

Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending 10/31/15
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.
Friends of Sinn Fein 5006
(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 300
New York, NY 10170

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

- (a) If an individual:
 - (1) Residence address(es) Yes No
 - (2) Citizenship Yes No
 - (3) Occupation Yes No
- (b) If an organization:
 - (1) Name Yes No
 - (2) Ownership or control Yes No
 - (3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
Emmet Duffy	355 5th Avenue Apartment 5 Brooklyn NY 11215	USA	Director of Operations	9/14/15

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
Conor Duffy	Director of Operations	9/11/15

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes No Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See attache schedules, including itineraries

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attached schedules

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully:

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
See details of donations received on attached schedules A-1-1, A-2 and A-3			
			<u>Total</u>

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date Attached

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
October 22, 2015	\$50	Friends of John McManus 35 South St. Clair St. Dayton, Ohio 45402	School Board

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts Magazine or newspaper Motion picture films Letters or telegrams
 Advertising campaigns Press releases Pamphlets or other publications Lectures or speeches
 Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

Email

Website URL(s): www.fosf.org

Social media websites URL(s): Facebook.com/fosf, Twitter.com/fosfusa

Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials Newspapers Libraries
 Legislators Editors Educational institutions
 Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
 Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

English

Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

NOVEMBER 30, 2015

11/24/15

James P. Cullen
JAMES P. CULLEN

Gerard L. Keogh
Gerard L. Keogh

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc.

FARA Registration Number: 5006

Exhibit D

The statements attached to this Exhibit D are filed as amendments to items 8(a) and 9(a) of the Registration Statement previously filed by the Registrant. These statements attached to Exhibit D collectively constitute the account of all monies collected, credited and deposited to the Registrant's accounts from May 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 as a result of Registrant's fund-raising campaign and other income sources. Funds transmitted to the foreign principal, if any, during the reporting period are listed in Schedule E.

All monies received were for the purpose of supporting the activities and purposes of Sinn Fein as a democratic political party engaged in Ireland and many countries throughout the world in promoting the Irish Peace Process by social welfare, political and educational activities.

During this reporting period, Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc. had a total of \$60,280.39 in receipts from all sources. This total included donations, early payment discounts and miscellaneous revenue such as bank interest.

Schedule A-1-1 (account 4103) hereto lists miscellaneous donations in the amount of \$500 or less together with the city and state of the donors. Schedule A-1-2 (account 4105) lists donations in the amount of \$500 or less from solicited donors.

Schedule A-2 (account 4003) hereto lists fund donations in the amount of more than \$500 per donor together with the city and state of the donors.

Schedule A-3, if any, lists any cash donation(s) to the Registrant.

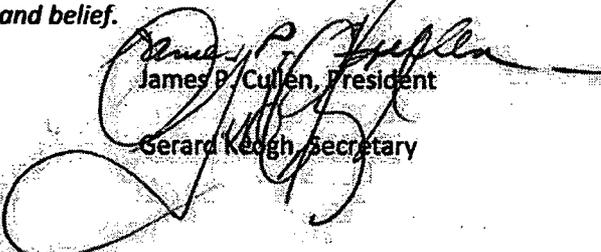
Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc. has six bank accounts in New York, including a term deposit. All funds received were deposited into the New York bank accounts.

Schedule E reflects expenditures from the accounts during the reporting period.

The undersigned swear or affirm that they constitute a majority of the directors and officers of Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc.; that they have read the information set forth in this Exhibit and in the schedules attached thereto and they are familiar with the contents thereof; and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Dated: New York, New York

November 30, 2015


James P. Cullen, President

Gerard Keogh, Secretary

State of New York

Ss:

County of New York

The foregoing certification was subscribed and sworn to by James P. Cullen before me this 23rd
day of November, 2015.



Notary Public

VIANNY MARIA PICHARDO
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 02P16308535
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires June 23, 2018

State of New York

Ss:

County of New York

The foregoing certification was subscribed and sworn to by Gerard Keogh before me this 23rd
day of November, 2015.



Notary Public

Olive M. Graham
Notary Public, State of New York
ID Number: 01GR5006932
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires: January 19, 2019

SCHEDULE E

Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc.

FARA A/C No. 100105. Reg. No. 5006

Foreign Agents Registration Act Report

Report Period: 5/1/2015 to 10/31/2015

Schedule E: Schedule of Expenses

Expenses

General and Administrative	\$	20,890.62
Facilities Rent	\$	13,940.04
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$	31,881.38
Professional Services	\$	7,384.00
Program Expenses	\$	54,220.98
Sinn Fein Expenses - Northern Ireland (1)	\$	
Travel Related Expenses	\$	<u>40,959.57</u>

Total Expenses for Reporting Period \$ **169,276.59**

(1) No disbursements were paid on behalf of Sinn Fein Northern Ireland in this reporting period

Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc.

