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### TESTIMONIAL DINNER 1990

West County Hotel, Chapelizod, Co. Dublin on  
Friday May 18, 1990, 8pm-1am, Taille €12.  
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Hughes (Connacht); Paddy Murphy (Leinster);  
Paddy O'Connell (Munster); Jack Donoghue (USA)

# Thatcher's Extradition Hypocrisy

BRITISH COURTS will not extradite an Italian Fascist who fled to England after allegedly being involved in the Bologna bombing massacre in the summer of 1980 which killed 86 people in a train station, it emerged during the past few weeks. The reason?

He claims the political exception, the very principle of international law that Margaret Thatcher's government are demanding that the Dublin administration legislate out of existence, so that the British can have extradition on demand of Irish citizens to face Britain's colonial apparatus of repression in the Occupied Six Counties or Britain itself.

The Italian authorities have gone away empty-handed but Charles Haughey has already extradited Robert Russell, Gerard Harte and Paul Anthony Kane. Dublin agreed at the signing of the Hillsborough Agreement in 1985 to allow unhindered extradition without any of the restrictions which other countries, including Britain, have included in their extradition arrangements under the *European Convention on Repression* (to give it a more correct title).

In April 1989, SAOIRSE reported on another case concerning a Fijian national, whose extradition from Britain to face arms charges was refused, again because of the political exception.

What Britain wants is for anyone "undesirable" in their eyes to be available for extradition - and thus the chorus of "outrage" when the Dublin Supreme Court reversed its previous policy and reinstated the political exception to some extent.

These denunciations were immediately echoed by that element of the Free State establishment represented by Fine Gael, the Progressive Democrats and the Workers Party who want to pay an even higher price in the dirty bargaining process with the British and introduce even easier extradition arrangements. And what do



they get as part of their squalid dealing in the sufferings of Irish people under British oppression?

#### SILENCE FROM DUBLIN

Recent events underline the corrupt

nature of the British regime. Leinster House politicians are collaborating with events which have brought nothing but silence from the Dublin administration.

Firstly, the ruling during March by the British House of Lords supporting the ex-

ceptional procedures at coroners inquests in the Six Counties which allow British Crown Forces not to appear to explain their actions. In effect the proceedings are a sham, allowing shoot-to-kill incidents to continue.

Secondly the blocking during April by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of attempts by the relatives of the Gibraltar shoot-to-kill victims to sue the British Ministry of Defence. The "grounds" were that Gibraltar is not within the jurisdiction of Britain because it is a Crown Colony!

Thirdly, Britain broke the European Convention on Human Rights, according to a ruling by the Council of Europe at the end of April. The British Security Service, MI5, broke the Convention by its surveillance of two of the National Council for Civil Liberties' leading members during the 1970s. This was part of the wider smear campaign against the Wilson government at the time that included Colin Wallace in the Six Counties with his own "drip feed" to the media of black propaganda.

Fourthly, Lord Denning's criticism of the quashing of the Winchester Three convictions shows the immunity of the British legal establishment from ideas of justice when faced with Irish defendants. The Court of Appeal neatly put the blame on Tom King for his prejudicial remarks and simultaneously attempted to relieve the pressure in regard to the Birmingham Six and Judith Ward.

#### POLL SUPPORT

The recent poll commissioned by the *Irish Independent*, due to be published on March 24 and suppressed because it showed 71% support for the Dublin Supreme Court refusals to extradite, and the motion passed against extradition at the recent Fianna Fáil Ard-Fheis are two indicators of the Irish people's opposition to extradition.

How long more will the Dublin administration keep silent as it is revealed more clearly every day as a mere cat's-paw of British rule in Ireland?

50  
YEARS  
AGO:

# DUBLIN, USA, BERLIN

MAY 1940 was yet another dramatic month full of incident. Seán Russell reached Berlin from the US, a gun-battle took place in a street off Merrion Square, Dublin, a German officer landed by parachute in Co. Meath and evaded capture, his equipment was seized in a police raid in Dublin, further arrests, jailings and internments occurred, with two Republicans shot and wounded on sight, etc.

But first the aftermath of D'Arcy and MacNeela's deaths on hunger strike in late April: at the inquest on Seán Mac Neela on the 22nd a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence (that death was due to inanition and cardiac failure) was returned.

However, the jury, after three quarters of an hour's absence, added the following rider: "We are of opinion that permission should have been granted to Fr. O'Hare to visit Mountjoy Prison at an earlier date. We are further of opinion that criminal status should not be accorded to political prisoners."

## 140 IMPRISONED

This was 26-county Government policy censured in the most public fashion in spite of Gerry Boland's evidence. A total of 140 Republicans were now in captivity in the 26 Counties, between internees, sentenced prisoners and those awaiting "trial", he had stated.

The booklet, *Eleven Galway Martyrs*, published in 1985 described the scenes at the funerals:

"Tony's remains came home (in his own hearse - his business included undertaking) via the main Dublin-Galway road . . . Guards of Honour escorted it through towns, business premises closed, local IRA units fired volleys in salute and huge crowds turned out.

"The funeral itself was an exhibition of frightfulness, worthy of the first Free Staters. As the cortege came to Donaghpatrick cemetery, the walls were lined with Free State soldiers, in full war-kit with bayonets fixed.

## MOURNERS ATTACKED

"After the immediate family had entered with the coffin, the gates were barred. Running fights broke out and mourners attempting to enter were attacked and set upon. War-time censorship was invoked, as it had been during the hunger strike, to cloak all this from the Irish people.

"Such was the barbarism of the State Forces that Tony D'Arcy's grave alongside the ten of 1923 was not filled in properly until the following day.

"Similar scenes took place at Seán MacNeela's interment a few days later."

In answer to a query as to what had been gained by the sacrifice of two splendid lives, Brian O h-Uiginn answered that the youth of Ireland had gained inspiration to be true.

"The lesson is," he declared at MacNeela's grave, "that there will be no peace, no progress, material or spiritual, no friendship between us and our neighbours in England . . . until every sod of Irish soil is one, united, independent land, free of British occupation . . ."

## RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKLET

For further reading, the excellent "Omós do Tony D'Arcy, Galway agus Seán MacNeela, Mayo" recently published booklet is recommended.

Then on April 25 came another casualty. Seán Martin of Ballymacarrett, Belfast was accidentally killed in a grenade explosion while training. "The Dark Year



• Scene of the Coventry bomb for which Barnes and McCormick were hanged.

1940" had claimed another Republican life.

On the same day, a mine exploded in Dublin Castle, headquarters of the Special Branch, injuring six persons. It was intended to knock out the police communications system but was misplaced. Gearóid MacCárthaigh, who worked in the P.O. Engineering Department made out a diagram of the place on an envelope bearing his name and address. The paper was not destroyed and Gearóid was quickly arrested and interned at the Curragh when it was seized in a police raid.

Then on May 7, a Special Branch motorcycle and sidecar bearing mail to the British Embassy was attacked in Holles Street, Dublin. It was hoped that the mail would contain material which when published would expose the Dublin Administration's collaboration with the British and compromise them with the public.

The two Branchmen held onto the mail and fought off their attackers with revolvers. Both Branchmen and one Volunteer were wounded. A Thompson gun was to hand but was not used and the Volunteer managed to conceal his leg wound when arrested some days later.

De Valera went on radio following this incident and said that the State was under attack internally and externally - even though the "phony war" was all that existed so far on the western front. Rewards of up to £5,000 were offered for information but were never claimed.

## RUSHED TO SUPPORT

Fine Gael rushed to support Fianna Fáil next day when Cosgrave declared in Leinster House that they would not nominate candidates in the West Galway or Kilkenny by-elections then pending. One was an FF vacancy and the other an FG.

He did not want to embarrass De Valera if due to a contest there was "a marked reduction in support" caused by recent action "taken in connection with order in the State". He was clearly referring to the hunger strike deaths and Galway in particular was too near the bone. But the actions at Dublin Castle and Holles Street in effect shored up de Valera's position once more and took from the support for the Republican Movement.

## PRISON PROTEST

Earlier at Easter a belated protest at the executions of Barnes and McCormack was made by Republican prisoners in Dartmoor Jail, England. They set fire to "D" block and refused to wear prison uniforms, painting the walls Green, White and Orange. Some were sent to other prisons but others remained isolated in punishment cells, completely naked during the day since everything was re-

moved at dawn but a Bible and a compressed paper pot.

