



The Republican Party

A decision of profound and vital importance must be taken by the people of Ireland. It is necessary now and in the immediate future to determine the pattern of political life in this Nation, for on that pattern depends the future of our country. The votes of the People in the forthcoming election will decide the future of this and the next generation of Irishmen and Irishwomen.

We are coming to the end of an era dominated by two parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, both of which were born out of the division and bitterness of the 1922 Civil War. Despite the flamboyancy and the propaganda it seems, looking back, as if these two groups were founded not to advance the Nation, but to advance themselves.

It is time therefore for re-appraisal and for action in the light of this re-appraisal. Every voter to-day under the age of 59 had in fact no vote in the year 1922. Every man and woman to-day under the age of 39 was not even born in the year 1922. Yet, the political division of that year resulted in the two main political parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, and while their different outlooks on National Independence have melted in the 40 years interval, the 1922 origin and division is still maintained and the events and personal differences, jealousies and animosities of 1922 still rule the political scene. This is an absurd and unreal political philosophy and one which must be ruthlessly cast aside. **LIVING MEN CANNOT BE RULED FROM THE GRAVE.** We cannot advance if we live in the past; a New generation must be mindful of the past, but living in the Present and working for the future.

DIVORCED FROM THE PEOPLE

The two main political groups represent no one outside their party circles and are completely divorced from the great body of the people. Because their ascendancy has become so firmly entrenched, their removal presents the first obstacle. It will not be difficult for a United People to harass and finally reject these groups and it should be sufficient now to resolve that we are going out publicly to state our avowed intention of removing them from the political scene. How foolish it would be to try to build a new block of flats on top of a condemned tenement house; it would be more foolish still to place our confidence in or attempt to build politically on the party rubble of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

TIME FOR ACTION

The necessity for political action by our younger generation is so widely accepted that for some years it has been the subject of intense discussion. Beyond discussion, there has been a notorious absence of action. This has been due to a number of political and social forces, the combined effect of which smothered the notion of action and helped to breed a universal indifference and apathy among the young and a frightening cynicism among the old. There must come people who will not live with political indifference and apathy, and who will not be disheartened by cynicism. There must come a time when such people unite into a movement and go forward into the political arena representing the new generation with a forthright eagerness, integrity and independence. The Republican Party emerges as a movement through which the political energy of these people can find its fullest and most influential expression.

NEW ASCENDANCY

In a land of such blatant inequalities, it seems almost spiritual to assert that a government is bound to cherish all the children of the Nation equally. This equality is a political dogma based on fundamental Christian principles. It is sacred to the Proclamation of 1916 but, alas, discreetly erased in practice by the Tammany Hall tactics of Ireland's super salaried political teamsters. This great truth must be made a fact. Old parties, whose origins were dulled by the cancerous seeds of expedience, vengeance and personal gain could not possibly give more than lip-service to the most cherished principles of our illustrious political idealists. There has developed an Ascendancy—the very enemy of our Race for centuries—only, this is a political ascendancy, ruthless for personal pride and gain and indifferent to the National good. They have exploited this Nation and now that they have grown old, their sons, relatives and friends are attempting to strangle the new generation. Its not what you know, its who you know! The apple has gone corrupt at the core.

JOE CHRISTLE (Certified and Corporate Accountant; Barrister-at-law; Cost and Works Accountant)

This brilliantly educated young active man of sound working background has been selected as the Republican Party candidate for Dublin South-West.

In his youth he worked at such jobs as quarrying and road-making to help supplement the money required for education. After Honours Leaving Certificate with the Christian Brothers, he worked his way through University and higher education, making three major degrees in Accountancy, Law and Costing.

While at University, Christle founded the National Students' Council and was President of this very active group for two years. Through the years he at all times maintained a close allegiance to the people, and in the cause of freedom he has proved to be of unyielding principle and a man of remarkable courage.

As founder and race director of the now famous 8 Days' Cycle Race, "An Rás Tailtearn," he displayed outstanding ability as a nation-wide organiser.