FARA Reg. No. 5006

FARA Reporting Period: 5/1/2015 to 10/31/2015

Schedule A-1-1

410 - Non-fundraiser cont. under 500

4103 - Miscellaneous Donations

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Perry, Timmie Sr.			\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00
McDonald, Joseph F.	Newport Beach	CA	\$ 25.00	\$ 60.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00
Kinnevy, Sean	West Creek	NJ	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 190.00
Casey, Noel	New Castle	DE	\$ 200.00	\$ 390.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 405.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 420.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 435.00
O'hara, Michael P.	Tempe	AZ	\$ 50.00	\$ 485.00
Fowler, Patrick J.	Tallahassee	FL	\$ 15.00	\$ 500.00
O'Connell, Joseph	New York	NY	\$ 200.00	\$ 700.00
Quinn, Mary A	Quinn	MD	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00
McLaughlin, James	Philadelphia	PA	\$ 50.00	\$ 850.00
McCarthy, Brian Patrick	Bronx	NY	\$ 100.00	\$ 950.00
Nally, William	Yardley	PA	\$ 25.00	\$ 975.00
Total Miscellaneous Donations			\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00

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Accrual Basis

Friends of Sinn Féin, Inc.
Account QuickReport
May through October 2015

Name	Name City	Name State	Amount
410 - Non-fundraiser cont. under 500			
4105 - Solicited Donations			
Duffy, Charles P.	Portland	OR	500.00
Del Vecchio, Joseph A	New York	NY	500.00
Fitzgerald, John T.	West Groton	MA	500.00
Verdon, John J.	Long Branch	NJ	500.00
Santore, Susan	New York	NY	100.00
McCann, Anthony	Clifton Park	NY	100.00
Liverpool Carting Co	Bronx	NY	100.00
Fund For Reconciliation and Develop...	New York	NY	500.00
Philis, John P.	Port Washington	NY	500.00
Total 4105 - Solicited Donations			3,300.00
Total 410 - Non-fundraiser cont. under 500			3,300.00
TOTAL			3,300.00

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Accrual Basis

Friends of Sinn Féin, Inc.**Account QuickReport****May through October 2015**

Name	Name City	Name State	Amount
400 - Fundrasing Event Revenue			
4003 - US Donor over 500 Pounds			
Devlin, Thomas	Newton	MA	10,000.00
The Stephen M McCabe Re...	Long Beach	NY	1,000.00
Pender, Sean P.	Yardville	NJ	1,000.00
McCarthy, Eugene G.	New York	NY	1,000.00
O'Dwyer & Bernstein Esqs.	New York	NY	1,000.00
Favour Royal LLC	Stamford	CT	5,000.00
Cullen, James P.	Scarsdale	NY	5,000.00
O'Kane Construction Inc.	Garnerville	NY	2,500.00
Flynn, William J.	New York	NY	1,000.00
White, John T.	Palisades	NY	5,000.00
Nelson Air Device Corp.	Maspeth	NY	5,000.00
W5 Group LLC	Englewood	NJ	5,000.00
National Acoustics Inc.	New York	NY	1,500.00
U.S. LBM Holdings	Green Bay	WI	5,000.00
Pinnacle Enviromental Corp.	Carlstadt	NJ	5,000.00
Total 4003 - US Donor over 500 Pounds			54,000.00
Total 400 - Fundrasing Event Revenue			54,000.00
TOTAL			54,000.00

Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc.				
FARA Reg. No. 5006				
FARA Reporting Period:		5/1/2015	to	10/31/2015

Schedule A-3 (Cash Receipts)

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Anonymous	Unknown	Unknown	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

Rita O'Hare - Itinerary - May 2015

Sunday May 3rd

Depart Dublin EI 105 10:50AM
Arrive NY JFK 1:20PM

Monday May 4th

Niall O'Dowd Irish Central/ Irish voice 10:00AM
Irish Voice
31st street/ 6th Ave
Ciaran Staunton ILIR
Fitzpatricks Grand Central 1:00PM
FOSF Office 3:00PM
420 Lexington Avenue Ste 300
New York, NY 10170

Tuesday May 5th

Meeting with Jim Cullen 1:00AM
FOSF Office
420 Lexington Ave Ste 300
New York 10170
Train 2163 to WDC 3:00PM
Arrive WDC 5:53PM
Meeting with Billy Tranghese 6:30PM
Bobby Van's 15 st NW WDC

Wednesday May 6th

Meetings on the hill 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Meeting with Katie Nutt 4:00PM
State Dept Ireland Desk
Meeting with Irene Jillson of Georgetown University 7:00PM
Bobby Van's
15th St NW

Thursday May 7th

Meeting with Brian Donohue LiUNA 8:00AM
1625 I st NW
WDC
Meeting with Michael Carpenter 10:00
Office of the Vice President
Train to Philadelphia
Train 2166 1:00
Arrive Philadelphia 2:32
Meeting with State Rep Kevin Boyle 3:00
Slainte Pub and Restaurant
3000 Market st
Philadelphia PA 19104

Train to NY
Train 2170 4:38PM
Arr NY Penn Station

Friday May 8th
In FOSF Office 1:00AM
FOSF Office
420 Lexington Ave Ste 300
New York 10170

Saturday May 9th
Meeting with Sean Downes
President Brehon Law Society
North Shore Diner
19652 Northern Boulevard Flushing
NY 11358

Monday May 11th
Bill Flynn 12:30PM
320 Park Avenue

Tuesday May 12th
In FOSF Office 1:00AM
FOSF Office
420 Lexington Ave Ste 300
New York 10170

