

CLAR na hARD-FHEISE 1982

Dé SATHAIRN

9.00 Isteac	Check-in of Delegates
10.00 Cathaoirleach a thoghadh	Election of Chairperson
Cuntasóirí a thoghadh	Election of Tellers
Orduithe Seasta	Standing Orders
10.15 Polasaí Inmheánach	Internal Policy
11.00 Gnóthaí Ban	Women's Affairs
11.30 Polasaí Ginearálta	General Policy
12.00 Bunreacht	Constitution

1.00 LON

LUNCH

2.00 Isteac	Check-in of delegates
2.15 Tuarascáil na gCisteoirí	Financial Report
2.45 Polasaí Polaitiúil	Political Policy
3.45 Eagrais	Organisation
5.00 Oifigigh a thoghadh	Election of Officers
5.30 Poiblíocht	Publicity
6.00 An Phoblacht/ Republican News	An Phoblacht/ Republican News

Dé DOMHNAIGH

9.30 Isteach	Check-in of Delegates
10.00 Cultúr agus Oideachas	Culture and Education
10.30 Gnóthaí Ceardchumann	Trade Union Affairs
11.00 Ard-Chomhairle a thoghadh	Election of Ard-Chomhairle
11.30 Óige	Youth
12.00 Óráid an Uachtaráin	Presidential Address

1.00 LON

LUNCH

2.00 Gnóthaí Eachtracha	Foreign Affairs
3.00 Príosúnaigh	Prisoners
3.30 Polasaí Soisialta & Eacnamíochta	Social and Economic Policy
4.30 Polasaí Togcháin	Election Policy
5.15 Eagrais Eile	Other Organisations
6.00 Dúnadh	Close

Rules governing the procedure of An Ard-Fheis

ORDUITHE SEASTA — STANDING ORDERS

1. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed to speak for five minutes when proposing a motion. The proposer or seconder of a motion or an amendment shall be given three minutes to reply before the proposal has been put for a decision.
2. All other speakers to a motion or an amendment, shall be allowed to speak for three minutes each.
3. The policy spokesman introducing each section shall be allowed five minutes and three minutes to conclude the section.
4. On the motion being moved and seconded "that the question be now put", the Chair, after allowing those who have expressed their wish to speak to do so, shall have no option, but to put the motion to a vote of delegates. In the event of the motion being carried, the Chair, after allowing the proposer or seconder of the resolution (and amendment if any) under discussion, three minutes as provided for in (1) above, shall have no option but to put the resolution or amendment to a vote.
5. Visitors shall be admitted at the discretion of An Ard-Fheis. One visitor, representing an accredited organisation, shall be allowed to speak on behalf of the organisation for three minutes on any proposal or amendment under discussion, but shall not be allowed to vote. Sinn Féin Local Councillors shall be given the same facilities as accredited organisations.
6. Persons nominated for officership or membership of An Ard-Chomhairle shall not be eligible to act as tellers.
7. Delegates when speaking, must give their names and the names of the cumann and area represented.
8. All amendments must be handed in, in writing.
9. Once adopted by this Ard-Fheis it shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present to suspend Standing Orders.
10. The ~~Chair~~ shall be agreed at the commencement of An Ard-Fheis and shall be strictly adhered to.
11. Points of order will be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be limited to 30 seconds.
12. Delegates requiring information on matters under discussion must do so in writing.
13. Resolutions seeking suspension of Standing Orders must be submitted to the Chairman in writing giving reasons for same.
14. A Steering Committee will be approved by An Ard-Fheis.

POLICY

(A) Political

- X1. That a decision on Government Structures be deferred for one year to give sufficient time for all the implications (particularly for Ulster) to be adequately explored and discussed.

Máirtín De Faoite Cumann Clare.

P L R

- X2. That (a) this cumann having studied with care, the document entitled "Government Structures — an alternative to Federalism" proposes that this Árd-Fheis does not accept this paper as it contains, in our opinion, a number of serious proposals which we cannot support. It also has some basic errors in its wording.

