour of similar resolutions.

ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH

- 30 That this Ard-Fheis limit the number of speakers on all motions to the Proposer and five other speakers.

PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN

- 31 That the number of votes cast for each candidate be announced at Ard-Fheiseanna.

LOUGHNANE BROS, DUBLIN

- 32 That the system of electing the Ard-Chomhairle be looked into and changed.

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

SEAN TREACY, BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 33 That delegates to future Ard-Fheiseanna be supplied with a brief background of qualification of prospective candidates for Ard-Chomhairle.

LOUGHNANE BROS, DUBLIN

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MEATH

ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH

- 34 That each candidate that has accepted nomination to An Ard-Chomhairle should canvass.
SÉAN HEUSTON, LIMERICK
- 35 That nominees proposed for Ard-Chomhairle do not appear on the voting list unless they have been proposed by at least three of the constitutional bodies, i.e., Cumainn, Comhairle Cheantair, Comhairle Chúige.
CLONARD MARTYRS, BELFAST
- 36 That a record of attendance of all outgoing members of An Ard-Chomhairle be read to the delegates at this and future Ard-Fheiseanna and that an account of the work done during the previous year by each member be given to the delegates.
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH
- 37 That standing orders be amended to allow time for a brief review of the important decisions taken at last year's Ard-Fheis.
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH
- 38 That a Watch Committee be set up to see that all Resolutions passed at last year's Ard-Fheis be adhered to.
McNULTY/CANNON, DUBLIN
- 39 That members expelled by their cumann for misappropriation of the property and funds of the organisation should be suspended pending an appeal to the Comhairle Cheantair or Ard-Chomhairle. That a time limit be stated regarding the right to appeal and that the appeal be dealt with without undue delay.
PEARSE/McDAID, BIRMINGHAM
- 40 That in an area where there is no Comhairle Cheantair that no new cumann should be formed without previous consultations with existing cumann or cumainn in the area and that following their report to the Ard-Chomhairle who would determine the matter if necessary.
PEARSE/McDAID, BIRMINGHAM
- 41 That no member of a cumann who has charges against that member should be accepted into another cumann until the charges are dealt with, that the cumann decision be binding unless overruled by a Comhairle Cheantair or Ard-Chomhairle.
PEARSE/McDAID, BIRMINGHAM

ORGANISATION

- 42 That a national organiser be appointed with a specific brief to ensure that all levels of Sinn Féin are working in accordance with the constitution of Sinn Féin.

**EMMET/LIGGET, ANTRIM.
CLONARD MARTYRS, BELFAST.**

- 43 That a committee be set up drawing on talent from all levels of the organisation to research and advise cumainn on the best methods of attracting new members and making contact with the local community.

**COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH.
O'CARROLL/TIERNEY, BELFAST.**

- 44 That meetings such as Athlone be held on a Bi-Annual basis.

**PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL
COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, ROSCOMMON
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH**

- 45 While we are in favour of decentralised structures such as Comhairlí Cúige, we feel that as they have not worked efficiently in their present form they should be reassessed at this time with a view to making them workable or disbanding them.

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 46 That the Ard-Chomhairle devolve more power to Comhairle Chúige and that Comhairle Chúige be brought more into the running of Sinn Féin.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, DONEGAL

- 47 That Comhairle Chúige be given more power.

PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL

- 48 That all Comhairlí Cúige be empowered to collect all moneys due when Comhairlí Ceantair are unable to do so.

KILCULLEN, KILDARE

- 49 That Article 56, Clause B of the Constitution be implemented and must apply to all members.

JAMES CONNOLLY, DUBLIN

- 50 That Sinn Féin make it compulsory for new members to register with the governing body in their areas — to ensure undesirables are unable to enroll.