Depart NYJFK
E1 108 9:00PM

Wednesday May 13th
Arrive Dublin

While In NY staying at:
43/60 195 St
Flushing
NY 11358

While In WDC staying at:
Hilton Garden Inn
815 14t St WDC

Itinerary- Conor Murphy May 2016

Monday May 25th

Depart Dublin Airport Delta Flight 91 11:40 AM
Arrive NY JFK Airport 1:57 PM

Tuesday May 26th

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd 8:00 AM
Irish Voice/ Irish Central
875 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10001

Train to Washington Depart Penn Station 10:00 AM
Arrive Washington Union Station 2:53 PM

Meeting at Congressman Neal's office with senior staffers 4:00 PM
Room 341 Cannon House Office Building
27 Independence Ave SE
Washington, DC 20003

Wednesday May 27th

Meeting with Brian Donohue
LiUNA 9:00 AM
1625 I Street 5th floor
Washington, DC 20006

Train to NY Depart Union Station Acela 2168 2:00 PM
Arrive NY Penn Station 4:45 PM

Meeting with FOSF board
420 Lexington Ave., STE 300
New York, NY 10170 5:30 PM

Thursday May 28th

Meeting with Bill Flynn 11:00 AM
320 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Meeting with Pat Doherty
at Comptroller Di Napoli's office 3:00 PM
59 Maiden Ln #29
New York, NY 10038

Dep NY JFK Delta Flt 411

10:05 PM

Friday May 29th

Arrive Dublin Airport

9:55 AM

While in NY staying at:

Fitzpatrick's Grand Central Hotel

141 East 44th St

New York, NY 10017

While in Washington DC staying at:

Hilton Garden Inn

14th St NW

Washington, DC 20005

Rita O'Hare - Itinerary - June / July 2015

Friday June 26th

Dep Dublin Delta flight 91 11:50 AM
Arr NY JFK Airport 2:08 PM
Meet Conor Duffy at FOSF office 3:00 PM
420 Lexington Avenue
Suite 300
New York
NY 10170

Saturday June 27th

Meeting with Marty Glennon
Sean Downes 10:30 AM
Brehon Law Society
at North Shore Diner
19652 Northern Boulevard
NY 11358

Meeting with Joe Jamieson
Irish American Labor Coalition 2:00 PM
275 Seventh Ave
New York, NY 10001

Sunday June 28th

O'Donovan Rossa Commemoration 2:00 PM
St Peter's Church
Staten Island, NY 10301

Monday June 29th

Speak at Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians 7:00 PM
Commemoration on Staten Island

Tuesday June 30th

Dep New York by train Penn Station 2151 9:00 AM
Arrive in Washington DC Union Station 11:55 AM
Lunch Meeting with Katie Nutt 12:30 PM
Bobby Vans Restaurant
15th St NW
Washington, DC 20005
Meeting with Kris Balderston 5:00 PM
Bobby Vans Restaurant
15th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Wednesday July 1st

Meeting with Michael Carpenter
Office of the Vice President 9:00 AM

Meetings on the Hill

Train to Philadelphia 2158 2:00 PM

Arrive in Philadelphia 3:32 PM

Meeting with Philadelphia Irish Society 3:40 PM
Slainte Restaurant
3000 Market St
Philadelphia PA 19104

Train 148 North Eastern Regional 5:02 PM

Arrive in NY Penn Station 6:30 PM

Thursday July 2nd

At FOSF office
420 Lexington Ave., STE 300
New York, NY 10170
Meeting with Jim Cullen

Friday July 3rd, Saturday July 4th, Sunday July 5th

At FOSF Office
420 Lexington Ave., STE 300
New York, NY 10170
Meeting with FOSF Board

Monday July 6th

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd 10:00 AM
Irish Voice/ Irish Central
31st St Ave of the Americas
NY, NY 10001

Meeting with Bill Flynn 12:00 PM
320 Park Ave New York
NY 10022

Meeting with Ray O'Hanlon 3:00 PM

Tuesday July 7th

Meeting with Cormach Murrhey
Niles Restaurant
7th Ave /31st St
NY, NY 10001 7:00 PM

Dep NY JFK Delta FLT 411 10:25 PM

Wednesday July 8th

Arr Dublin Airport 10:10 AM

*In NY staying at
43/60 195 th St
Flushing
New York
NY 11358*

*In Washington DC staying at
470 Upton St apt 4
Spring Valley
WDC*

Edel Corrigan - Itinerary - June/July 2015

Friday June 26th

Depart Dublin Delta flight 91 11:50 AM
Arrive in NYC JFK 2:08 PM

Meet Conor Duffy at Friends of Sinn Fein office 3:30 PM
420 Lexington Avenue Suite 300 New York, NY 10170

Saturday June 27th

Meeting with Marty Glennon Sean Downes 10:30
Brehon Law Society

North Shore Diner
19652 Northern Boulevard
NY 11358

Meet with Joe Jamieson 2:00 PM
Irish American Labor Coalition
275 Seventh Avenue NY, NY 10001

Sunday June 28th

In Pearl River, NY 105 Elwin Street NY 10965

Monday June 29th

Ladies AOH Commemoration Staten Island 7:00 PM

Tuesday June 30th

Depart New York by train 2151 Penn Station 9:00 AM
Arrive Washington DC Union Station 11:55 PM