That (b) this cumann proposes that this Ard-Fheis approve the appointment by the new Ard Chomhairle of a working committee of people from all spheres of life in Ireland, who are capable of formulating a realistic and nationally acceptable alternative.

Fergal O'Hanlon Cumann Muineachán

P L R

- ✓3. That the document on Governmental Structures be accepted subject to any amendments made by an Árd-Fheis.

**Ard Chomhairle
Comhairle Cúige Laighean**

P L R

- X4. That the central government of the proposed Government Structures, be composed of committees formed on a proportional basis, and that the chairperson of each committee be recognised as the minister.

Ó'hÉanai/Mac Raois Cumann B.A.C.

P L R

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~~5.~~

That the document "Alternative to Federalism" be rejected.

**Comhairle Cúige na Mumhan
North Tipperary Comhairle Ceantair**

P L R

~~6.~~

That the Ard-Fheis adopt the original Éire Nua policy and structures as the only credible way to power sharing in a new Ireland.

**Clare Comhairle Ceantair
Mid-Kerry Comhairle Ceantair**

P..... L..... R.....

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7. That Sinn Féin supports the establishment of a political Broad Front on the basis of "Brits Out" and opposition to collaboration.

Carroll/Ashe Cumann Cabra

P L R

8. That the Ard Chomhairle arrange for the publishing of a policy document outlining why Sinn Féin is an abstentionist party.

Comhairle Cúige na Mumhan

P L R

(B) Social and Economic

9.

That the document on Agriculture be accepted.

Social
Comhairle Cúige Laighean

P L R

10. That Sinn Féin adopt the Agricultural Document as policy while doing more research on marketing.

Clare Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

11. That Sinn Féin accept the draft policy on Agriculture and also draw up a short-term policy to defend the interests of small farmers.

Comhairle Átha Cliath

P ✓ L R

12. That point No. 3 of the Draft Agricultural Policy be amended to read that in all cases compulsory tillage be introduced — emphasis being on vegetable growing.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L ✓ R

13. That point No. 9 of the Agricultural Document be amended to read "that Sinn Féin have reservations on the conacre system".

Comhairle Cúige na Mumhan

P ✓ L ✓ R

14. That a campaign be mounted to highlight the non utilisation of huge amounts of agricultural land while vast amounts of foreign fruit and vegetables are imported into this country.

Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin

P ✓ L R

15. That in the present farm income crisis, the Republican Movement should do all in its power to prevent financial institutions evicting farm families and becoming the new landlords.

Pierce McCann Cumann Cashel

P L R

16. That Sinn Féin mount a campaign against the ownership of our lands and rivers by foreign interests i.e. fishing rights etc.

Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin

P ✓ L R

- ✓ 17. That the leadership of the Movement play a more prominent role on Social issues.

Padraig Ó Pearaill Cumann Loc Garman

P ✓..... L R

- ✓ 18. That more active support from the general membership be given to Community Advice/Incident Centres with a view to initiating and mobilising local action. The present situation of depending entirely on a community officer who can deal only with individual cases merely places Sinn Féin in the same league as the establishment parties — dispensing aid instead of revolutionary alternatives.

Comhairle Átha Cliath

P ✓..... L R

- ✓ 19. That a campaign be initiated to localise the payments of Social Welfare (Payments) in particular Disability Benefit.

Padraig Ó Pearaill Cumann Loc Garman

P ✓..... L R

- ✓ 20. That Sinn Féin express its solid support for all Irish workers threatened with a real pay cut by the device of a wages freeze, and help them to resist in every way the capitalists and government.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P ✓..... L R

- ✓ 21. That Sinn Féin should involve itself through its cumainn, Comhairle Ceantair and Comhairle Cúige and on a national basis in helping our unemployed to achieve an identity. The fight for national freedom in Ireland has always been identified with the struggle of our people, be they tenants fighting landlords, or inshore fishermen fighting vested interests for the right to fish in our National waters. The involvement of our people, especially our young, in working for our unemployed is very necessary now. Local groups should be formed without delay in every area, and especially in the cities and bigger towns to organise the campaign.

Comhairle Cúige Chonnacht

P ✓..... L R

22. That the number of hours worked by any worker be no more than 35 hours and as technology improves this figure to be reviewed.