In a previous attack on them after the Coventry explosion eleven Republicans were so badly beaten that they had to be hospitalised (see pages 133 of Coogan and 181-2 of Bell).

In another reaction to the Birmingham hangings, an attempt had been made by prominent IRA Veterans Simon Donnelly, Seán Dowling and others to launch a new political party called Córás na Poblachta, a forerunner of Clann na Poblachta in 1946. It sought many worthwhile policy changes but within the 26-county State framework and did not get off the ground.

Meanwhile the IRA Chief-of-Staff, Seán Russell, on the run in the United States while officially on bail, was making diligent attempts to get back to Ireland. Travelling to Ireland had been suspended from the outbreak of war so he planned to return through Italy which was still neutral.

## DESPATCH

A despatch from the German Consul-General in Genoa on 24 January 1940 and received at the Foreign Office in Berlin on the same day tells its own story:

"John McCarthy, the ambassador of the Irish movement, who has arrived from New York today, asked whether the German Government would be prepared to provide transport to Ireland for Seán Russell, Chief-of-Staff of the IRA, who unknown to the American Government is still in New York.

"If this is possible he will make his way here by a new direct line from New York under an alias and be identified by McCarthy . . ."

An entry in the German War Diary of Abwehr II (military intelligence) of January 30 indicated approval in principle and following investigation Russell's request was agreed on March 30.

McCarthy, a Waterford man, was a steward on the US liner "Washington" and with the help of Irish-Americans in the labour unions, got Seán Russell to neutral Genoa on May 1, 1940 and thence to Berlin two days later. The Germans found him "pale, emaciated and exhausted."

Irish Republicans of 1940 would not have been shocked by this. Thinking in straight military terms they would have said: "Did not the Germans help us in 1916 and was not Seán Russell the successor of Roger Casement?" Other evil matters were to come to light later which all Irish people would rightly abhor.

## NOT ALONE IN BERLIN

In 1940, however, Russell would not have been alone in Berlin. The Breton

Nationalist Party leaders Mordrel and Debauvais were there as were Flemish nationalists. The Palestinian religious leader, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem broadcast to his people from Berlin radio and Chandra Bose, Commander of the Indian National Army (later to meet as tragic a death as Russell himself) sought assistance for an independent India.

The booklet "Breton Nationalism" (1946) says that they all did what Kiazaryk and Benes did for Czechoslovakia with the French and the English during World War I. It was "England's Difficulty and Ireland's Opportunity" in Republican minds.

Then on May 5, Captain Dr. Hermann Goertz of the German Army parachuted into Ballivor, Co. Meath. He lost his radio but travelled 70 miles across country to the Laragh, Co. Wicklow home of Iseult Stuart, daughter of Maud Gonne MacBride and wife of the novelist Francis Stuart then lecturing in Berlin University.

This took four days and nights which was not bad for a man of 50 years. Goertz was a German patriot but no Nazi. He soon made contact with Stephen Hayes, the IRA's Acting Chief-of-Staff and deplored to him the "ridiculous street shooting." He wished Irish Republicans to concentrate on British targets in accordance with Plan Kathleen (or the Artus Plan) and found Hayes a weak leader lacking in a coherent and systematic approach to action.

## EQUIPMENT SEIZED

At 10.20pm on May 22 the house of Stephen Carroll Held, "Villa Konstanz" Templeogue Road, Dublin was raided by police. All Goertz's equipment and money was seized but the agent was out walking and escaped back to Laragh. Iseult had been arrested but Helena Moloney was keeping house for her and assisted Goertz to return to action.

Sensation was mounting on sensation which would be to the detriment of the Republican Movement. The street shooting continued: this time the Special Branch shot unarmed Republicans. Paddy MacNeela, brother of Seán and a GHQ Staff Officer was overtaken while cycling, by a carload of Branchmen near Rathfarnham, Dublin. As he jumped a road-side ditch he was shot and wounded.

While several Free State soldiers uncovered his hiding place in bushes and ignored him, the police took him that evening as he washed his head wound in a stream. Brian McMahon of Listowel, Co. Kerry wrote a play "The Bugle in the Blood" based on this episode and on Seán's death on hunger strike. It was produced on Raidió Éireann in 1952 and at local drama festivals down the years.

## SHOT OFF BICYCLE

Micksey Conway, another GHQ man - now a Cistercian monk - was cycling down Harold's Cross Road, Dublin near the Greyhound Track, when called on to halt by Branch. He attempted to do so but had defective brakes and was shot off the bicycle. Both he and MacNeela were promptly interned without trial.

As Bowyer Bell says (p. 183): "the pattern of provocation, retaliation and vengeance had been set. It was not to be altered for years." And Republicans would bear the cost . . .

(More next month. Refs. "The IRA" by T.P. Coogan; "The Secret Army" by J. Bowyer Bell; "Harry" by Harry White; "The Wolfe Tone Annual" 1950, by Brian O'Higgins; "Spies in Ireland" by Enno Stephan; "Eleven Galway Martyrs" (1985) and "Breton Nationalism" publ. 1946 by the Welsh Nationalist Party.)

# Summit Picket

MEMBERS OF Sinn Féin Poblachtach picketed the EC summit in Dublin on Saturday, April 28, calling for support for the re-emerging small nation of Lithuania, whose Declaration of Independence on March 11 last parallels the Irish experience in 1919.

The protest was linked with Sinn Féin Poblachtach's Campaign for Democracy in Ireland, which began with a 163-mile walk from Mayo to Dublin last January on the 71st Anniversary of Ireland's Declaration of Independence. True democracy in Ireland is denied by British interference just as Lithuanian self-determination is denied by the Soviet Union.

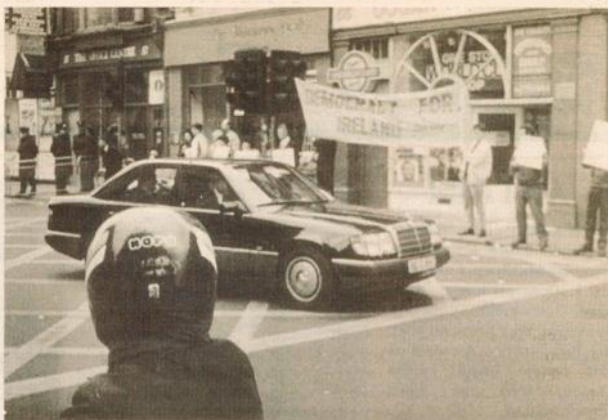
Sinn Féin Poblachtach's March 20 call for international recognition of Lithuania has been forwarded to the Baltic nation's Consul-General, Mr A. Simutis, in New York. Mr Simutis has expressed his apprecia-

tion for the support of the Irish people in his country's struggle for independence. Messages of support from Irish people can be sent to him at: 41 West 82nd Street, New York, NY 10024, USA.

## RTE CRITICISED

A letter was also handed in on Saturday, April 28 to RTE asking why no programme has been made on the continuing Soviet isolation and blockade of Lithuania. "Are RTE co-operating with Soviet censorship of the crisis in Lithuania? Are the Irish people to be denied media access because the Soviets say so?" the letter asked. It pointed out that coverage of the events in the Baltic could easily be transmitted from the Scandinavian countries and that a Lithuanian Consulate has been set up in New York.

The Dublin administra-



tion is clearly on the side of the Superpowers on this issue and takes its foreign policy line from its EC partners. Ireland's role in

the world would be better served by pursuing an active policy of neutrality which would seek to co-operate with the re-emerg-

ing small nations of Europe who have similar problems of colonial interference by powerful neighbours.



• Fr. Piaras Ó Duill giving his oration.

## Séamus McElwaine Memorial

"IN THE neat two-storied farmhouse among the hills of Knockatallon, lay the bullet-riddled body of a darkly handsome young man in his coffin. The turbulent young life of Séamus McElwaine had been brutally ended in a field only a few miles from his home. Now he was being waked as a soldier of Oglai na hEireann in his father's house. It was a 'lying in state'".

These words in the *Northern Standard* report of April 1986 were quoted by An tAthair Piaras Ó Duill in his oration at the unveiling of the Séamus McElwaine Memorial on Sunday, April 1.

