

DE VALERA FORBIDS PRAYERS FOR HUNGER-STRIKERS

On Monday of this week the following letter was sent by us to all the daily newspapers, but was refused publication by the censor:—

“ We ask the people of Ireland to unite with us in a triduum of prayer, including Mass and Holy Communion, beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, and ending on the First Friday for the **intention of the Republican prisoners.**”

On Tuesday another letter was sent to the papers in which we deleted the words “intention of the Republican prisoners,” and substituted “the happy solution to a certain tragic situation.”

Again the censor refused to allow one single word to be published, consequently we have to resort to the distribution of these handbills in order to get prayers for the prisoners in their terrible agony.

The original intention was to close the Triduum on the First Friday, but as De Valera decided otherwise, we ask you to commence the Triduum immediately you receive this. Also please ask as many as possible to join with you in this campaign of prayer.

Signed—

Blathnaid Nic Charthaigh,
Padraigín Ni Chochláinn.

Oifig Cumann na mBan,
12 St. Andrew Street, Dublin.
Wednesday, 3rd April, 1940.