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SINN FÉIN PRESIDENT CHALLENGES MR. LYNCH

32-COUNTY ELECTION CALL

Addressing the Annual General Meeting of Seán Sabhat Cumann, Sinn Féin, Roscommon, last night, an tUasal Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, President of Sinn Féin challenged Mr. Jack Lynch as to his statement at Dublin Airport on Monday last that the question of British rule in the Six Counties was "a matter for decision by all the people of Ireland."

Mr. Ó Brádaigh said: "The last time all the people of Ireland were consulted as a unit - in 1918 and again in 1921 - they voted overwhelmingly for full freedom in a 32-County Republic.

"We in Sinn Féin have no doubt as to the outcome if the question were put to all the people of Ireland now. Has Mr. Lynch asked - or will he ask - Mr. Heath to agree to a vote being taken of the people of all Ireland? Will Mr. Lynch use his influence at the United Nations to have a United Nations supervised plebiscite taken throughout the 32 Counties?

"We challenge Mr. Lynch now to make this stand - if he is as tough and stern a man as we are led to believe he is.

"For our part we shall await the outcome of such a vote of all 32 Counties with confidence."

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