Several hundred people attended the unveiling of the memorial at the road-

side near Knockatallon Church to honour the IRA Volunteer, killed on active service by British soldiers at Mullaghglass, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh on April 26, 1986. Seán Lynch of Fermanagh was wounded and captured and is at present in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh, from where Séamus and 37 others

had escaped in 1983.

Séamus' father James McElwaine is a former Sinn Féin County Councillor in Monaghan and in the 1982 26-county election Séamus himself obtained 4,000 votes.

## NO UNDERTAKINGS

In his oration An tAthair Ó Duill compared Séamus McElwaine to Nelson Mandela and said both of them had the same attitude to oppression and both refused to renounce principle. He quoted Mandela's words: "We cannot and will not give any undertakings to anyone while our country remains unfree". An tAthair Ó Duill continued:

"Today, therefore, let us declare at this memorial that he who is Margaret Thatcher's terrorist, he who is Bishop Cathal Daly's and Bishop Eamon Daly's terrorist, he who is Charlie Haughey's and John Hume's terrorist remains our freedom fighter and it is as such we are proud to honour him here today.

"And in honouring Séamus McElwaine we pay tribute to his family and its tradition of unselfish opposition to foreign oppression in our country".

## Entrapment Case in USA

IN WHAT looks like another US federal entrapment case, 64-year-old Cathal Malone and Brian Fleming (32) have been convicted in Montgomery, Alabama on April 5 last of 'conspiring to export high-powered rifles to Ireland during 1988 and 1989'.

Both Irish-Americans were supporters of Fianna Éireann in the States and were apparently targeted by the Federal authorities in the USA after Fleming sought to buy Sam Browne belts from an Alabama pawnshop owner, who went to the FBI.

Undercover federal agents then waited for almost two years before charging both Fleming and Malone, who lives in San Francisco. Because of this Cathal Malone has been refused bail and was kept up to two weeks ago in Montgomery City jail, when he was transferred to a hospital unit. He is an extremely ill man and has been in poor health for many years, with both Parkinson's disease and a heart condition.

A longtime supporter of the cause of Ireland since he left his native Co. Derry Cathal last visited Ireland in June 1988. At that time a special presentation scroll was given to him by Fianna Éireann members at the annual CABHAIR Testimonial Dinner in Co. Dublin, in recognition of the long service he has given to that organisation.

## SUPPORT COMMITTEE

A support committee has been set up in the USA to try to get an appeal case

started. Anyone wishing to contribute money or send messages of support should write to the Committee c/o 44 Monterey Boulevard, H 96, San Francisco 94131, USA

The lengths to which Anglo-American collusion to convict Ireland's supporters operates was seen on Wednesday April 4 when Chief Superintendent James Mc Clure of the RUC appeared in Montgomery to give evidence at the trial about Fianna Éireann, which of course is banned under the Six Counties' Emergency Provisions Act 1978 (now the object of a challenge in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg).

The men are both due to be sentenced during May and Cathal's family are extremely worried about their father's health if he is sent to jail for any length of time.

No evidence of any agreement to purchase or ship weapons was presented at the trial and the prosecution case was merely that there existed a "conspiracy" with an undercover agent as witness. When this happened to John De Lorean in the USA in recent years his appeal of entrapment was successful. Will the same law apply for Irish-Americans?

## Hardwicke St. Protest

RESIDENTS of Hardwicke Street flats in Dublin's north inner city are now entering their second week of street protest (May 1). Daily from 10am until midnight, the women and children have taken turns in maintaining a permanent roadblock on Hardwicke Street.

There are two playgrounds situated on either side of the complex and for the many children of the flats, the street itself is a natural extension of their playing area.

Joyriding is a major problem in the area and this danger to the children and other occupants is further aggravated by the constant use of the street as a short cut by

traffic passing from Dorset Street into the city centre and vice-versa.

## KILLED

10 years ago, a grandmother, her young granddaughter and a friend were killed by a stolen car and only recently a young boy was hit by a stolen car. The residents are demanding that Dublin Corporation either install



ramps along the street or turn it into a cul-de-sac.

The same demands were made a year ago by the women when they held a similar protest. The blockade ended when

Dublin Corporation "agreed" to take immediate action but they failed to keep their word. This time the women are determined to keep the protest going until their demands are met.

SINN Féin Poblachtach's annual North-West Dinner Dance was held in the Inter-county Hotel, Lifford, Co. Donegal on Friday April 27. Eighty people, from Donegal, Tyrone, Derry, Sligo and Leitrim attended the function which honoured Frank Rafferty of Tyrone and Tommy Toner of Derry.

Councillor Joe O'Neill of Bundoran was in charge for the evening which began with a four-course meal followed by dancing and singing. Music was provided by members of the Fenian Four.

## NORTH-WEST DANCE

Guest speaker, Daithí O Conaill, Leas-Uachtarán, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, made the presentations of pieces of Donegal China to Frank Rafferty and to Mickey McGonigle, who accepted on behalf of Tommy Toner who was unable to attend. Other guests included Deirdre O'Connell and Cathleen Knowles, Ard-Rúnaí, Sinn Féin Poblachtach. The very successful evening concluded with Amhrán na bhFiann.



# E·A·S·T·E·R·1·9·9·0

## ANTRIM

**BELFAST** Republicans marched to the Republican Plot in Milltown Cemetery at 1.30pm on Easter Monday. The ceremony at the graveside was presided over by Bob Murray. A crowd of 50 people heard Tomás Taylor read the 1916 Proclamation.

After the laying of wreaths and a Decade of the Rosary Leo Martin read the Easter Statement from the Leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. Leas-Uachtarán, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Eamon Larkin, South Armagh, then gave the oration.

A wreath-laying ceremony was also held on Wednesday, April 25 at the grave of Vol. Seán Martin, Ballymacarrett, who died 50 years ago on April 25, 1940 when a faulty grenade he was handling exploded. Seán took the full impact of the explosion to save the lives of his comrades.

### NORTH ANTRIM

The Easter Commemoration was held at Shane's Cairn, Cushendun on Easter Sunday at 3pm. Aileen McCarray recited a decade of the Rosary in Irish and the 1916 Proclamation was read. Frank McCarray read the Easter Statement from the leadership and a wreath was laid on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach.

## ARMAGH

**BEARNA** Uladh launched its programme of commemorations at Camloch on Easter Saturday evening. Gathering at Carrickcruppin graveyard the modest crowd



•Fianna member of colour party at the GPO, Dublin at noon on Easter Sunday.

marched behind the National Flag to the Republican Plot and the graves of four Irish patriots: Seán Doran from the 'twenties; Veteran Republican Art McAlinden; and from the present generation, Brendan Quinn and Raymond McCreesh. Members of the Quinn family attended as well as Eamon Larkin, Leas-Uachtarán, Sinn Féin Poblachtach.

After the Proclamation of 1916 and the Easter Message were read and wreaths were laid, Mary Ward, Donegal, gave the oration. The ceremony was subject to the scrutiny of a large force of RUC and like all Sinn Féin Poblachtach commemorations no permission was sought from the British Occupation Forces.

### DROMINTEE

The next ceremony was at the grave of Vol. Jim Lochrie in the Republican Plot, Dromintee on Easter Sunday morning. Eamon Larkin chaired this commemoration and Mary Ward delivered the oration.

### KILLEEN

Here the patriot graves of Vols. John and Thomas O'Reilly and their friend Peter McGinnity, who were murdered by pro-British elements on July 6, 1921 were the scene of the Killeen commemoration.

### LURGAN

**AROUND 75** people attended the Easter Commemoration at the Republican Plot in St. Colman's Cemetery, Lurgan on Easter Sunday. The ceremony was chaired

by Jimmy Burns, father of shoot-to-kill victim, Seán Burns.

A decade of the Rosary was recited by Lelia McKerr, who also read the Easter Statement. After the Proclamation was read the oration was given by Geraldine Taylor, Belfast.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held at the grave of Vol. Michael Crossey in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Derrymacash, later. Lelia McKerr again recited a decade of the Rosary.

### NEWRY

On Easter Sunday afternoon the last commemoration was held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Newry where the crowd paraded to the Republican Plot where Thomas O Lonergain chaired the ceremony and former Newry and Mourne Councillor Eamon

Larkin delivered the oration.