Lunch Meeting with Katie Nutt 12:30 PM
Bobby Vans Restaurant
15th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Wednesday July 1st

Meeting with Michael Carpenter 9:00 AM
Office of the Vice President
Train to Philadelphia, PA 2158 2:00 PM
Arrive in Philadelphia 3:32 PM
Meeting with Philadelphia Irish Society 300 Market ST 3:40PM
Slainte Restaurant, Philadelphia PA 19104
Train 148 North Eastern Regional 5:02 PM
Arrive NYC Penn Station 6:30 PM

Thursday July 2nd

At FOSF office 420 Lexington Avenue
Suite 300

10:00 AM

New York NY 10170

Meeting with Jim Cullen

Depart NYC JFK Delta Flight 411

10:25 PM

Friday July 3rd

Arrive Dublin Airport

10:10 AM

In New York staying at

105 Elwin Street

Pearl River NY 10965

In Washington DC staying at

470 Upton St Apt 4

Spring Valley, Washington, DC

Martin McGuinness, Mark Mullan
- Itinerary - July 27-29 2015

Monday July 27th

Depart Belfast International UA flight 0076 11:10 AM
Arrive Newark International Airport 1:35 PM

Meeting with Cahir O'Doherty from Irish Central 3:00 PM
at Affinia Hotel 7th Ave /31st St
New York, NY 10001

Friends of Sinn Fein Meeting 5:00 PM
at Affinia Hotel 7th Ave /31st St
New York, NY 10001

Depart Penn Station Acela: 2171 7:00 PM
Arrive Washington, Union Station 9:55 PM

Tuesday July 28th

Meeting at White House NSC 9:00 AM
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Meeting with Friends of Ireland 11:00 AM
House Ways and Means Library
Longworth House Office Building
Independence Ave SE
Washington, DC 20515

Lunch with Kris Balderston
at Bobby Vans Restaurant 1:00 PM
15th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Meeting at State Dept 3:00 PM
Katie Nutt Ireland desk
Drew O'Brien (Global Partnership)
2201 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20520

Meeting with Jim Walsh , Bruce Morrison , WIP group 4:30 PM
at Bobby Vans Restaurant
15th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Depart for airport 6:00 PM

Depart Dulles United Airlines Flt 0924 10:00 PM

Wednesday July 29th

Arrive London Heathrow 10:20 AM

Depart London Heathrow British airways Flt 1416 12:50 AM

Terminal 5

Arrive Belfast Airport 2:10 PM

In Washington staying at:

Hilton Garden Inn

815 14th Street NW

Washington, DC 20005

In New York staying at:

Rita O'Hare - Itinerary - September 2015

Thursday September 3rd

Depart Dublin EI 105

10:50 AM

Arrive NY JFK

1:20 PM

Meeting With Conor Duffy

Friends of Sinn Féin Office

420 Lexington Ave, Suite 300

New York NY 10170

Friday September 4th

Meeting with President FOSF Jim Cullen

11:00 AM

Friends of Sinn Féin Office

420 Lexington Ave, Suite 300

New York NY 10170

Saturday September 5th

Meeting With Martin Glennon

IBEW

Tuesday September 8th

1:00 PM

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd

At Irish Voice Office

875 Sixth Avenue

New York 10001

Meeting with John Samuelsen

3:00 PM

TWU

195 Montague Street

Brooklyn

NY

Meeting with Irish American Labor Coalition

5:30 PM

Joe Jamieson

Wednesday September 9th

Train to Washington DC

Meetings on the Hill

Meetings with The State Department

Meeting with Jim Walsh/WIP Group

Thursday September 10th

Meeting with LiUNA Brian Donohue

Train to Philadelphia

4:00 PM

Meeting with Philadelphia Irish Society at

6:00 PM

Slainte

Spring Garden Street.
Train to NY.

Friday September 11th
Meeting with Pat Doherty
Office of Tom Di Napoli
NY State Comptroller

Depart NY JFK
Aer Lingus flt EI 108

While in New York Staying at:
43/60 195 st Flushing NY 11358

While in WDC staying at:
Hilton Garden Inn
14th st NW
WDC

Rita O'Hare - Itinerary - Sept / Oct 2015

Friday Sept 25th

Depart Dublin EI 105

10:50 AM

Arrive NY JFK

1:20 PM

Attend Irish Echo Labor Awards

The Edison Ballroom

240 W 47th St

NY, NY 10036

7:00 PM

Saturday Sept 26th

100th Anniversary Commemoration

Fenian Plot

Calvary Cemetery

49th Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard

Queens, NY 11377

10:30 AM

Monday Sept 28th

Meeting with Niall O'Dowd

Irish Voice/ Irish Central

31st St/ Avenue of the Americas

NY, NY 10001

11:00 AM

Meeting with Bill Flynn

320 Park Avenue

NY, NY 10022

12:30 PM

Tuesday Sept 29th

Acela train 2151 Depart Penn Station

Arrive WDC Union Station

9:00 AM

11:53 AM

Meetings on The Hill

Meeting with State Dept Ireland desk

Meeting with Union leaders

LiUNA

905 16th St NW

WDC 20006

Wednesday Sept 30th

Meeting with Jim Walsh

Acela train 2110 Depart Union Station

Arrive NY Penn Station

10:55 AM

1:50 PM

Meeting with Tom Moran
CEO Mutual of America
320 Park ave
NY 10022

Thursday October 1st

In Friends of Sinn Fein office
420 Lexington Ave., STE 300
New York, NY 10170

Friday Oct 2nd

Meeting with Ray O'Hanlon
Editor Irish Echo
11 Hanover Sq
NY, NY 10005

11:00 PM

Meeting with Sean Downes
President Brehon Law Society
11 Hanover Sq Floor 20
NY, NY 10005