O'hÉanai/MacRaois Cumann B.A.C.

P L R ✓

23. That Sinn Féin is opposed to all job losses within the Irish Sugar Co. Group and commits itself to supporting any constructive action in defence of these jobs.

including those

Limerick Comhairle Ceantair

P L R ✓

24. That Sinn Féin should not stand idly by and let the Irish government employ foreign firms while Irish firms lie in bankruptcy.

McNulty/Magorrian Cumann Co. Down

P L R ✓

X 25. That Sinn Féin back the original design of the airport in the West of Ireland so as to boost the economy of the farming community in that region.

McNulty/Magorrian Cumann Co. Down

P L R ✓

26. That Sinn Féin create a fair employment system by backing "One man, one Job".

That S.F. oppose double-jobbing.

Person.

McNulty/Magorrian Cumann Co. Down

P L R ✓

27. That Sinn Féin policy be to encourage co-operation and other democratic forms of organisation among small farmers as the only viable way in which they can overcome the problems of machinery, finance, bulk buying and marketing which are forcing them off the land.

Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/O hAirmheadhaigh Cumann Portlaoise Prison

P L R ✓

28. That once a Sinn Féin government has taken over a big estate, it should never revert to private ownership, but instead be used in the name of the people, to found a co-op. consisting of young landless people.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R ✓

29. That Sinn Féin is committed to the strengthening of local dairy co-ops and that control must be vested in the farmers themselves and not lost to giant co-ops which in many cases are controlled by private British concerns.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R ✓

30. That a Sinn Féin government will make speculation in land a serious criminal offence, carrying a goal sentence.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/O hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R ✓

31. That Sinn Féin honestly point out that industrial workers — who are lucky to own a house — cannot be expected to subsidise, on an ever-increasing scale the private ownership of land by farmers who will not try to organise themselves into efficient co-op. units.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R ✓

32. Not this A. P. condemns the excess of
Eddie O Doherty. Passed
(C) Internal

32. That Sinn Féin community officers should not ape the establishment parties on their approach to local government issues.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P ✓ L R

33. That Sinn Féin play a greater political role at local level.
Mid-Kerry Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

34. That in areas where a major drug problem exists, local Sinn Féin cumainn work closely with community leaders in activity geared to tackling this horrific social problem.

Carroll/Ashe Cumann Cabra

Sinn Féin support the decriminalization of marijuana. continue to confront and

P L R

35. That Sinn Féin refrain from asking its members to lobby elected representatives.

embarrass elected eps. at all opportunities.

Pierce McCann Cumann Cashel

P L R

36. That all members of Sinn Féin be reminded that we do not support or call for any kind of support for non-abstentionist candidates in non-local elections. We note with anxiety the recent lapse in this principle during the last year.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

37. That at future Ard-Fheiseanna all nominees for the Ard Chomhairle include information concerning their record of work and attendance at meetings over the previous year.

Clonard Martyrs Cumann Belfast

P L R

38. That the Ard-Fheis should be an open forum rather than be confined to specific categories.

South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

39. That this Ard-Fheis calls for more support for the National Graves Association and encourages the setting up of active branches in each county.

Fergal O'Hanlon Cumann Muineachán

P L R

40. That at future demonstrations calling for Sinn Féin support, whether large or small, members of the Ard Chomhairle should be very much in evidence.

McNulty/Cannon Cumann Dublin

P L R

41. That Easter Monday be held as a National commemorative day in Dublin.

McNulty/Cannon Cumann Dublin

P L R

42. That a National H-Block/Armagh Commemoration be held at a fixed venue, and at a fixed date.

Countess Markievicz Cumann Kilkenny

P L R

43. That the recommendations that were passed on financial assistance in the West County Hotel to those areas who participated in the General Election be implemented.

Louth Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

44. That all Sinn Féin members not be defined as "men" and "women" but should be classed as "persons". We are all members of a party regardless of being male or female.

Kildare Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

45. That the gum-backed Easter Lily be adopted now that there are no other claimants to the title Sinn Féin.

Maurice McGrath Cumann Tipperary

P L R

46. That all campaigns organised by Ard Chomhairle in future be well planned and well researched and all material about same to be sent out to Cumainn on request.