A number of wreath-laying ceremonies were held also: at Mullaghbawn where Joe Cunningham laid a wreath at Vol. Gerry McKiernan's grave; at Vol. Francis Jordan's grave in the Republican Plot at Jonesborough; at the nearby Edentubber Martyrs Memorial; and at the Michael McVerry Memorial at Cullyhanna.

The Armagh city Commemoration was held on Easter Sunday afternoon to the Republican Plot in the City Cemetery. Kevin Trainor chaired the proceedings, attended by 50 people, at the graveside and he called on Des Cox to read the 1916 Proclamation. T. Murphy read the Easter Statement and the oration was given by Michael Hegarty, Clare.

## AUSTRALIA

**CUMANN Pádraig** Pearse Sinn Féin Poblachtach in Melbourne, Australia, held the Easter Commemoration at the gravesides of Fenian Leaders Hugh Brophy and Con O'Mahoney in the Melbourne General Cemetery, on Easter Sunday.

The gathering assembled at the Cemetery gates behind the Colour Party consisting of the Tricolour and the Four Province Flags. They then marched to the gravesides for the Ceremony. The honour of carrying the Flags was given to three young Australian-Irish, Daniel Seán Lambert, Máiréad and Aodín Gallagher.

At the graveside the Chief Marshal, Les Lambert, gave a brief resume of the background of the two Fenians, released Political

## Easter Statement to the Irish People

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF SINN FÉIN POBLACHTACH 1990

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 74th Anniversary of the historic Easter Week Rising of 1916, the leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach sends greetings to all faithful people throughout Ireland or in exile who are gathered in commemoration at Republican graves or at monuments to our martyrs for freedom.

We take this opportunity to send salutations and good wishes to all our prisoners in jails in Ireland, both North and South of the British-imposed Border, in England, in continental Europe or across the Atlantic in North America. All of you are an inspiration to us in our continuing struggle for the full freedom of Ireland.

In particular we wish to draw attention to such innocent victims of British injustice as the Birmingham Six, Judith Ward and the Winchester Three. We rejoice in the release of the Guildford Four and urge people everywhere to redouble their efforts to secure liberty and vindication for all political hostages. Giuseppe Conlon died in prison, the Maguire family suffered ten years unjust loss of freedom and the Guildford Four 15 years; the Birmingham Six are now in their 16th year of imprisonment and Judith Ward in her 17th.

Ordinary Irish people with no political involvement were taken up arbitrarily and used to satisfy the British Establishment's lust for vengeance against the Irish. To those who say that if there were no operations in England these innocent people would not be in jail, we reply that if the British did not occupy Six Irish Counties there would be no active campaign on English soil.

### RESISTANCE ALWAYS JUSTIFIED

Meanwhile media censorship by the British and 26-County regime is clouding the national conscience, assisting efforts at political extradition and attempting to legitimise the British armed presence in Ireland. The degree of injustice perpetrated by the British occupying power in our country is not the issue. The men and women of 1916 made it abundantly clear that in the final analysis foreign rule could not be tolerated in Ireland and that Irish people would always be justified in rising up and resisting - even if British rule were benevolent, which it is not!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of "the dark year 1940" when eleven Republican martyrs died in that phase of the struggle for freedom. They died for the Proclamation of 1916 - at the hands of Westminster, Stormont and Leinster House, collaborating then as now to strangle Irish freedom. The memory of these and all who died for Ireland shall inspire us and nerve us to continue the unfinished struggle.

Even as the new imperialism of the EEC tightens its grip on our colonial and underdeveloped island, the people of Eastern Europe after many decades have demonstrated their strength in achieving greater democracy and political freedom once the threat of Soviet military intervention was removed. We hope their valiant efforts do not result in a new slavery of the Western capitalist kind.

### FOUR-PROVINCE, FEDERAL IRELAND

Were British military intervention to be withdrawn

from Ireland, Sinn Féin Poblachtach has adopted a model for a new four-province federal Ireland with maximum local democracy to be proposed to the Irish people. This proposal known as "EIRE NUA" would guarantee the rights of minorities in Ireland by placing local power directly into their hands.

Neither greater military repression by the British in Ireland nor increasing financial inducements by them can bludgeon nor buy Irish people into acceptance of British rule here. The one guarantee that there will be no new political settlement in Ireland without a British withdrawal and self-determination by the Irish people acting as a unit is the existence of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. Our movement remains steadfast in its refusal to compromise the principles of freedom. It continues as the party which will not fit into an alien and exploitative system. It exists as a defence against all sell-outs of Irish Republicanism.

Build Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Cabhair (the Prisoner's Dependents Fund) and associated organisations and you strengthen the bulwark against let-downs and betrayals of the historic Republican position for which so much has been sacrificed down the years.

Our allegiance is to the Proclamation of the All-Ireland Republic of Easter 1916, to the Declaration of Independence of the First Dáil Éireann and to its progressive and forward-looking Democratic Programme. These documents have been the basis of all campaigns for Irish independence ever since. Deny them and one denies all the efforts for freedom since Easter Monday 1916.

Long live the All-Ireland Republic of 1916!

# E·A·S·T·E·R·1·9·9·0



Prisoners, of their involvement in the Republican Uprising in Ireland and their subsequent arrest and transportation to West Australia, and to their final resting place in the Melbourne Cemetery.

The Proclamation was read by Jim Sweeney and the Message from the Leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Ireland, was read by Cait Ellis.

The oration was given by Margaret Waldeck.

Wreaths were laid on the Fenian graves on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach and Cumann Pádraig Pearse. A decade of the Rosary was said in Irish and the ceremony concluded with the Last Post and the Irish National Anthem.

## CAVAN

CAVAN'S Easter Commemoration was held in Kilnavert Cemetery at the graves of Vol. Michael Baxter, shot dead by Black and Tans at Selton Hill, Goryvagh, Co. Leitrim on March 11, 1921 and James Crossan, Co. Cavan Sinn Féin organiser who was killed on the Cavan-Fermanagh border at Mullan on August 24, 1958.

The parade of about 100 people was led by a colour party and a lone piper. Mr. Hugh McGovern was Chairman and Ben McHugh read the 1916 Proclamation. Ollie Prunty read the Co. Cavan Roll of Honour. A decade of the Rosary was said by Yvonne Glancy and the Easter Statement from the leadership was read by Gerry Glancy. The oration was by Kathleen Shiel, Dublin.

Wreaths were laid by Ollie Brady, nephew of the late James Crossan and by John Duffy.

## CLARE

THE County commemoration in Clare was held at Drumcliffe, Ennis on Easter Sunday. It was chaired by Martin Calligan, Kilmurry-McMahon, who read the Proclamation of 1916. The Easter Statement was read by Tony McCarthy, Ennis. Wreaths were laid and a lone piper played a lament. The oration was given by Peter Cunningham, Dublin. Three car-loads of Special Branch watched the proceedings.

## CORK

THE Cork City commemoration got under way from the Grand Parade on a changeable afternoon with an attendance of more than 200 people. At the National Monument a wreath was laid by Cumann na mBan while on the parade route Cumann na gCailíní laid the wreath at Jail Cross.

The parade was accompanied by a number of pipers from the Castleyons Pipe Band. On arrival at the Republican Plot



•Liam Cotter delivers the oration in St. Finbar's Cemetery, Cork.

in St. Finbar's Cemetery the commemoration was chaired by Alfie McAvoey. The wreath on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach was laid by the Cork Republican Comrades.

The Last Post was sounded by Christy Murphy and a decade of the Rosary recited by Rita O'Leary of Cumann na gCailíní. Kitty O'Brien read the Easter Statement. A powerful oration was delivered by Liam Cotter, Kerry.

The proceedings were closed by Alfie McAvoey who thanked the people for attending.

## DERRY

THE Derry City ceremony was held at 12 noon on Easter Sunday at the Cúchulainn Memorial with Veteran Republican Seán Keenan presiding. Veronica Taylor read the 1916 Proclamation to the crowd of 50 people and Seán Lynn, Dungiven, said a decade of the Rosary.

Michael McGonigle, former Limavady District Councillor, read the Easter Statement and the oration was given by Bob Murray, Belfast.