12:30 PM

Saturday Oct 3rd

Attend Ancient Order of Hibernians
President's Testimonial dinner
Crowne Plaza Hotel
3 Executive Blvd
Sufferin
NY 10901

7:00 PM

Monday October 5th

Breakfast with Marty Glennon
Northshore Diner
Northern Boulevard
NY 11358

8:00 AM

Meeting with John Samuelson
TWU
Quill Connolly Local 100
195 Montague St
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tuesday October 6th

Depart NY JFK Airport
EI 108

9:00PM

Wednesday October 7th

Arrive Dublin Airport

8:00 AM

While in DC staying at :
Hilton Garden Inn
14th St NW
Washington, DC 20005

While in NY staying at:
43/60 195 St Flushing
NY 11358

Gerry Adams and Richard McAuley -
Itinerary - September 2015

Friday September 25th 2015

Depart Belfast United Airlines flight 76 11:10 AM

Arrive Newark Airport 1:50 PM

Attend Labor 100 event organised by Irish Echo 6.30 PM

Edison Ballroom

240 W 47th St

New York, NY 10036

Saturday September 26th 2015

10:30 AM

Speak at Centenary celebration for O'Donovan Rossa

Calvary Cemetery

49th Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard

Queens, NY 11377

Attend Clinton Global Initiative

4:00 PM

Sheraton New York Hotel

811 7th Avenue (53rd St)

New York, NY 10019

Sunday September 27th 2015

Attend Clinton Global Initiative

All Day Event

Sheraton New York Hotel

811 7th Avenue (53rd St)

New York

NY 10019

Monday September 28th

All Day Event

Clinton Global Initiative

Sheraton New York Hotel

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Tuesday September 29th

All Day Event

Clinton Global Initiative

Sheraton New York Hotel

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New York, NY 10019

Wednesday September 30th

Depart Newark Airport United flight 77 to Belfast

9:30 PM

Thursday October 1st

Arrive Belfast Airport

9:00 AM

While in New York staying at:

Sheraton New York Hotel

811 7th Avenue (53rd St)

New York, NY 10019

Edel Corrigan - Itinerary - October 2015

Thu 22 Oct 11:20AM

Depart Dublin, Ireland - Flight DL0091

11:50 AM

Arrive New York JFK, NY

1:50 PM

Travel to Pearl River, NY

Friday October 23rd

Meetings with Emmet Duffy at Friends of Sinn Fein office

12:00 PM

420 Lexington Avenue Suite 300

New York, NY 10170

Saturday October 24th

Speak at LAOH National President Mary Hogan Testimonial Dinner

7:00 PM

Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel,

100 Spring St, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Sunday October 25th

Stayed in Pearl River 105 Elwin Street NY 10965

Monday October 26th

Meetings with Emmet Duffy at Friends of Sinn Fein office

12:00 PM

420 Lexington Avenue Suite 300

New York, NY 10170

New York JFK, NY flight to Dublin

11:10 PM

Arrive Dublin Airport

10:30 AM

While In New York staying at

105 Elwin Street

Pearl River NY 10965

While in New Jersey stayed at:

Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel,

100 Spring St, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Edel Corrigan - Itinerary - September / October 2015

25th September 2015

Flight Depart Dublin

10:50 AM

Arrive JFK New York

1:20 PM

Travel to Pearl River 105 Elwin Street NY 10965

26th September 2015

Attend and speak at O'Donovan Rossa event

The Fenian Plot Calvary Cemetery

10:30 AM

49th Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard, Queens NY 11377

27th, 28th and 29th September 2015

At FOSF Office for meetings

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 300

New York, NY 10170

30th September 2015

Depart New York JFK, NY EI0108 to Dublin on

9:00PM

1st October 2015

Arrive Dublin

10:00 AM

While In New York staying at

105 Elwin Street

Pearl River NY 10965

Bill Of Rights For North Is Essential To Peace Process

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**Bill of Rights for the North is essential to the peace
process – Martin Ferris TD**



Speaking today at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of

the Good Friday Agreement, discussing the subject of advancing a Bill of Rights for the North, Martin Ferris TD said:

“In a post conflict situation, human rights are even more important and a bill of rights is essential to building confidence in any peace process.

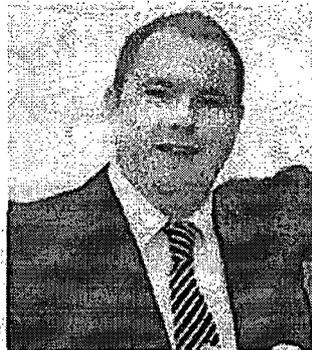
“It appears quite clear that the public has bought into the idea of a bill of rights, but there is not enough political will from the British government which seems intent on producing a British Bill of Rights, as opposed to implementing one based on the European Convention on Human Rights.

