

# SAOIRSE

## IRISH FREEDOM

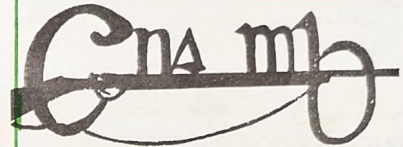
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# WHERE WE STAND



Cumann na mBan salutes Republican Sinn Féin on this, their 83rd Ard-Fheis. We support your principled stand and congratulate you on your progress since November 2nd last.

We believe that the coming year will see further advances.

*"In matters of principle, there can be no compromise"* - Terence Mac Swiney.

THE SCENE in the Mansion House, Dublin on November 2, 1986 as Sinn Féin delegates withdraw after the vote to accept taking seats in Leinster House was announced. The BBC World Service on November 2 and 3, 1986 broadcast a live recording of Ruairí Ó Brádaigh reading the statement printed below. Supporters world-wide from Europe to North America to Australia heard the Republican position in Ireland being once more defended from the latest attack on it. The BBC described the adjourned Ard-Fheis in the West County Hotel, Dublin, as being composed of "hard-line Republicans".

### Poblacht na hÉireann Irish Republic

**Whereas** a majority of the delegates to the 82nd Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin have today voted to allow their elected representatives to recognise the 26-County Parliament at Leinster House and take part in its administration; and,

**Whereas** such a decision conflicts with the two fundamental principles on which the organisation is based and which are enshrined in the Constitution of Sinn Féin, viz.

"(a) That the allegiance of Irishmen and Irishwomen is due to the Sovereign Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916.

(b) That the sovereignty and unity of the Republic are inalienable and non-judicable"; and,

**Whereas** the experience of six decades of attempts to win full Irish freedom through the Leinster House partitionist assembly has shown such efforts to be a total failure, culminating in recent years in full collaboration with the London Government, including extradition of political prisoners and the spending of one million pounds per day of Irish taxpayers' money in protecting the border for England; and,

**Whereas** no group, minority or majority, claiming to serve the historic cause of national freedom and sovereignty, can grant recognition to the British-created institutions of Leinster House, Stormont and Westminster.

**We**, Irish Republicans who wish to uphold the basic Republican position enshrined in the Sinn Féin Constitution until today and meeting in public session declare as follows:

**We** renew our allegiance to the Sovereign Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916 and which was endorsed by the majority of the people of Ireland, acting as a unit, in 1918.

**We** uphold the Declaration of Independence proclaimed in National Parliament, Dáil Éireann, on January 21st, 1919 and heroically defended in arms by succeeding generations of Irish Republicans.

**We** will pursue the Republican objectives by continuing the organisation of **Republican Sinn Féin** whose object will be to organise the Irish people, at home and abroad, in opposition to British interference in the affairs of the historic Irish Nation; to defend the interests of the Irish people against all forms of colonialism and exploitation, political, social, economic and cultural; and to devise policies for the emancipation of all the Irish people, including a system of government which will cherish all the children of the Nation equally and give all a truly democratic voice in the government of their community, by the establishment of a Democratic Socialist Republic.

**We** salute the memory of our patriot dead who shall always inspire us and we express our solidarity with the families of those who died in the cause of Irish freedom in recent years. To all our Republican prisoners we pledge ourselves to carry on the struggle for which they are now suffering so much.

**We** uphold the historic right of the Irish people to use whatever degree of controlled and disciplined force is necessary in resisting English aggression and bringing about an English withdrawal from our country for ever.

**We** confidently ask all the Irish people for their support in our endeavours to make the Irish Republic a living reality. Our exiled men and women and all others who have helped us so far are invited to continue their support which has always been much appreciated.

**Tuigimid** go maith go mbeidh deacrachtaí romhainn ins an obair seo ar fad agus glacaimid na cúraimí seo orainn le dóchas go mbeidh muintir na hÉireann fial lena gcúnamh mar a bhí i gcónaí.

Seasaimid le Poblacht 1916.

2nd November, 1986.

### EAGARFHOCAL

*"It cannot now be said that there is no organised body of political opinion in Ireland which rejects the 26-County neo-colonial state set up here by England in 1921".*

THIS statement has been well and truly borne out by the reorganisation and activity of Irish Republicans in the twelve months since the last Ard-Fheis.

Despite the spectacle of another defection to the partitionist cul-de-sac of Leinster House, Republican Sinn Féin has given expression to those who refuse to compromise on principle in pursuit of spurious short-term goals.

As part of this, Saoirse - Irish Freedom will give priority to explaining our principles and arguing the Republican case to our readership. Any cliquish presumption that reasoned analysis and effective advocacy of the revolutionary Republican tradition is not necessary must be avoided.

We aim to convince people of the justice of our position rather than catering for an established audience. The informed reader can therefore be both secure in the knowledge of our stand and confident in acting upon it.

This photographic record of events since last November is offered as a souvenir of our efforts and also provides a preview of the tabloid format. With your co-operation and support it will be a success.

# "We have declared for an Irish Republic



MEMBERS of RSF picket RTE in Donnybrook to protest against the renewal of Section 31 last January.



A clear message for Leinster House politicians at the commencement of the new session in March.



## Remembering G



THE George Plant Commemoration at Fethard, Co. Tipperary (Clare); Tommy Burns (Bansha); Elizabeth Plant (sister); Eileen Mrs. O'Brien (California); Mary Carrigan (two sisters of the (Dublin), Speaker; Paddy O'Connell (Thurles), National G in England from March of 1939.



DUBLIN members of RSF picket the British Embassy, Dublin, in protest against Strip-Searching on International Women's Day in March.