In South Derry at the grave of Brig.-Gen. Seán Larkin, one of the Drumboe Martyrs, in the Loup Cemetery Tommy Toner laid a wreath.

At hunger striker Kevin Lynch's grave in Dungiven his father Paddy Lynch laid a wreath on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. Wreaths were also laid at the graves of Vols. James Kealy, O'Carolan and Kilmartin in Dungiven.

## DONEGAL

THE Annual County Donegal/West Tyrone Easter Commemoration took place at the Drumboe Martyrs Monument in Stranorlar on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm.

Around 150 people, led by a National Colour Party and an accordion band from the Glens of Antrim marched from Johnson's Corner to the Memorial. Micky McGonigle, Dungiven, former Limavady County Coun-

cillor, was Chief Marshal at the parade.

Ted McGarrigle, Ballybofey, chaired the proceedings, deputising for Councillor Joe O'Neill of Bundoran, whose mother had died that morning. Seán Keenan, Life Vice-President of Sinn Féin Poblachtach was in attendance. A decade of the Rosary was recited as Gaeilge by Tommy McGinty, Ballindrait. The Proclamation was read by Fódhla Ward, Burtonport, daughter of the late Pat Ward, and Conal Gallagher, Ballyshannon read the statement from the leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. The oration was delivered by Lita Ní Chathmhaoil, Dublin.

On Holy Saturday a commemoration was held at Clady Bridge in honour of Vol. Jim McGinn who was shot dead by the British Army in 1973.

A decade of the Rosary as Gaeilge was recited by Tommy McGinty, the Easter Statement was read by Conal Gallagher and Lita Ní Chathmhaoil laid a wreath on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. A ceremony was also held at Doneyloop, Castlefin on Easter Saturday night.

## DOWN

A CROWD of fifty people assembled in an orderly fashion at the gates of Aughlinnafin Churchyard, Castlewellan, on Easter Sunday morning.

At the instructions of the Chairperson, Séamus McCrickard, the parade assembled behind flag bearer Pat Joe Travers and marched the short distance to the Republican Plot. The Chairperson began proceedings by calling on a member of the South Down Martyrs Cumann, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, to lay the first wreath, followed by Paddy McNulty (brother of the late Eamon McNulty) who laid a second wreath and finally Séamus O Caoil who laid a wreath on behalf of all Republican dead.

Marie Carlin then read the Easter Statement from the leadership of the Movement and the Chairperson then called on James McClements to read the 1916 Proclamation. A decade of the

Rosary was recited to the attentive gathering by Joseph McCrickard, with John Horan, Dublin, delivering the oration.

Following the oration, the Chairperson instructed those present to re-assemble behind the flag bearer, who led them out of the graveyard.

## DUBLIN

A SIZEABLE crowd gathered at the GPO at 12 noon on Easter Sunday to commemorate the Easter Rising of 1916. The proceedings were chaired by Andy Connolly of Comhairle Ceantair Atha Cliath. Two members of Na Fianna Éireann carried the Fianna and National Flags.

A decade of the Rosary was recited by Deirdre O'Connell of the CABHAIR committee. Maggie Langsdorf, Dublin read the Proclamation of 1916. A wreath was laid by Tony Ruane, Life Vice-President Sinn Féin Poblachtach and the Easter Statement was read by Seán O Sé, Dublin.



• Séamus MacSuain

The oration was delivered by Séamus Mac Suain of Wexford. Afterwards a wreath-laying ceremony took place in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Republican Plot.

On Easter Monday a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the Republican Plot in Deansgrange Cemetery, Dún Laoghaire at 1pm.

## FERMANAGH

ARNEY was the venue for this year's Co. Fermanagh Commemoration which took place at the grave of Vol. James Cassidy.

100 people attended the ceremony which was chaired by Imelda O'Harte. Gráinne Timoney read the 1916 Proclamation and wreaths were laid on Vol. Cassidy's grave by Tom Keeney and Kevin MacManus.

John Joe McCusker read the Easter Statement from the Leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach and Fergal Ó Conaill, Dublin, delivered the oration.

Wreaths were also laid on Republican graves over the Easter weekend at Newtownbutler, Roslea, Derrylin, Swanlinbar and Enniskillen.

## GALWAY

THE EASTER Commemoration in Shanaglish, Gort on Easter Sunday at 12 noon was chaired by Tommy Campbell, Gort. The Proclamation was read by Martin Calligan, Kilmurry-McMahon and the Easter Statement from the Leadership was read by Tony McCarthy, Ennis.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Republican Movement and Clare Comhairle Ceantair. The oration was delivered by Peter Cunningham, Dublin, watched by three car-loads of Special Branch.

## DONAGHPATRICK

The North Galway County Commemoration formed up at Qually's Cross, Cahirlistrane at 3pm and marched to the Republican Plot in Donaghpatrick cemetery. The very large crowd was led by Seán Mac an Iomaire carrying the National Flag, a lone piper and an eight-man Colour Party. The Galway Roll of Honour was carried by former County Councillor Paddy Ruane, Carnmore.

There was much interest in the ceremony this year as it was the 50th Anniversary of Tony D'Arcy's death on hunger strike on April 19, 1940. He is buried in the Republican Plot. Members of the D'Arcy family carried wreaths and Tony's son Joe D'Arcy read the 1916 Proclamation.

Galway Co. Councillor Frank Glynn, Milltown, chaired the ceremony and Seán Kenny, Gurteen read the Roll of Honour. After the laying of wreaths and the decade of the Rosary, the Easter Statement was read by Séamus O Náraig.

An t-Uachtarán, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, gave the oration to the large crowd gathered around the Republican Plot.

## OUGHTERARD

The Séamus Ó Máille Commemoration was held in Oughterard on Sunday, April 8. After an oration by Caoimhín Mac Cathmhaoil outside the local church at 12.30pm a wreath-laying ceremony took place at Vol. Ó Máille's grave in the nearby cemetery. Local Republican Paddy Gibbons, chaired the ceremony and wreaths were laid by Mrs. Michael Connelly on behalf of the Republican Movement.

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## KERRY

**KERRY NO. 3 Brigade** Volunteers were remembered at Cahirsiveen's Easter Commemoration, which formed up at the Fair Green on Easter Sunday at 2.30pm. Led by the Newmarket Pipe Band the crowd of several hundred paused at the Brigade's Memorial in Church Street where Joe Taylor, Glencar laid a wreath. Joe's uncle, Joseph Taylor, was killed by the Tans in February, 1921 and another uncle, Séamus Taylor, was killed by the Free State in March, 1923.

The parade continued to the Republican Plot in Killovarnogue Cemetery where eight wreaths had been laid. Derrick McKenna read the Easter Statement and the Roll of Honour for South and East Kerry. Seán O'Neill, brother of Maurice O'Neill, executed by the Fianna Fáil regime on November 12, 1942 said a decade of the Rosary as Gaeilge. The oration was given by Ruairí Óg Ó Brádaigh, Oifigeach Poiblíochta.

The parade, under the auspices of Cumann Maurice O'Neill, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, then marched back to the assembly point where the National Anthem closed the ceremony.

A very successful Easter Commemoration Dance was held in the Bay View Hotel, Waterville, on Easter Sunday night.

and by Eibhlín Tablóid on behalf of all those who gave their lives for Irish freedom. After the reading of the Easter Statement by Eamon Breen, the oration was delivered by Emmett Walsh, Offaly.

On Easter Monday at 3pm a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the Kerry No. 2 Brigade Memorial in Killarney.

## KILDARE

THE main Kildare ceremony was held at the graveside of Thomas Brophy in Droichead Nua on Easter Sunday. Chaired by Matt Conway, Kilcullen, the 1916 Proclamation was read by John Ryan.

A wreath was laid by a niece of Thomas Brophy. A decade of the Rosary was recited by Ibar Hawkins and the Easter Statement read by Celia Conway. The oration was given by Niall Fagan, Meath.

Wreath-laying ceremonies also took place at the graves of Eugene O'Rourke and Bob Mullally in Newbridge and at the grave of Frank Drivers in Ballymore Eustace.

## LAOIS

A wreath-laying ceremony was held at the National Monument, New Cemetery, Portlaoise on Easter Sunday at 12 noon.