“It takes political support to bring the progress for a Bill of Rights forward.

“We have to create a situation where the demand comes from the people and leaders in civil society so their politicians are forced to support them. That is the way forward to what is an essential factor in the peace process.”

Deputy Ferris also welcomed the Joint Oireachtas Committee Chairman's Frank Feighan TD comments when he welcomed the return of DUP ministers to the Northern Assembly and his call on all parties to engage positively together to address outstanding issue around the implementation of the Stormont House Agreement, related legacy issues, and the impact of paramilitarism. **ENDS/CRÍOCH**

British government must meet commitments on inquests – Hazzard



Sinn Féin MLA Chris Hazzard has said the British government should live up to its responsibilities to fund legacy inquests.

Mr Hazzard said;

"The comments of Lord Chief Justice Declan Morgan at the Victims and Survivors Forum today will be given a cautious welcome by families seeking the truth about what happened to their loved ones.

"Declan Morgan confirmed today that preliminary hearings for all legacy cases will be scheduled for January 2016 to assess the readiness of each case.

"He also said a High Court Judge will be appointed to deal with the most complex cases.

"It is also welcome that Declan Morgan has made it clear that a 'visible political commitment from Westminster' is required.

"The British government has repeatedly put obstacles in the path of families seeking the truth.

"They have tried to hide behind excuses about cost. So it is important that they listen to the words of the Lord Chief Justice and properly resource the coronial process so that legacy inquests can go ahead as soon as possible.

"Britain, as a result of its direct role in the conflict, has a responsibility to fund these legacy inquests.

"Some of these families have been waiting for up to 40 years for the truth and they should not have to wait any longer.

"All of this underscores the need to reach agreement on dealing with the past that meets the needs of victims and survivors and is compliant with Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights." **ENDS/CRÍOCH**



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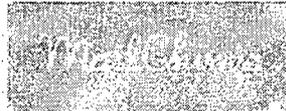
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Sinn Féin committed to peace and political processes – McGuinness





Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness has said our society is on a journey from conflict to peace and we all need to work to complete that journey so that violence becomes a thing of the past.

Mr McGuinness said:

"First and foremost, the murders of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan are personal tragedies for the families involved and we should be mindful of their grief.

"It is a matter of historical fact that the IRA instructed its members in 2005: 'to assist the development of purely political and democratic programmes through exclusively peaceful means' and 'not engage in any other activities whatsoever'.

"It is clear the IRA leadership has successfully delivered on this transition from conflict to peace.

"Let me be absolutely clear and unequivocal. Sinn Féin is now the only organisation involved in the Republican struggle and in Republican activism.

"Republicans who support the Good Friday Agreement support the political institutions, support the peace process and don't represent a threat to anyone in the community.

"There are of course enormous and urgent issues to be dealt with around the existence of armed groups, paramilitaries and criminality.

"We all have a responsibility to deal with these issues to tackle criminality and bring paramilitarism to an end and Sinn Féin will play a full part in this important work.

"We now need to get on with the pressing issues facing the community and the economy; Tory cuts to essential public services and attacks on working families and those on welfare and dealing with the legacy of the past.

"We will work positively and constructively with all the political parties and the two governments to achieve all of this." **Ends/Críoch**

This conference is about Irish fisherman having their say on policies - Liadh Ní Riada MEP



Sinn Fein MEP Liadh Ní Riada has announced details of the international conference on fisheries that she will host in Co. Waterford this weekend.

Speaking from Brussels this afternoon Liadh called on fishermen from around the Irish coast to make their voices heard on fisheries policy.

“This conference is about Irish fishermen having their say on fisheries policy at a European and national level. I am calling on all those with an interest in the future of the fishing industry to come to Dungarvan this weekend and have their voices heard.

“The conference is open to all, and I have arranged for three major discussion sessions, which look at fisheries regulation and its impact on fishing, at how we can work to add value to the industry at home, and how fishermen can ensure their needs are heard at Governmental and European level.

“Under the heading 'Sustainable Fishing without Criminalising Fishermen' I hope to hear the views of fishermen on how best we can manage a shared resource so that our fish stocks and our fishing industry both a sustainable future. Fishermen are the natural custodians of our seas, and it is in everyone's interests that we protect our fish stocks without endangering our fishermen. The conference will hear from eminent marine biologist and president of the International Committee on the Exploration of the Seas Dr. Paul Connolly and Simon Collins of the Scottish Federation of Fishermen, as well as from Irish industry representatives, fishermen and environmentalists.

“A session on economic diversification and adding value will include

contributions from BIM's head of Innovation and Business Development Donal Buckley, Trudy McIntyre of the South East Fisheries Local Action Group based in Dunmore East, and Frank Fleming who has spearheaded the Responsible Irish Fish branding initiative.

"The conference will be addressed by Sinn Féin's Agriculture and Fisheries Minister in the Northern Executive, Michelle O'Neill and by the party's Dáil spokesman on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Ferris TD, who will outline Sinn Féin's priorities for a rejuvenated fisheries sector.

