



For FREEDOM And PROGRESS

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TO THE ELECTORS OF FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE

RORY BRADY was born in 1932, the son of a Longford father and a Belfast mother, both of whom had been active in the National Struggle between 1916 and 1923. He was educated at St. Mel's College, Longford and University College, Dublin where he took his Degree in Commerce in 1954. While imprisoned in Mountjoy Jail, Dublin in 1957 he was elected a Sinn Fein T.D. He was afterwards interned in the Curragh from where he escaped in 1958. A Vocational Teacher by profession and a fluent Irish speaker, he is married and has four children. If elected by the people of Fermanagh and South Tyrone, he cannot be unseated by British Law, as happened with the Republican candidates elected in 1955.

The people of my native Longford—Westmeath, elected me nine years ago to join the representatives elected by you, the people of the North, in a parliament for All Ireland. That was their expression of solidarity with you in your great struggle for freedom.

I now ask you to elect me as your T.D. to work and agitate among you for the establishment of an All-Ireland Parliament. The social and economic evils of emigration, unemployment and underdevelopment which beset Fermanagh and Tyrone have reduced the population to the lowest on record. Rural Ireland all over, and particularly the West where I work, suffers from the same ills, but in your case there is the additional and shameful scourge of discrimination.

To enable the people of Fermanagh and Tyrone to survive in their own land until an All-Ireland Parliament is realised I urge the adoption on a wide scale of every means of self-help including community projects, co-operatives and credit unions. Areas west of the Bann can expect little assistance from the British, Stormont or Dublin governments. Self-reliance was the original Sinn Fein slogan 50 years ago and to-day the people of the North must get together, dig in and help themselves to maintain their place in their homeland.

For a few weeks around Easter the world will be watching our country and will be interested in your decision on March 31st next. Let that decision be both worthy of our past and a firm indication of the will to survive and emerge victorious.

For my part, I pledge myself to strive with you, not as a career politician, but as a worker in the cause of Ireland's freedom and progress.

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REPUBLICAN ELECTION MANIFESTO

The Republican Programme is based on the simple proposition that Ireland is One Nation and is entitled to organise its own affairs free from all outside interference. The partition system of government imposed on Ireland in 1922 has retarded the progress of the Nation. It was originally accepted as a stepping stone to full freedom, it was claimed that if we had patience, time and goodwill would end British rule forever. Unfortunately, a whole new generation has now grown to manhood who never knew a United Ireland and it is evident that time and goodwill are on Britain's side.

The Westminster and Stormont Parliaments are now recognised as legitimate, and a "Free Trade" Agreement binds the 26 Counties closer to England than ever. The stepping stone was always precarious. Ultimately those who accepted it had to move forward to complete freedom or return to the Act of Union and now after 44 years the return is well under way.

The Republican Movement however, maintains, as Theobald Wolfe Tone maintained, that the first essential for Economic or Social progress, is to end British rule in Ireland. That is why we seek to build a strong and powerful movement which will awaken the Nation to its peril and which, by its strength, and the obvious justice of its cause will compel the British Government to renounce all claims to rule any part of our country.

The people of the North have always been to the fore in every struggle in defence of the peoples rights. The Republican Movement was founded in Belfast in 1791 and embraced both Catholics and Protestants. The Republican Candidates now seize the opportunity which this Election offers, to ask the people of the North to root out petty sectarian bitterness and determine to work for the good of this nation which is theirs to develop and expand.

The election of a Republican candidate, coupled with a high poll, would be a double victory and a mighty blow which would command world attention by means of Press, Radio and Television. It would reverse the downward trend and mark the opening of a new and perhaps victorious phase in our historic struggle. For that reason, every vote counts.

Political freedom is merely a means for the achievement of Social and Economic freedom. Realising this, the Republican Movement has formulated a comprehensive Social and Economic Programme to ensure the development of Ireland's natural resources in the interests of the Irish people. The following are some points which illustrate the scope of this programme :-

- (a) Control over the issue of money will be taken from the private banks and finance houses and vested in the state.
- (b) The import and export of capital will be controlled. (£400,000,000 of Six-County money are invested in London at present.)
- (c) No industry will be allowed to close down at the whim of individuals, and if necessary the state will take it over to protect the interests of the employees and the economy.

- (d) The community will be provided with a free health service and free educational facilities up to and including University standard.
- (e) Only resident citizens of the state will be allowed to own, foreclose or lease land, and the size of farms will be limited. Special attention will be given to small farms, and the formation of co-operative units will be given every possible aid and encouragement.
- (f) Housing will be taken from speculators and political opportunists. Houses will be provided at low cost and allocated strictly in accordance with need.
- (g) As transport is an essential service, an efficient public transport system will be provided on all routes, even if this requires a subsidy.
- (h) The Local Government system will be overhauled and streamlined. Local bodies will be elected on the basis of one person one vote.
- (i) The Republican government will plan for full employment and ensure a just distribution of the nation's wealth.
- (j) The rights of the individual, the rights of the family, the rights of worship and religion and the rights of association will be guaranteed and protected by the state.
- (k) The state will assist the family in caring for the unemployed, the aged, orphans, widows and those who are mentally or physically infirm by providing them with :-
 - (i) Sufficient purchasing power to maintain them in reasonable comfort and independence.
 - (ii) Free hospitalisation and medical treatment.
 - (iii) Free education and the necessary training for those physically and mentally incapable of normal employment.

Only in a free Ireland can prosperity and progress be achieved and only in a free Ireland can the evils which stem from the British system be ended, namely, unemployment, emigration, discrimination in jobs and housing, gerrymandering of parliamentary and local electoral boundaries, sectarian strife and bitterness. Ireland is one political and economic unit; the industry of the North and the agriculture of the South are complementary. With control of our own resources and finances, with the enthusiasm which would restore our native language and culture, it would be possible to build the Ireland of which we have dreamed for so long and for which countless numbers fought and died.

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rising and Proclamation of the Republic in 1916. To our shame we have not achieved that Republic yet. A resounding vote for the Republican candidates will be a most fitting tribute and a wonderful lead to all our people, at home and in exile. It will be a daring summons to the flag of all our people, a message of defiance to England and a reminder to the world at large that Ireland demands her freedom. The Golden Jubilee has become a Golden Opportunity. Let us seize it and use it.

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