## LEITRIM

A CROWD of more than 50 people gathered in James-

A wreath-laying ceremony took place that morning at 11.30am in Rosinver at the grave of Jack McCabe. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the family by Michael John McCabe, a nephew and on behalf of Leitrim Comhairle Ceantair by Thomas Kelly. Michael John McCabe read the Statement from the leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach.

## LIMERICK

THE Limerick city Easter Commemoration began at 1pm from Bedford Row to the Republican Plot in Mount St. Lawrence's Cemetery led by a six-man colour party. The proceedings were chaired by Des Long of the Ard Chomhairle, Sinn Féin Poblachtach. A decade of the Rosary in Irish was said by Dónal Ó hEidhin, Caisleán Uí Chonail.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Frank Dawson, whose brother was interned in the 1940s. The oration was given by Des Dalton, Kildare. The crowd proceeded to the grave of Seán Glynn where a wreath was laid on behalf of Na Fianna Eireann by Colly Larkin, Limerick.

## LONDON

ON Easter Sunday following the annual 1916 Rising Commemoration Mass at Corpus Christi Church,



• John Finn lays the wreath at the East Mayo Brigade Memorial.

annual Easter Commemoration and paraded behind the colour party and the 30-member Ballyjamesduff Youth Band from the convent to Clonguish Old Cemetery.

At the grave of Vol. John Mahon the proceedings were chaired by Seán Lynch who invited Tomás Mac Ruairí to recite a decade of the Rosary after which Pax Prunty and Susie Egan laid wreaths on behalf of the Longford Republican Movement.

Tony McGregor of Dublin read the Proclamation with marked feeling, followed by the Longford Roll of Honour.

Seán Lynch welcomed the assembled Republicans and remarked that it was many years since so many young people were in the old graveyard. Seán then read the Easter Statement from the Republican leadership before calling on Séamus Leonard of Fermanagh to give the oration.

Proceedings closed by the playing of the National Anthem by the excellently turned-out band from Co. Cavan.

## LOUTH

**DUNDALK** Republicans paraded from the Adelphi Cinema at 1.30pm to the Republican Plot in St. Patrick's Cemetery led by Veteran Republican Paddy Murphy bearing the National Flag. A Fianna Eireann colour party followed.

Proceedings at the graveside were chaired by Paddy Lennon and wreaths were laid by the Lavery and Moore families. A decade of the Rosary was recited in Irish by Pádraig Mac Mathúna and the Easter Statement was read by Paddy Lennon. The oration was delivered by Frank Graham, Dublin.

Later on Easter Sunday a wreath-laying ceremony took place at the grave of departed comrade Liam Fagan. Wreaths were again laid by members of the Lavery and Moore families.

## MAYO

AT NOON on Easter Monday, led by the National Flag and a piper, about

80 people assembled at Kilkelly Church and marched to the East Mayo Brigade Memorial about a mile outside the village for the annual Easter Commemoration. Despite some inclement weather proceedings went ahead and the congregation listened to Mait Ó Brádaigh (deputising for Joe O'Neill, who could not attend owing to a bereavement) give a fine oration appropriate to this historical area.

He reminded local people about a fellow countryman Tony D'Arcy who "died on hunger strike in Arbour Hill 50 years ago this day". John Finn laid a wreath on behalf of the National Graves Association, Seán Keenan of Derry on behalf of the Colgan family, who were instrumental in the erection of this fine memorial and Paddy O'Reilly on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. The proceedings were chaired by Dan Hoban. Jim Neary of Galway read the Easter Statement and the 1916 Proclamation was read by Paddy O'Reilly, Mayo.

On the 50th Anniversary of Seán McNeela's death on hunger strike in Arbour Hill Prison, Dublin, Thursday, April 19, a wreath was laid on his grave in Cleggan Cemetery, Ballycroy by Dan Hoban, chairman of the Co. Mayo Branch, National Graves Association.

## MEATH

**MEMBERS of the Meath Easter Commemoration Committee** were shocked to discover during Holy Week that the Thomas Allen Memorial in Kilglass Cemetery, Longwood had been knocked down and broken into pieces by persons unknown.

However the ceremony went ahead at noon on Easter Sunday with the Committee's promise that the huge Celtic Cross would be restored "with the help of the people of Meath and the co-operation of the relatives of the Allen family", according to a spokesman.

Wreaths were laid on the grave of Volunteer Thomas Allen,



• The Galway parade, including many people in cars due to the showery weather, makes its way to Donagh Patrick Cemetery.

## NORTH KERRY

The Listowel Commemoration took place after 11am Mass on Easter Sunday to the Republican Plot. At 3pm that afternoon the Tralee Commemoration took place, parading to Rath Cemetery from the 1978 Croppy Boy Memorial in Denny Street. The parade was led by the Cullen Pipe Band, Millstreet, Co. Cork and a six-person colour party.

At the Republican Plot George Rice, Tralee, chaired the proceedings and Mary Smullen read the 1916 Proclamation. Wreaths were laid by Johnny McKenna (Comhairle Ceantair Chiarraí), by Mikey Brien (CABHAIR)

town on Easter Sunday to parade to Vol. Patrick Gill's grave in the local cemetery over whom a headstone was unveiled on September 25, 1988.

Eamon Reynolds, Jamestown, chaired the proceedings and Thomas Kelly, Manorhamilton, read the Easter 1916 Proclamation. After the wreath-laying John James McDonagh, Drumshanbo, recited a decade of the Rosary and Declan Curneen, Glendare, led the Easter Statement. Dombhall O Lübhlaí, Co. Westmeath, then gave the oration.

Maiden Lane, wreath-laying ceremonies took place at Republican graves in the London area.

At St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, East London, a wreath was laid at the grave of Terry Dunne, Dublin, and at Kinsal Green Cemetery, NW London a wreath was laid on the grave of Liam O'Callaghan, Cork.

## LONGFORD

LONGFORD Republicans and visiting Republicans gathered in the village of Newtownforbes for the

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killed by a British sniper at the Four Courts during the Easter Rising 1916, by Jimmy Kinsella on behalf of the Easter Commemoration Committee and Ned Costello on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. The 1916 Proclamation was read by Pat Farrelly and a decade of the Rosary was recited by Seán L. MacCormack. Niall Fagan, Summerhill, gave the oration. A lament and Amhrán na bhFiann were piped by a group of young musicians.

## MONAGHAN

VOL. Séamus McElwaine was honoured in Urbleshanny Graveyard, Scotstown on Easter Sunday afternoon. A decade of the Rosary was recited by Fr. Paddy Gallagher and Séamus' father James chaired the ceremony. Fr. Gallagher then delivered the oration to the crowd of 100 people.

## OFFALY

A wreath-laying ceremony took place in Kilconfert Cemetery, Daingean, at the grave of Joe Byrne from Cruit, Croghan, Co. Offaly who was executed by the Free State in Portlaoise on January 29, 1923.

## ROSCOMMON

EASTER 1916 was commemorated throughout Co. Roscommon on Easter Sunday beginning with a wreath-laying ceremony in Ballinlough at 10am at the memorial to Comdt. Pat Glynn, Lieut. Michael Glavey and Vol. Michael Keane, who were shot dead by British troops at the local RIC barracks in October 1920.

Fifty to sixty local people attended and traffic came to a halt on the main Dublin-Castlereagh road.

Pidraigh Cryan, Cartober, Carrick-on-Shannon, Chairman of the IRA Commemoration Committee, presided.

It was stated that the ceremony was in reparation for the insult offered to the memory of three Republican soldiers by the flying of the Union Jack recently over the memorial while their ideals remained unfulfilled and British troops still occupied six Irish counties.

### ELPHIN

Following last Mass in Elphin a parade was held to the Co. Roscommon IRA Memorial at Shankill Cross. There the 1916 Proclamation was read and a decade of the Rosary recited in Irish. Wreaths were laid to the memory of the 40 Volunteers and citizens of the Republic whose names are inscribed on the Memorial.

### BALLINTUBBER

In the afternoon a parade formed up outside the church in Ballintubber and led by a colour party bearing the National Flag and the Raheen Pipers' Band marched to the grave of Vol. Patrick Durr in the local cemetery. Michael Fitzsimons, Corlara, Carrick-on-Shannon, was Chief Marshal.