Comhairle Ceantair Corcaigh

P L R

47. That Department Heads not be appointed and co-options to an Ard Chomhairle not be filled until such time as the provincial Ard Chomhairle reps. are elected.

Captain Danford Cumann Limerick

P L R

48. That there be more communication between Dublin and local cumann secretaries.

South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

49. That in the case where a cumann has to raise finance among its own members this should be done according to each member's means.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

50. That delegates to Ard-Fheis must vote as decided by their Cumann or Comhairle Ceantair/Comhairle Cúige — otherwise they shall be dismissed from Sinn Féin.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

Amendment. — eligible for dismissal.

51. That only paid up members of Sinn Féin for the current year have the right to vote on the selection of candidates for the local elections.

Mid-Kerry Comhairle Ceantair

amend - Republican Movement

P L R

52. That all moneys collected for Sinn Féin be sanctioned by the local Comhairle Ceantair.

Kildare Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

53. That at all future Ard-Fheiseanna all voting papers should be numbered.

Tom Williams/Tom Harte Cumann Lurgan

P L R

54. That all Sinn Féin buildings have the name "Sinn Féin" above them.

Carty/Crowley/Loughran Cumann Dungannon

P L R

55. That leading members of the Republican Movement attend Comhairle Ceantair meetings when requested. We believe that this will benefit both grass roots members and the leadership, which in turn will give an overall better understanding within the movement in general.

Cathal Brugha Cumann Dublin

P L R

(D) General

56. Though we recognise the irreformability of the 26 county state and Constitution, we affirm that the proposed Amendment to its Constitution would have no place in a 32-county all Ireland Constitution.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

57. That Sinn Féin actively opposes any attempt by reactionary forces to amend the Free State Constitution regarding the right to life of the unborn child.

Comhairle Ceantair Béal Feirste

P L R

WOMEN

58. That all Sinn Féin cumainn appoint an officer in charge of women's affairs with the task of educating the cumann to agitate on women's issues in their area, and liaise with the Women's Department.

Comhairle Ceantair Béal Feirste

P L R ✓

59. With the existence of a Women's Department within Sinn Féin we believe it contradicts Republican policy in accordance with our constitution which already guarantees equal rights and opportunities to all. We therefore propose that this department be disbanded.

Cathal Brugha Cumann Dublin

P L R ✓

PRISONERS

60. That this Ard-Fheis sends solidarity greetings to all prisoners of War incarcerated in Irish, English and American jails.

Martin Forsythe Cumann B.A.C.

P L R ✓

61. That consideration be given at the earliest date to holding discussions with the appropriate department concerning a clearly defined campaign regarding our P.O.Ws in prison in England.

Pearse/McDaid Cumann England

P L R ✓

62. That a more concentrated campaign for the repatriation of Irish prisoners, especially within the 26 county area be undertaken.

South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

P L R ✓

63. We deplore the lack of activity by Sinn Féin members on the prison issue over the past year.

Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin

P L R ✓.....

CONSTITUTION

64. That (a) of "Objects" be amended to read "the complete overthrow of British Rule in Ireland and the establishment of a Democratic, Socialist Republic based on the Proclamation of 1916".

**Ard Chomhairle
Comhairle Cúige Laighean
Comhairle Átha Cliath
Comhairle Ceantair Béal Feirste
Comhairle Ceantair Corcaigh
Mellows/Markievicz Cumann Britain
Wolfe Tone Cumann Dublin
Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin
Mhic Chába/Uí Choigligh Cumann B.A.C.
Clonard Martyrs Cumann Belfast
Traolach Mac Suibhne Cumann Corcaigh**

P ✓..... L R

65. That the word Federal be eliminated from our Constitution, and that the incoming Ard Chomhairle elect a delegation of three to visit all parts of the country to discuss all aspects of a new policy based on decentralised democracy, especially the financing of new institutions.

Michael O Hanrahan Cumann Wexford

P L R

66. That Rule No. 1 (g) be amended to read " that the Sinn Féin organisation or any of its members may not make use of the courts of either Partition assembly for civil actions which have political connotations.

Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin

P L ✓..... R

M^c Guerb.

✓ 67. That Rule 1 (g) be re-affirmed both in letter and spirit and that any discretionary powers vested in the Ard Chomhairle in regard to this section are hereby withdrawn.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

RULES

MP ✓ 68. That Rule 28 be amended to include; "(f) that an Ard Chomhairle in consultation with local membership be empowered where necessary to replace Comhairlí Cúige with regional executives".

Ard Chomhairle

participation in Sinn Féin activities
P ✓ L R

69. That membership may be through local departments responsible to national departments via Comhairle Ceantair department heads e.g. ^{participation} membership may be through membership of the local Trade Union/Economic Resistance Movement Department; Women's Dept.; Youth Dept.; Education; Publicity; Cultural Dept.

Derry Sinn Féin

P ✓ L R

✓ 70. That regional representatives on the Ard Chomhairle be elected by delegates from Cumainn as per Ard-Fheis representation at meetings held for that purpose.

Wolfe Tone Cumann Dublin

P L R

71. That in an interim period the delegates to the Ard Chomhairle from Leinster be elected at the AGM of Comhairle Cúige Laighean.

Comhairle Cúige Laighean

P L R ✓

72. That in addition to the normal 8 delegates elected at the Ard-Fheis 8 extra delegates be elected at the Ard-Fheis on a provincial basis to represent the provinces on an interim period of 1 year until such time as a method can be solved to allocate representatives from the new regional structure.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

ELECTORAL

73. That this Ard-Fheis instructs the incoming Ard Chomhairle to give serious consideration to the strategy to be adopted by Sinn Féin at the next E.E.C. elections.

Limerick Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

74. That a positive attitude be maintained towards elections but the decision on whether or not to contest in any given area be left to members within the constituency and not the Ard Chomhairle.

Tony Ahearne Cumann Clones

P L R

75. That Sinn Féin candidates going forward for local government elections be chosen one year in advance.

Martin Hurson Cumann Meath

P L R

76. That all candidates in national and local elections and all campaign material be unambivalent in support of the armed struggle.

**Comhairle Átha Cliath
Frank Stagg Cumann Dublin**

P L R

ORGANISATION

77. That an **Árd Chomhairle** be empowered to do a major review of organisational structure.

That the National Organiser be instructed to submit a report to an **Árd Chomhairle** within 3 months of the Ard Fheis.

That Rule 28 be amended to make it possible for an **Árd Chomhairle** in consultation with the local membership, to appoint regional executives composed in part of **Árd Chomhairle** members.

Árd Chomhairle

P L R

- withdrawn*
~~78. That a committee be set up to examine the present functions of Sinn Féin and give suggestions on how to better the organisation.~~

~~**Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin**~~

~~P L R~~

79. That **Comhairle Cúige Laighean** be disbanded and replaced with workable regional areas with effective organisation, with the assurance that Leinster retain at least its present representation on the **Árd Chomhairle**.

Comhairle Cúige Laighean

P L R

- ~~80. That the present **Cúige Uladh** structure be changed to regions within a defined area.~~

~~**South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair**~~

~~P L R~~

- See how agreement goes*
~~81. That the four **Comhairlí Cúige** be disbanded in favour of more workable regional structures.~~

~~**Comhairle Átha Cliath
Wolfe Tone Cumann Dublin**~~

~~P L R~~

82. That the Comhairlí Cúige be disbanded.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

83. That Comhairlí Cúige be abandoned and replaced by regional structures. That Comhairlí Cúige will not be wound up until regional structures have been established.

Comhairle Cúige Uladh

P L R

84. That the cumann structure be rationalised in all areas to accommodate local election constituencies and/or local district or social realities.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

85. That there be more co-operation and joint activity between cumainn in the same area to ensure a better coverage of the designated areas.