CASEMENT/NOLAN, DUBLIN

- 51 That policy formation units be established at Ard-Chomhairle, Comhairle Chúige and Comhairle Cheantair level as an integral part of each committee.
EMMET/LIGGET, ANTRIM
- 52 That elected personnel make regular visits to cumainn.
JAMES CONNOLLY, DUBLIN
- 53 Head Office should organise a weekly postal system for each Cumann and Comhairle Cheantair in order to save time and expense.
PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN
- 54 (a) That this Ard-Fheis direct An Ard-Chomhairle to examine the feasibility of combining the offices of Secretaries and Treasurers to that of one full-time General Secretary and one full-time Financial Secretary and to reallocate the work and duties accordingly.
(b) That An Ard-Chomhairle be empowered to arrange for future Ard-Fheiseanna to elect these officers.
FOX, SOUTH MEATH
- 55 That An Ard-Chomhairle be re-organised as follows:-
(a) One member from each Comhairle Cheantair.
(b) Full-time personnel at Head Office.
(c) Positions of Comhairle Chúige members be abolished.
COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, ROSCOMMON
- 56 That the incoming Ard-Chomhairle appoint a committee to examine the structures of Sinn Féin and align these structures with our proposed governmental structures.
COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE MUMHAN — COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, BELFAST —
PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN — ARD-CHOMHAIRLE

PUBLICITY

- 57 As an active protest against the R.T.E. ban on Sinn Féin spokespersons, members should refuse to pay their television licence fees.
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH — MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH
- 58 That Sinn Féin contest the constitutionality of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act.
CASHEL, CO. TIPPERARY
- 59 That the incoming Ard-Chomhairle take immediate action to organise a nationwide campaign to highlight the press and media censorship which prevents Sinn Féin from presenting our political programme to the general public.
MICHAEL O'HANRAHAN, WEXFORD/COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, KILDARE

- 60 That an immediate intensive publicity campaign be initiated to counteract the lying propaganda against the aims of the Republican Movement and its members.
PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN
- 61 That a full-time National Press Officer be appointed and if this is not possible for financial reasons that one of the Joint General Secretaries act as National Press Officer.
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH/MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH
- 62 That Officer Board members of Comhairíí Cúige be capable of going public and acting as spokespersons for Sinn Féin. That Comhairle Chúige Officers be properly trained and where suitable be permitted to act as spokespersons on specified issues at Comhairle Chúige level.
ARD-CHOMAIRLE — CLONARD MARTYRS, BELFAST
- 63 That a national publicity committee or department under the chairmanship of the National Director of Publicity be set up.
COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH — COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE LAIGHEAN
- 64 That all scripts of interviews be edited before publication.
PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL
- 65 That the P.R.O. be responsible for sending local news to An Phoblacht/Republican News.
COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE LAIGHEAN
- 66 That each cumann publish a statement on local Sinn Féin policy in their local papers frequently.
COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE LAIGHEAN
- 67 That press releases be sent to the Publicity Officer of each Comhairle Cheantair.
COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, ROSCOMMON
- 68 That heads of Departments (i.e. spokespersons) issue statements relevant to their Departments on appropriate occasions.
O CARROLL/TIERNEY, BELFAST
- 69 That Ard-Oifig send free samples of posters, leaflets, literature, etc. to all Comhairlí Ceantair.
KILCULLEN, KILDARE
- 70 That Sinn Féin publish a booklet entailing a brief history of the Republican Movement with particular reference to the past 11 years and outlining its ideals and objectives.
PATRICK McADOREY, DUBLIN

- 71 That Sinn Féin bring out a Yearbook listing the year's statistics, main political speeches, interviews, reports of the year's main demonstrations and results of relevant elections.

PATRICK McADOREY, DUBLIN

ELECTIONS AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

- 72 That Sinn Féin policy with regard to local elections be uniform throughout the 32 Counties.

**COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE ULADH
CARTHY/CROWLEY/LOUGHRAN, TYRONE/BILLY REID, TYRONE**

- 73 That in order to prevent the participation of native Irish collaborators in forthcoming elections, either Parliamentary or Assembly, we should contest them on an abstentionist basis.

CARTY/ CROWLEY/ LOUGHRAN, TYRONE

- 74 That Sinn Féin should contest the next general election in the 26 Counties, with a view to taking their seats when elected, not as a recognition of Leinster House, but for tactical reasons. We feel that this is an essential step towards the realisation in practical terms of the Republic as declared in the Proclamation of 1916.

