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FOOD PRICES CAMPAIGN

The Irish Housewives' Association is to be congratulated on its boycott campaign against rising food prices. Since the beginning of this year there has been a high increase in prices generally, out of all relation to wage increases.

Sinn Fein would like to remind the Irish housewives and the public generally that in view of government policy they should not be surprised at rising prices. It is the policy of both the British and 26-County governments to join the European Economic Community as full members. This would involve an immediate increase of 15 - 20% in the cost of living. It is obviously government policy both here and in Britain to allow prices to go up without any brake on them so as to soften the blow when it comes to joining the Common Market. This has been apparent for the past 12 or 18 months.

Only this week Dr. Sicco Mansholt agreed to an eight per cent increase in food prices in the EEC. This means that for us EEC membership will entail an even greater increase in food prices than we thought. The only Irish people to gain from EEC membership will be the big ranchers, and they will gain at everybody else's expense. The housewives should now be taking an active part in the campaign against EEC membership. They should do so now before it is too late.

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