Clarke/McVerry Cumann Dun Laoghaire

P L R

86. That there be closer check kept by Head Office on the activities or lack of them of cumainn.

Clarke/McVerry Cumann Dun Laoghaire

P L R

87. That the chairperson of each Cumann, Comhairle Ceantair and Comhairle Cúige be held responsible for the enactment of directives from the Árd-Fheiseanna and Árd Oifig.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R

88. That Sinn Féin councillors be ex-officio on all Committees (Sinn Féin) active in their areas.

Padraig Ó Pearaill Cumann Loc Garman

P L R

See agreement

89. That Sinn Féin recognise the importance of May Day as a day of working-class unity. All Sinn Féin activity whether at Ard Chomhairle, Comhairle Ceantair and Cumann level be set aside to allow members to participate in the rallies throughout the country.

Tony Ahearne Cumann Clones

P L R

90. That the officer board of an Árd Chomhairle and the department heads be empowered to meet on a regular basis to implement political and organisational policy and to co-ordinate all Sinn Féin political, electoral and departmental work.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

91. That regional conferences as opposed to National Conferences should be held to get grass roots opinion where major decisions have to be taken.

Comhairle Cúige Uladh

P L R

92. That each Comhairle Cúige should have a number of regional organisers.

Comhairle Cúige Uladh

P L R

93. That the incoming Árd Chomhairle hold more county meetings on a regular basis and that these meetings culminate in the organisation of another (Athlone type) working conference to be held before the next Ard-Fheis.

Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin

P L R

94. That a senior member of the Ard Chomhairle visit each comhairle ceantair by invitation at least once a year.

Kildare Comhairle Ceantair.

P L R

95. That in future all campaigns started by an Ard Chomhairle be well planned and material be available to cumainn on request.

Traolach Mac Suibhne Cumann Corcaigh

P L R

- yes A - 96. (a) That Sinn Féin in co-operation with other sections of the Republic Movement immediately open full time premises in Cork, Limerick and Galway.

no B (b) That no Republican premises be rented.

Russell/McDonnell Cumann North Strand B.A.C.

P L R

97. That the position of a representative from Britain on the Ard Chomhairle be replaced with a three person liaison committee dealing directly with the Executive in Britain. One of the committee to be a member of the Ard Chomhairle.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

PUBLICITY

98. That at present we feel that there are too many spokespersons for Sinn Féin therefore we think that the President should be projected more in the media i.e. that all important statements from Sinn Féin be issued on behalf of the President.

Tom Williams/Tom Harte Cumann Lurgan

P L R

99. That the new director of Publicity embarks on a concerted campaign of highlighting the daily occurrences of harassment and intimidation throughout the country.

Comhairle Ceantair Muineachain

P L R

100. That a greater effort be made by all to make the world know that it is Sinn Féin that truly represents the Nationalists of the 6 counties.

Bobby Sands Cumann Killorglin

P L R

101. That all literature be balanced to incorporate "The National Struggle" along with local issues.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

102. That any document being published by Sinn Féin should be vetted by the Ard Chomhairle.

Comhairle Cúige na Mumhan

P L R

103. That for Christmas '82 and for subsequent years the Republican Publications committee produce a Republican Diary.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

104. That the document on "The Split" should not have been issued without the accompanying document "Where Sinn Féin Stands".

Comhairle Cúige na Mumhan

P L R

105. We regret the absence of books, periodicals, newspapers etc., which are on the subject of, or come directly from, Liberation movements in the rest of the world, in the Bookshop at 44. We propose that the Education Department in conjunction with the Foreign Affairs Department should select books etc., for the bookshop.

**Comhairle Átha Cliath
Frank Stagg Cumann Dublin**

P L R

106. That all Sinn Féin departments select material for the bookshop in Head Office and that the general membership be encouraged to make suggestions to the various departments.

Comhairle Átha Cliath

P L R

107. That a special week-end course for all cumainn and comhairli ceantair P.R.Os be held as an urgency in order to build up effective communications with both local and national press.

Comhairle Ceantair Muineachain

P L R

AP-RN

Referred

108. That conference applaud the staff of AP/RN for the rising level of professionalism within the paper and for their progressive stance on issues, national, international and cultural.