HARRY YOUNG, SLIGO

- 75 A course be implemented on the working procedure for Local Government Elections.

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 76 A Constituency Advice Committee be established to help and advise Sinn Féin elected representatives in pursuance of policy. The Representatives would be members of this Committee.

COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE MUMHAN

- 77 That all election literature be standardised and be of a high quality.

ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH

- 78 That Sinn Féin Councillors do not vote for Free State parties on chairmanship of councils, except where the system of chairmanship rotates.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MID KERRY

- 79 (a) That the structure of election conventions be changed. Each cumann should hold a general meeting to nominate their candidates and nominations be sent back to Comhairle Cheantair. Voting papers will then be sent to cumann and be returned to Secretary of Comhairle Cheantair not to be opened until time of convention.
(b) That a candidate be at least a one-year member of Sinn Féin.
(c) That only paid up members will have votes at convention (cumann) for elections.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MID-KERRY

PRISONERS

- 80 That Sinn Féin adopts a more militant attitude towards the H-Block struggle by carrying out special operations that cannot be ignored by the public or the media.
- 81 That Sinn Féin as an organisation be seen to be involved in prisoners' issues.

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

O'CARROLL/TIERNEY, BELFAST

CULTURE AND EDUCATION

- 82 Go ndéanfaí seasamh níos fearr ar cheist na teanga Gaeilge agus go ndéadfadh an t-Oifigeach Cultúrtha níos mó eagrú maidir le agóidí.
- 83 That Sinn Féin devise a package of incentives that would act as a catalyst towards the widespread use of An Ghaeilge by the general public, and that we abandon the policy of compulsory Irish for public bodies in the New Ireland.
- 84 That Sinn Féin do more in the coming year to promote the Irish Language.
- 85 That Sinn Féin condemns the Free State Government for its failure to give equal treatment to the establishment of All-Irish Schools.
- 86 That an education course to help further our national culture be implemented.

CASEMENT/NOLAN, ÁTH CLIATH

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

**BALLYSHANNON, CO. DONEGAL
PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL**

ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH

JAMES CONNOLLY, BALLYFERMOT, DUBLIN

- 87 That the Education Department up-date the Audio-Visual course and that it be mandatory for each cumann to hold a course at least once a year.

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, LIMERICK CITY

- 88 That the Education programme, taking any policy changes into account, be drawn up and distributed to all cumainn as soon as possible after the Ard-Fheis.

EMMET/LIGGET, ANTRIM

- 89 That education courses for Sinn Féin members include more detailed study of the basic principles of Republicanism and the history of the Republican Movement.

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

- 90 That an Economic Education Programme be designed to educate the membership. This should consist of:-

- (a) Present day economic systems and proposed systems throughout the world.
- (b) General Economic History.
- (c) Economic Systems regarding Ireland both past and present.
- (d) The writings of the philosophers behind these various systems and proposed systems.

FENNELL/McDONNELL, BELFAST

CONSTITUTION

- 91 That Rule 21 be changed to read:- "4 Co-options, one of which must be a National Director of Finance".

ARD-CHOMHAIRLE

- 92 That Rule 28E4 read:- ".....and also affiliated membership fees in the province".

COMHAIRLE CHUIGE LAIGHEAN

- 93 That Associate Membership be abolished.

McDAID/BRADLEY, DERRY

- 94 That Rule 52 be changed to read:-

"That any Cumann who fail to pay affiliation fees and membership fees within two months after the Ard-Fheis be struck off the Register and can only be re-affiliated as a new Cumann".

TRAOLACH MAC SUIBHNE, CORCAIGH

YOUTH AND WOMEN

- 95 That serious consideration be given to the discrimination encountered by women, especially widowed or separated, in their day to day lives and that Sinn Féin draw up a constructive policy on Women's issues.

COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 96 That the first task of the new Sinn Féin co-ordination Committee on Women's Affairs be to expose the degrading treatment experienced by women in British interrogation centres and prisons.

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

- 97 That this Ard-Fheis, recognising widespread discrimination against women in Ireland, directs the Ard-Chomhairle to formulate a policy document for discussion on women's rights. The objective being to produce, before the next Ard-Fheis a policy document on the matter.