"The final session of the day will focus on fishermen from every section of the Irish coastline discussing how best to work together to ensure a reinvigorated and sustainable fishing industry remains on the political agenda following the general election. **Ends/Críoch**

Kelly condemns north Belfast bomb



Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly has condemned those responsible for a bomb in the Cliftonville area of north Belfast.

Mr Kelly said;

"This incident has caused widespread disruption and distress to local residents and the surrounding community and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

"This incident has been a clear attempt to kill and could as easily have

THIS seems to have been a great attempt to kill and could so easily have subsequently killed or injured local residents in this quiet street.

"There is no place for such armed actions in this society and those responsible must be held to account.

"I would appeal to anyone with information about this incident to come forward to the PSNI.

"I would like to thank everyone in the surrounding area that helped residents forced from their homes by this device during this lengthy disruption it is a demonstration of neighbourliness and in stark contrast to the actions of those who planted this viable device." Ends/Críoch



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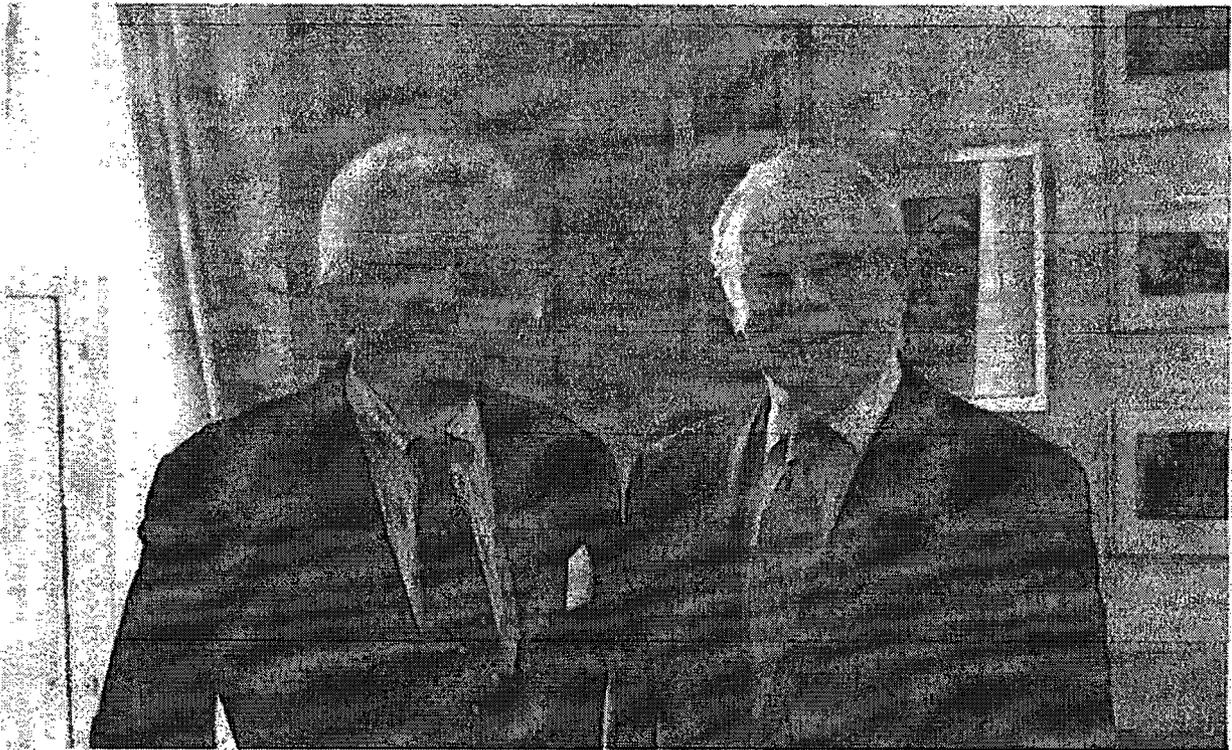
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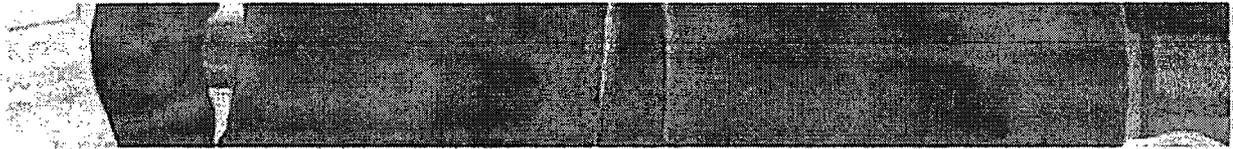
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US continue to have key role to play -McGuinness





**Senator Gary Hart and Martin McGuinness pose for a photo
after successful talks**

Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness has said the US have a key role to play in helping to achieve a resolution to the ongoing difficulties facing the political process.

Speaking after meeting former United States Senator Gary Hart today, Mr McGuinness said;

"I held a positive discussion with Senator Hart today as part of the ongoing engagement of the US administration with the political process.

"Throughout the peace process, successive US administrations have played key roles in helping bring our society forward.

"They have done so without fear or favour, they have been supportive of all parties and you only have to think of the huge contribution made by people like George Mitchell to realise what a friend the US has been to our peace process.

"I'm delighted that Gary Hart is involved once again and I think all parties should support him being afforded a significant role in the current talks as a recognition of the important influence and support which the US can bring to the table."