**Tony Ahearne Cumann Clones
Clonard Martyrs Cumann Belfast
Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin
Comhairle Ceantair Béal Feirste**

P L R

109. That AP/RN include an Irish/English section to facilitate those wishing to learn the Irish language. We feel this would be of more benefit than the present "review page" which we feel is a waste of valuable space. *delete*

Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin

P L R

110. That the AP/RN do a series of Irish proverbs.

Mairtin De Faite Cumann Clare

P L R

Editorial Freedom.

111. That AP/RN publish weekly articles submitted by the Committee on Women's affairs on the subject of women's oppression and discrimination in Irish society and make the subject part of Sinn Féin's educational programme.

Terence MacSwiney Cumann West London

P L R **R**

112. That at least one page of AP/RN be assigned to the exposure of Free State speculators and land sharks.

McNulty/Cannon Cumann Dublin

P L R **R**

113. That all Cumainn sell the weekly copy of AP/RN as this is the official organ of the Republican Movement.

Bobby Sands Cumann Killorglin

P L R

114. That efforts be made by each cumann to distribute AP/RN in their own areas through existing newspaper outlets.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

115. That AP/RN be forwarded on a regular basis to all areas — to include the correct amount.

Padraig Ó Pearaill Cumann Loc Gorman

P L R

116. That AP/RN consider using sponsorship to promote the paper to a wider public.

Pierce McCann Cumann Cashel

P L R

117. That AP/RN commence placing advertisements on a commercial basis.

**Pierce McCann Cumann Cashel
Padraig Ó Pearaill Cumann Loc Gorman**

P L R

TRADE UNIONS

118. That Sinn Féin cumainn may be formed among trade unionists, in trade union branches or trades councils and work places.

That these cumainn be answerable to an Ard Chomhairle and Comhairle Ceantair through the Trade Union Department and that members of such cumainn be excused normal cumann work.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

CULTURE/EDUCATION

119. That Sinn Féin make an all-out drive to assist in the desperate efforts being made to save out native language; the very minimum being the strict insistence that all names of members, cumainn and positions be in Irish only, whether in correspondence or at meetings.

Tá áiféala orainn go bhuil an rún seo as Béarla, ach, tá eagla orainn dá mbeadh sé as Gaeilge nach mbeadh na baill go léir in ann é a thuiscint.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R

120. Ba mhaith le Comhairle Ceantair Condae Mhuineacháin níos mó oibre ar son teanga na Gaeilge a fheiceail ar fud na tíre, ag cumainn Shinn Féin.

Comhairle Ceantair Muineachain

P L R

121. Tá sé in ám dúinn, mar ghluaiseacht na Poblachta, níos mó cabhrach a thabhairt do na grupaí eagsula, atá ag obair ar son ár dteanga agus ár gcultúir.

Fergal O'Hanlon Cumann Muineachán

P L R

~~122.~~ That Sinn Féin opposes the spread of "Pop" pirate radio stations and is committed to the establishment of community local radio which reflects the total life style and culture of the people and helps to create a true identity and pride in their own environment.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R

123. That education be given proper priority in the coming year and the Education Department be instructed to have a detailed schedule for the implementation of the existing programme available within one month of this Ard-Fheis.

Carroll/Ashe Cumann Cabra

P L R

124. That education classes be mandatory for all members.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

125. That the 6 weeks probationary period be given over to the education of new members and that participation in the new members course be mandatory.

**Ard Chomhairle
Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin
Derry Sinn Féin**

P L R

126. That every member of Sinn Féin complete the initial series of education lectures now available through Head Office, within the 82/83 Sinn Féin year.

Derry Sinn Féin

P L R

127. That an intensive education course be made obligatory for all cumann members, irrespective of duration of membership on our economic and social policies.

Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin

P L R

128. That Sinn Féin members be educated on the exploitive nature of the political and economic structures of capitalism and imperialism and its relevance to the revolutionary struggle in Ireland.

Terence MacSwiney Cumann West London

P L R ✓.....

129. That the Education Department lecture series include a paper on:
(a) revolutionary movements throughout the rest of the world
(b) the difference between Sinn Féin and the Workers' Party and other groupings, with respect to social, economic and political policies and methods of organisation with especial reference to the 26 counties as of now.