Christle, at 33 years of age, an educated man of the people, carrying a reputation for intelligence, integrity and initiative, is nominated as the man of the new generation to go before his own people of Dublin South-West for their approval and support.

DUBLIN SOUTH WEST — AREA BRANCHES

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DIGNITY

Unemployment soaring to an average figure of over 50,000 has been constant through all their long period of government. This dreadful evil, directly the result of bad politics, has been like a cancer eating into the very vitals of our existence and has broken countless thousands of homes with its spectre of misery and hunger. Unemployment creates an unhappy home and is a breeding ground for discord and discontent. The man who is unemployed is a derelict man. He feels he is an outcast and he knows that his plight is the price of political failure.

Everyone is entitled by right—and not as a charity—to work. The man who earns his daily bread has the dignity of a worker and there is no higher social dignity. Every worker is entitled to and shall receive a wage which will enable himself and his family to live in comfort, security and peace. In face of this inalienable right, no vested interest or backward political group can even be tolerated.

VAST EMIGRATION

It is our duty to lead all the People towards a higher living standard, and this can only be achieved if every economic venture is judged in the light of its effect for the common good. Every material resource of the whole country must by direction, leadership and encouragement be fully exploited to raise the standard of living. The failure of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael in this essential task has resulted in massive emigration. The colossal emigration during their period of rule has been on a scale unparalleled since the Famine years of the 1840's and immediately after. Having regard to our total population, emigration from Ireland has been the highest in Europe and is now in the region of 50,000 each year. Consider that since the end of the war in 1946, total emigration from the Nation is greater than the entire population of the city of Dublin. No wonder we hear "economists" talking about the safety-valve of emigration. Every city, town, village, area and street has been hit by the social evil of compulsory emigration. There exists today the human tragedy in thousands of homes, of fathers being forced to earn their living in England isolated by emigration from their families.

INEQUALITY

The whole structure of Education which to-day is breeding a privileged class in this country is a monument of inequality. The children of the workers have as great if not greater interest in the

"Old political organisations will die out and new ones must arise to take their place; old party rallying cries and watchwords are destined to become obsolete and meaningless and the fires of old feuds and hatreds will pale and expire before the newer conceptions born of a consciousness of our common destiny"

—Connolly

"The demands of the common good on the national level must be considered: to provide employment to the greatest number of workers; to take care lest privileged classes arise even among the workers, to maintain an equal balance between wages and prices,"

—Pope John

"This requires that the workers should be paid a wage which allows them to live a truly human life and to face up with dignity to their family responsibilities"

—Pope John

"The nation's sovereignty over the nation's material resources is absolute . . . all property is held subject to the national sanction".

—Pearse

Nation as any others and, therefore, in such a field as education, it is vital for the common good that all children have equal rights. The doors to higher education are now closed to the children of the greater majority of our People. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have decided that the children to have brains must also have a privileged parentage. Where now are the "equal rights and equal opportunities" which Pearse and Connolly proclaimed and which are allegedly safeguarded by the constitution.

THE COMMON GOOD

The three main considerations of Liberty, Equality and the Common Good must be our political guide. To be the standard bearers of this philosophy is a responsibility demanding idealism, courage and perseverance. The task is great. That which we set ourselves to do in The Republican Party is to advance the People. We must have men of the calibre necessary for such work. We must have men who by their own intrinsic intelligence, integrity and initiative are worthy to go before the People for their support. Only by men with outstanding ability and integrity can the Common Good of all the People be advanced.

It is the duty of Public Representatives to advance the People. This should be their concern in public life. To accomplish this task a T.D. must be devoted to the People; must have a love of country and must be educated active and industrious. The Nation's Parliament is not a Hall of Fame. It is the assembly which directs the life of the Nation and where those who have been chosen by the People are paid by the People for this vital work. We need educated men of the People. Men of this New Generation. Men worthy of their People. Men who will be mindful of the Past but who will live in the Present and work for the Future.

VOTE CHRISTLE

Intelligence • Integrity • Initiative