Cork RSF members picket Fine Gael offices in a protest against extradition in March. Leaflets were distributed to the general public.



COUNCILLOR Eamonn Larkin and other RSF members from South Armagh, mount an anti-extradition picket on the border at Killeen last March.



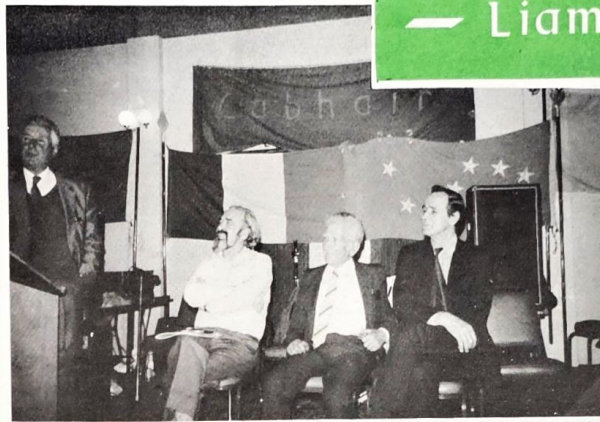
COMMANDANT-GENERAL Tom Maguire inspecting the guard of honour on his return in 1967. He is accompanied by Eoin MacNamee, former Adjutant-General, Irish Rep

blie and will not live under any other law

# George Plant



Co. Tipperary, Easter Monday 1987. Left to right: Mick Hegarty (sister); Eimear Carrigan; Cathleen Knowles (Head Office); Al and sisters of the late Ned Carrigan, Knocklofty, Clonmel); Paddy Ryan National Graves Association, who served 20 years penal servitude



"That Seán Keenan is an awful man..." Billy McKee from Belfast (on left) about to present Seán Keenan from Derry (second from right) with his plaque at the Cabhair - Irish Republican Prisoners Dependents' Fund Testimonial Dinner on June 13.

# Liam Lynch

## R S F Councillors



Frank McCarry, Moyle District Council, is a native of Ballycastle in the Glens of Antrim.



Frank Glynn, Galway County Council, from Milltown, Co. Galway.



Michael McGonigle, Limavady District Council, from Dungiven Co. Derry.



Joe O'Neill, Bundoran Urban District Council, from Bundoran, Co. Donegal.



Eamonn Larkin, Newry and Mourne District Council, is a native of South Armagh.

Republican Sinn Féin are also represented on Tipperary Urban District Council by Finbarr Kissane, from Tipperary Town.



ONE of the finest banners on display at the annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration at Bodens town on Sunday, June 14.



STALWART members of the Clonbony Pipe Band marching out at the head of the Parade in Bodens town, June 14, last.



THE Colour Party leads the Parade at the Bodens town Commemoration on June 14.



our on his arrival at Chicago Airport al, Irish Republican Army.



Al Madden, President of Boston AOH, addressing the attendance at the Hunger-Strike Commemoration in Bundoran on August 29. Platform Party includes Mrs. McDonnell, mother of Hunger-Strike martyr Joe McDonnell, Belfast.



NORMAN O'Rourke of the Cork Volunteer Pipe Band leads the Parade behind the Colour Party on the way to the Round Tower Memorial to General Liam Lynch on the Knockmealdown Mountains, Co. Tipperary, on Sunday, September 27.

# An Historic Meeting



Michael Flannery, home from the USA, visited Tom Maguire during September along with Ruairi O Bradaigh and Councillor Joe O'Neill. The historic photo in the background is of the faithful members of Dail Eireann, pictured at Easter 1928 outside a well-known Dublin Hotel. Tom Maguire commented when told about the move to a tabloid-format Saoirse "There are some worthwhile people in the country yet".



(Left) Michael Flannery pictured in the uniform of the Irish Republican Army when he was with the Tipperary No. 1 Brigade, IRA. (Right) Commandant-General Tom Maguire, TD and GOC Second Western Division, IRA, pictured in 1921.

## LDOCHRA AR LAR



The remains of Kildare Republican, Tom O'Connor, are carried from the Church in Kill, flanked by a guard of honour. Tom will be sorely missed by Republicans from all over Ireland.



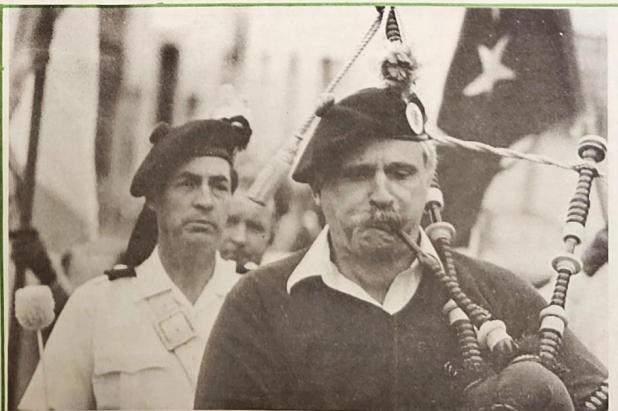
THE Colour Party dips flags at the Commemoration to Richard Goss and Liam Gaughran at Dundalk on August 9.

Dáithí O Conaill, National Chairperson, gives the oration at the Seán Sabhat Commemoration in Limerick in January.

## Siopa na Poblachta



Our bookshop and offices at 21, Shaw Street. The poster (on right) is published by the Corsican People's Liberation Movements depicting the National Flag of this island country.



MEMBERS of the Emerald Society New York Police Band at the Sixth Annual Hunger Strike Commemoration in Bundoran on August 29, 1987.