**Comhairle Átha Cliath
Frank Stagg Cumann Dublin
Robert Emmet Cumann Dublin**

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130. That the Ard Chomhairle set up an Education Committee made up of Comhairle Ceantair education officers instead of Comhairle Cúige education officers.

**Ard Chomhairle
South Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair**

P L R ✓.....

131. That Sinn Féin set up special week-end training courses to provide the basic skills required by cumann officers to enable them to carry out their duties efficiently e.g. Cathaoirleach, Runaí, et.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadhaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

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YOUTH

132. That Sinn Féin recognises that the high Urban vandalism rate is a product of the absence of meaningful work and the failure to use leisure time creatively. That the Ard-Fheis mandates the incoming Ard Chomhairle to formulate a Youth policy accordingly.

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

P L R

133. That special emphasis be placed in the year 82/83 on the recruitment of youth to all cumainn and that they be given roles where their ideas can be allowed develop to the betterment of the Movement as a whole.

Comhairle Ceantair Muineachain

P L R

134. That more contact be made with young members by the Youth Department in the coming year than was the case in the past.

Joe Clarke Cumann Finglas Dublin

P L R

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

135. That Sinn Féin endorse and adopt the "Algiers Declaration" on the rights and liberation of peoples.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

136. That Sinn Féin renews its solidarity to the National Liberation struggles throughout the world. In particular Sinn Féin extends profound admiration to the P.L.O. on their heroic defence of its people and further sends deepest condolences on the horrific casualties suffered by the Palestinians, their Lebanese allies, the refugees and civilian population.

Ard Chomhairle

P L R

137. That this Ard-Fheis sends its revolutionary greetings to the Palestine Liberation Front in their fight against Zionist aggression.

Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin

P L R

138. That Sinn Féin supports the Palestinian people's fight for self determination and the setting up of a democratic and secular state of Palestine. Sinn Féin also condemns the moves of the two big powers with the United Nations to force the Palestinians to recognise the state of Israel and to accept the partition of Palestine.

Cathal Brugha Cumann Waterford

P L R

139. That Sinn Féin send revolutionary greetings to the representatives of the fighting peoples of Palestine, El Salvador, the Basques and the Africans.

**Mac Gabhann/Mac Eachaidh/Ó hAirmheadaigh
Cumann Portlaoise Prison**

P L R

140. That Sinn Féin fully supports the struggle of the Polish people for Trade Union rights, political freedom and National independence from all foreign interference and the re-instatement of Solidarity with all its rights restored and the legalisation of all political parties formed by the Polish people between August 1980 and December 1981 in the struggle for Democratic Socialism. *incl. VATICAN*

Cathal Brugha Cumann Waterford

P L R

141. That the Republican Movement holds no brief for organisations such as the Red Brigade, Direct Action, Baader-Meinhof, etc. That it also be noted the imperialist press's strategy of associating the National Liberation struggle in Palestine, Ireland and the Basque Country for instance with the above mentioned. We mandate the Publicity Department to distance Sinn Féin and the Movement from these groups.

*Corsica
Brittany*

D'Arcy/Hurson Cumann U.C.G.

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142. This this Ard-Fheis condemns the war mongers of the American State Department and their plans for winning a nuclear war. ✓

Martin Forsythe Cumann Dublin

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LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

143. That membership fees be abolished and Cumann registration fees be increased to £20.00.

Donegal Comhairle Ceantair

P L R ✓.....



Wilde
144. That this Ard-Fheis views with concern the tendency of the Movement to support the Gay Movement and asks that whilst respecting the rights of everyone to their own way of life it is a disservice to the Liberation struggle and that in future no one should attend conferences or seminars on our behalf and no publicity should be given in our National paper.

Donegal Comhairle Ceantair

P L R

145. That the up-to-date response to the draft document "Towards a Policy on Culture" leaves much to be desired and a more concerted and intensified effort would be more in keeping with Sinn Féin's traditional brand of patriotism".

MacAismeann/O Nualláin Cumann Dun Laoghaire

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An Cumann Cabhrach

BALLAD SESSION

EMBANKMENT

Tallaght

Sunday 31st October

7.30 p.m.

SUPPORT THE PRISONERS



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