CASEMENT/NOLAN, DUBLIN

- 98 That an all Ireland Youth Conference be held for the youth in Sinn Féin within the forthcoming year.

SEAN TREACY, BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

- 99 That Sinn Féin launch a campaign to educate and interest the youth of Ireland in Republican principles and policies. We urge the newly elected Ard-Chomhairle to deal with the section relating on youth early on Sunday for the next Ard-Fheis.

BILLY REID, TYRONE

- 100 That Sinn Féin set up the machinery to attract the youth by either setting up a Youth Section answerable to the cumann or Youth cumainn.

FENNELL/McDONNELL, BELFAST

- 101 That Sinn Féin formulate a Co-Operative Youth Employment Project to be tested in a pilot scheme.

ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH.

AN PHOBLACHT / REPUBLICAN NEWS

- 102 That the Ard-Chomhairle appoint two of its members to attend weekly editorial meetings of An Phoblacht/Republican News to ensure satisfactory coverage of Sinn Féin matters.

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

- 103 That more autonomy be given to Sinn Féin as regards An Phoblacht/Republican News.
PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL
- 104 That the political, social and economic policies of Sinn Féin be given coverage in An Phoblacht/Republican News.
MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH/COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH
- 105 That more thought be given to the front page of An Phoblacht/Republican News in order to make it more attractive to the public and photographs of non-Republican politicians not be used on the front page.
MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH
- 106 That An Phoblacht/Republican News bring back the editorial column.
MÍCHEÁL MAC GEARAILT, CORCAIGH/PATRICK CARTY, DONEGAL
- 107 That each Comhairle Cheantair be made responsible for all paper sales in their area.
COMHAIRLE CHÚIGE MUMHAN/COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, CLARE
- 108 That the recent advertisement in An Phoblacht/Republican News asking for independent paper-sellers is an insult to Sinn Féin. This practice could prove detrimental to the Movement.
MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH
- 109 That a Publicity Officer for An Phoblacht/Republican News be appointed by each Comhairle Cheantair.
COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, ROSCOMMON
- 110 That the Republican News heading be dropped from An Phoblacht. As a national newspaper one name is sufficient and this should be in Irish.
BILLY REID, TYRONE
- 111 That An Phoblacht/Republican News carry a sports page.
COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, CLARE
- 112 Vote of thanks and congratulations for all those responsible for the amalgamation of An Phoblacht/Republican News.
PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY

- 113 As it has been recognised that Sinn Féin should be more involved in Community issues we propose that the incoming Ard-Chomhairle appoint someone to head this Department and similar appointments be made throughout the organisation.

**O'CARROLL/TIERNEY, BELFAST
ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH**

- 114 That Sinn Féin highlight the appalling lack of adequate housing in Ireland, north and south, and actively supports pressure groups who are fighting for better conditions for the working classes.

**COMHAIRLE ÁTHA CLIATH
MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH**

- 115 The present fragmentation of land in Connacht, especially in Co. Mayo, be altered, and that land re-arranging become official policy of Sinn Féin in Éire Nua

COMHAIRLE CHEANTAIR, MAYO

- 116 That Sinn Féin members play a more active role in social issues throughout the 32 counties.

MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH

- 117 That Sinn Féin recognises the injustice of the P.A.Y.E. regulations and demands a total re-structuring of the taxation system.

**MARTIN FORSYTHE, ÁTH CLIATH
ROBERT EMMET, ÁTH CLIATH**

- 118 That Sinn Féin initiate action to force the Free State Government to pay disability benefits and social welfare payments locally and promptly.

PÁDRAIG Ó PEARAILL, LOCH GARMAN

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 119 That the Ard-Fheis expresses solidarity with the Patriotic Front in their struggle against British Colonialism in Zimbabwe, S.W.A.P.O. in Namibia and the oppressed peoples throughout the world.

ARD-CHOMHAIRLE

- 120 That An Ard-Fheis extends solidarity greetings to "The Patriotic Front" in its struggle against colonial forces in Zimbabwe.

CLONARD MARTYRS, BELFAST