Pidraigh Cryan again presided and the Proclamation of the Republic 1916 was read by Addie Clarke, Hillstreet. The Co. Roscommon Roll of Honour was read by Dermot Mullooly, Strokestown and a decade of the Rosary in Irish was recited by Páistý O'Connell, Elphin, Secretary of the Commemoration Committee.

Wreaths were laid by Jim Mull-rooney, Ballinagare, on behalf of the County Committee, Farrell Conry, Elphin for Co. Roscommon Comhairle Ceantair, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Henry Owens, Strokestown, a former Republican prisoner, for CABHAIR (the prisoners dependants fund) and Rosaleen Conry, Elphin, on behalf of women political prisoners. Wreaths were also laid on Edward Weir's grave.

Following the Last Post and Reveille the Easter Statement from the leadership of Sinn Féin Poblachtach was read by Paddy McKenna, Ballinlough. The oration was then delivered by visiting speaker, Brian Smullen, Tralee, Co. Kerry and the pro-

ceedings ended with the playing of the National Anthem.

## SLIGO

THE Sligo Commemoration, organised by the National Graves Association, took place on Easter Sunday to the Third Western Division Republican Plot in the City Cemetery.

Vincent O'Doherty chaired the ceremony at the graveside and Brendan Coyle read the Proclamation of 1916. The Co. Sligo Roll of Honour was read by Val Hannan. Wreaths were then laid on behalf of Sinn Féin Poblachtach and the NGA.

Seán McGoldrick said a decade of the Rosary and Tomás O'Curraoin, Gaillimh, gave the oration. The ceremony concluded with the playing by piper Noel Farrell of Amhrán na bhFiann.

## TIPPERARY

A wreath-laying ceremony took place at Banba Square, Nenagh after 10am Mass on Easter Sunday morning. A Wreath was laid on behalf of the Republican Movement by Stephen Cleary and the 1916 Proclamation was read by Tom Malone.

The main commemoration was held at Kilmastulla near Birdhill at 3pm. About 100 Republicans marched a short distance to the cemetery to the graves of Comdt. John Sheehy and Comdt. Gen. Matt Ryan led by a 3-man colour party. The proceedings were chaired by Dónal Malone, Nenagh. Wreaths were laid by Stephen Cleary and Gearóid O Broin. The North Tipperary Roll of Honour was read by JP McDonnell and the Easter Statement read by Cathleen Knowles, Ard-Rúnaí.

The oration was delivered by Mick McManus, Fermanagh and the Last Post and Reveille were then sounded. The ceremony concluded with the playing of Amhrán na bhFiann.

### SOUTH TIPPERARY

Republicans gathered at the graveside of George Plant in St.

Johnston, Fethard at 3pm on Easter Monday, accompanied by Ms. Elizabeth Plant, sister of George. The proceedings were chaired by Des Long (Ard Chomhairle) and wreaths were laid by Martin Calligan, Clare and Paddy O'Connell, veteran Republican. A minute's silence was observed in memory of all who died in the fight for Irish freedom. A short and very moving oration was delivered by Martin Calligan who was a close comrade of George Plant.

## TYRONE

THE Easter Commemoration at Aghyaran, Co. Tyrone took place this year on Easter Sunday at 12.30pm at the grave of John Philip O'Donnell, veteran Republican and Gaeilgeoir, who had been interned on the Argenta prison ship in 1922 and who had devoted his life to the cause of Irish culture and freedom.

Cumann Seán Sabhat, Sinn Féin Poblachtach, Omagh had refurbished the grave and erected a beautiful memorial plaque. The proceedings were chaired by Felix McAteer and a decade of the Rosary was recited as Gaeilge by Fergus McCabe. The Easter Statement was read by Anne Doherty and the oration was delivered by Lita Ní Chathmhaoil, Ard Chomhairle.

A ceremony was also held at Frank Ward's grave in Carrickmore on Easter Sunday night.

## WESTMEATH

ABOUT 50 Republicans assembled at the gates of the old cemetery in Drumraney, near Athlone, on Easter Sunday and marched to the graves of Comdt. Dick Bartles, shot dead in Ballymore in 1923, Patrick Sloan, shot dead in Ballykinlar camp in 1921 and Barney McCormack who died of wounds received in 1916.

The proceedings were chaired by Seosamh O Maoileoin (Ard

Chomhairle). The 1916 Proclamation was read by Jimmy Doyle, Mount Temple and wreaths were laid by Tommy Sloan, nephew of Patrick Sloan and by Tom Munroe. The Roll of Honour was read by Kathleen Tormey.

Mait Ó Bráigha of Galway delivered the oration. Members of the Sloan and McCormack families were in attendance. Wreaths were also laid at Republican memorials and graves throughout the county in: Athlone, Moate, Mount Temple, Tyrellspass, Fore, Ballyglass and Enniscoffey.

## WEXFORD

100 Republicans marched from Crescent Quay in Wexford town to the Republican Plot in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown led by a six-man colour party and the Loch Garman Fire and Drum Band.

Proceedings were chaired by Matt Murphy, chairman of Wexford National Graves Association. The Proclamation of 1916 was read by Daithí Kavanagh and the Wexford Roll of Honour by Tom Malone of the NGA. Wreaths were laid by Mrs. Kavanagh on behalf of the Republican Movement and by Josh Kiely on behalf of the NGA. Tom Malone laid wreaths on the graves of Matthew Furlong, John Lacey and Paddy Parle.

A decade of the Rosary was said by George Molloy, who was interned in the Curragh in the 1940s and is Hon. President of the NGA in Wexford. The Easter Statement was read by Jimmy Kavanagh and Joe Egan, Dublin, gave the oration.

A wreath was laid during the commemoration in the Garden of Remembrance where Hogan, Parle and Creane were shot in 1923.

## WICKLOW

WEST Wicklow Republicans held a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Thomas O'Reilly in Holly-wood, Co. Wicklow on Easter Sunday.

## SONNY MULLANEY

THE death took place in late March of Denis "Sonny" Mullane of Kilglass, Roscommon at the age of 79. A veteran Republican, Sonny was an active member of the local Frank O'Donoghue Cumann of Sinn Féin Poblachtach and a delegate to Roscommon Comhairle Ceantair.

He served in the North Roscommon Battalion IRA from the early 1930s and distinguished himself at the funeral of Staff-Captain Jimmy Joe Reynolds in Cloonmorris Cemetery, Bornaacola, Leitrim in 1938 when the "Broys Harriers" fired over the heads of the mourners. An IRA firing party with rifles had just rendered military honours and Sonny helped to control the stampeding crowd and prevent serious injury to those present.

In later years he was

very active with collections for the Prisoners' Dependents and Easter Lily sales and was a familiar figure at all local Republican activities.

A Guard of Honour of his comrades escorted the Tricolour-draped coffin to Kilglass Church and to Scramogue Cemetery next day. Dermot Mullooly, Strokestown gave the oration.

The attendance at the removal included Ruairí Ó Bráigha, President of Sinn Féin Poblachtach.

## Comhbhrón

**MATTHEWS.** Deepest sympathy is extended to the Matthews family, Dublin Road, Newry on the recent death of their uncle, From Bearna Uladh Sinn Féin Poblachtach. Ar dheis Dé go raib sé.

**O'DONNELL.** Sincere sympathy is expressed to Chrissie O'Donnell and family on the death of

## WILLIE BERMINGHAM

SINCERE sympathy is extended to the wife and family of the late Willie Bermingham, Dublin, founder of ALONE and friend of the aged, lonely and afflicted poor, who died on April 23 at the early age of 48.

His widow, Marie is a daughter of the veteran Roscommon Republican and supporter of Sinn Féin Poblachtach, "Brodie" (James) Kelly who died

their husband and father Jack O'Donnell, Limerick, who died on Good Friday. Jack was a lifelong Republican, member of Cumann Brughá/Sabhat Sinn Féin Poblachtach, and for many years laid the wreaths every year on the grave of Seán Sabhat and his comrades. From the Republican Movement, Limerick. Cuimhníochais air.

just over a year ago. A great humanitarian and a most caring human being has passed from the scene.

Ar Dheis Dé go raib sé.

**O'NEILL.** Comhairle Chúige Chonnacht voted sympathy at its meeting on April 29 to Councillor Joe O'Neill and the O'Neill family, Ballyshannon on the death of their mother Mrs. Agnes O'Neill, a native of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone and a staunch Irishwoman.

**O'NEILL.** Deepest sympathy is extended to Joe O'Neill and family, Ballyshannon and Bundoran, Co. Donegal on the recent death of his mother Agnes. From Cumann Liam Mellows, BAC. Solas na bhFlaitheas dá hanam.

**O'NEILL.** Cumann Pádraig Ó Pearail, Loch Garman expresses deepest sympathy with Joe O'Neill and family, Bundoran on the death at Easter of his mother Agnes O'Neill. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raib a hanam. A vote of sympathy with Joe was passed at a meeting of the Cumann on April 20.

**WALSH.** Deepest sympathy is extended to Paddy Fox and family on the death of his sister Mary Walsh on April 30. From Comhairle Ceantair na Gaillimhe, Sinn Féin Poblachtach. Ar dheis Dé go raib sí.

## Comhghairdeachas

Ó CURRAOIN/BREATHNACH, Comhghairdeas do Thomás Ó Curraoin, na Fothraí Maola, Bearna, Gaillimh agus do Chaitlín Bhreathnach as Oirthear na Gaillimhe a pósadh ar 20ú Aibreán. Go mairidh sibh bhúr nuafocht !

# Ó Conaill in US Tour

A WARM welcome was given to Dáithí Ó Conaill, Leas-Uachtarán, Sinn Féin Poblachtach during a trip to the United States over the Easter period.

Dáithí was invited to address a 1916 Commemoration in Gaelic Park on Easter Sunday morning. The ceremony was jointly sponsored by Friends of Irish Freedom and Cumann Sean-Oglaigh na hÉir-ann and Heritage Assoc-

iation. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Keavney of Sligo and that was followed by the traditional breakfast. Frank Durkan, leading New York lawyer, gave an oration in keeping with the Easter spirit and Dáithí Ó Conaill paid tribute in



• Mike Flannery

his address to Mike Flannery, Joe Stynes and John Kerry O'Donnell who were honoured guests at the breakfast.

Pat O'Connell, Vice-Chairman, FOIF presided and close on two hundred people were in attendance. Among those present were Lois and Jack Donohue, George Harrison, Ursula and Charlie Steele, Boston and Eileen O'Flaherty of the Fenian Society, New Jersey.

A further commemoration was held on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Cumann na Saoirse (Irish Freedom Committee). Over a hundred people were present and heard a brilliant speech from Michael Flannery. Dáithí Ó Conaill spoke also and outlined the current situation in Ireland. A lively musical session followed and an informal gathering of old friends was enjoyed by all.

## NEWARK MEETING

On Wednesday, Dáithí addressed a meeting in Newark, New Jersey sponsored by Irish Freedom Committee. Some people travelled from Springfield, Massachusetts to attend and heard Michael Flannery outline the history of Irish-American Organisations in the US. Pete Farley presided at this function and everyone was

pleased with the good turnout.

In the course of his trip Dáithí Ó Conaill met a number of influential leaders of the Irish-American community and briefed them on the position of Sinn Féin Poblachtach. The updating of the EIRE NUA policy was warmly received by all.



• George Harrison

## Booklet Honours 1940 Hunger Strikers



• Leathchead bliain níos déanaí . . . The D'Arcy Family, April 1990. From left: Mrs Maura Tierney (daughter), Joe D'Arcy, Noel D'Arcy (sons) and Mrs. Julia D'Arcy (widow).

AS PART of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the deaths on hunger strike of Tony D'Arcy and Seán MacNeela in Arbour Hill Prison, Dublin in April 1940 Coiste Cuimhneacháin na Poblachta has this month published a 40-page booklet outlining the background and political context of their heroic sacrifice.

The inquest verdict of the coroner's jury on Seán MacNeela on April 22, 1940 said: "We are further of opinion that criminal status should not be accorded to political prisoners". Political status in 26-county jails was dearly bought.

The booklet, titled "In Omós, Tony D'Arcy, Gaillimh and Seán MacNeela, Mayo" (price £3/\$5 plus p.&p. from Oifig Éire Nua 13 Aston Place, Dublin 2) was published with the help of the D'Arcy family who gave family papers and photographs for publication. A very successful launch was held at this year's Donagh Patrick Easter Sunday Commemoration near Headford.

Irish Council of Churches speaking in Nicosia, Cyprus at the end of April.

"Peace will come as a result of negotiations, it is not negotiations which must come as a result of peace."

— Nelson Mandela, Vice-President, African National Congress.

"It could be very healthy for the Protestant community . . . to be thrust into some kind of federal all-Ireland situation, because over the years we have developed a psychology of dependence on Britain."

— Rev. Gordon Gray, Chairman of the board of overseas affairs with the

## BOYNE BATTLE OFF

THE PLANNED 300th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne celebrations have now apparently come unstuck. The proposal for thousands of Orangemen to commemorate the event on the actual site on July 14th next near Drogheda has been cancelled due to "exorbitant fees" for the use of the land, the property of a local farmer.

The price being quoted for the use of the field was said to be £50,000 and the Orange Order apparently cannot come up with this amount.

All of which surely confirms the old saying about the Orangemen considering the Crown to be important but the half-crown to be even more important!

## 'BLACK HOLE' THREAT!

THERE WAS much harassment of Easter Lily sellers throughout Co. Leitrim over the Easter period. Boxes, money and Lilies were seized at Drumshanbo from some of those who apply for permits to sell Lilies each year. These were the Free State Lily sellers.

Mícheál McDonagh of Leitrim Comhairle Ceantair, Sinn Féin Poblachtach refused to surrender his box and was taken to Drumshanbo barracks by 26-county police. As he persisted he was removed to Carrick-on-Shannon barracks and held for one hour.

As they sought bail of £30 from relatives and friends, all of whom refused to sign, a sergeant told him he would be sent to Mountjoy and "put down a black hole". "I've been there all my life" replied Mícheál who is a former Arigna coalminer.

## "POACHERS TURNED GAMEKEEPERS"

"Those who kill, main and destroy by bomb and bullet and claim to be doing it to achieve a United Ireland . . . should be extradited to face trial."

— Former IRA man Proinsias de Rossa at the Workers' Party Ard-Fheis on April 28. They no long-

er call themselves Republican.

Last year, even more significantly, he said that people want market forces not public ownership. "If that is what they want, we won't stand in their way", he declared.

And with that abdication of leadership they still call themselves Socialist!

## Imeachtaí

SEAN  
MAC DIARMADA  
COMMEMORATION

KILTyclogher  
CO. LEITRIM  
74th Anniversary  
SUNDAY MAY 6

2.30pm  
Assemble at  
Straduffly Cross

Speaker:

Cathleen Knowles  
NEIL PLUNKETT  
O'BOYLE

COMMEMORATION  
3pm SUNDAY MAY 13

KNOCKNADRUCE  
CO. WICKLOW  
Assemble at Hollywood  
Village at 3pm

BODENSTOWN 1990

SUNDAY JUNE 10  
Dublin Bus leaves  
13 Aston Quay (beside  
Virgin Megastore)

at 1pm  
Onóir do Cuimhne  
Theobald Wolfe Tone

ISLANDEADY  
VOLUNTEERS  
MEMORIAL  
UNVEILING

SUNDAY, JUNE 17  
ISLANDEADY  
CO. MAYO

Unveiling of Memorial to  
Vols. Tommy Lally and  
Tommy O'Malley over  
their graves. Both men  
were killed in action  
against Black-and-Tans at  
Clonkeen Bridge, Co. Mayo  
in May 1921

DRAW RESULT  
April winners in the  
CABHAIR - Irish Republic-  
an Prisoners Dependents'  
Fund were: £100, no. 110;  
£50, no. 365; £30, no. 262; £20, no. 121,  
five prizes of £10, nos. 137,  
337, 92, 022, 179.  
Next draw for Sinn Féin  
Poblachtach on Sunday,  
May 13, 1990.

NOTICE  
Bearnna Uladh Draw has  
been postponed until  
Friday, May 25.

# WHAT THEY SAID

— Rev. Gordon Gray,  
Chairman of the board of  
overseas affairs with the

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