Ends/Críoch

**Unionists must show commitment to power sharing
– Adams**



Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD

said today that the behaviour of unionist leaders was helping no one and that “nationalists and republicans need certainty that unionism genuinely wants to participate in power sharing; and will do so constructively. Unionism must prove that it wants the institutions to work for every citizen and all sections of our society.”

Mr Adams said: “It is expected that the report by the British government appointed commission into ‘paramilitaries’ will be published shortly. Whatever its conclusions Sinn Féin will not tolerate any erosion of the rights of citizens to vote for Sinn Féin and to be represented by Sinn Féin.

“The cynical exploitation by unionist political leaders, in particular Mike Nesbitt of the Ulster Unionist party, of the murders of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan, has brought the political institutions in the north to the point of collapse and significantly undermined public confidence in the political system and parties. Mr Nesbitt saw an opportunity to electioneer on this issue and has put nearly two decades of relative peace and progress at risk because he seeks more votes than the DUP.

“The behaviour of unionist leaders helps no one. On the contrary their damaging approach to resolving difficulties in the political process has created huge frustration among Sinn Féin activists, and the wider republican and nationalist community, who don’t believe that unionist leaders are serious about making politics work.

“In the weeks ahead there are major political challenges facing the current negotiations.

“Firstly the British and Irish governments must honour their commitments. They have failed to do this thus far.

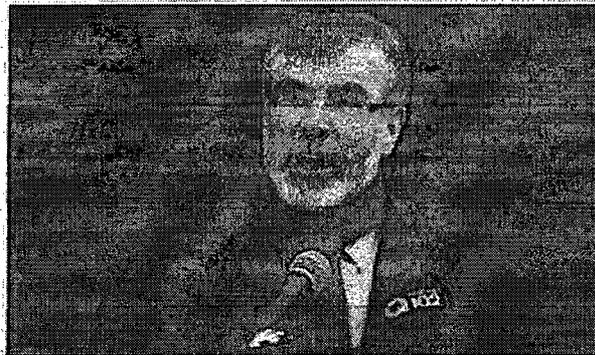
“The British government has to provide a viable, workable sustainable budget, which allows the Executive to deliver public services and proper protections for the most vulnerable in our society.

“The commitment to address legacy issues agreed in the Haass talks and in the Stormont House Agreement must be reflected in any final legislation produced by the British government.

“Nationalists and republicans need certainty that unionism genuinely wants to participate in power sharing; and will do so constructively. Unionism must prove that it wants the institutions to work for every citizen and all sections of our society. The deliberately slow and damaging approach of unionist leaders is no longer tolerable or acceptable.

“After nearly 18 years of the Good Friday Agreement and eight years of a working Executive and Assembly, and all-island institutions, there are increasing numbers of citizens who seriously doubt the capacity of political unionism to ever share power in good faith and consequently for the institutions to work.” **Ends/Críoch**

Supporting peace needs to be Irish government priority – Adams



Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD has said the Irish government needs to live up to its responsibilities as co-guarantor of the Good Friday Agreement and make supporting the peace process a priority.

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Mr Adams said;

"Since the Irish government came to power progress in the north has not been a priority and their policy is dictated by Fine Gael and Labour opposition to Sinn Féin.

"The Taoiseach has failed to uphold the agreement the Irish government has signed up to. Instead agreements have stalled and been unpicked.

"He has failed to challenge the British government on their refusal to provide information on the Dublin and Monaghan bombings.

"The Taoiseach and Tánaiste have supported the Tory party cuts to welfare and to public services. They supported them because it is also their policy.

"The Taoiseach and Tánaiste need to be on the side of the Good Friday and other Agreements.

"Progress can be made, but we need the Irish Government to make the north a priority." **Ends/Críoch**



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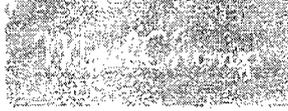
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Questions need answered in Daniel McColgan case - Kelly



Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly has said that there are still many questions for the PSNI and British Government arising out of the revelations around the sectarian murder of Daniel Mc Colgan in 2002.

Mr Kelly said,

“During the ongoing inquest into the sectarian murder of Daniel McColgan in January 2002 it has become clear that both the British Government and the PSNI have many questions to answer including the involvement of state agents, the possible passing of information about an informant to the UDA and the disappearance of evidence.

“Despite requests from the solicitors representing the family of Daniel McColgan the PSNI and British MOD have successfully attained Public Immunity Certificates on documents, while many that have been passed on are heavily redacted.

“It has been reported that a file on at least one member of the Special Branch, has been sent to the PPS recommending that he be charged with conspiracy to murder and perverting the course of justice

“There are also concerns on how the PSNI handled an informant who came forward only to be found dead several hours later without being interviewed by CID.

“The Ombudsman investigation was focused on the running of police agents in North Belfast where we already know that RUC agents were involved in murder and other very serious crime in the past.

“These questions need to be answered not only into the murder of Daniel McColgan but also the other killings that were carried out in the area in the same period.

“I will continue to raise these matters so that the whole truth into the collusion by state forces and Unionist death squads is made public.” **Ends/Críoch**

British Government Should Honor Commitments

-Kelly

Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly has said the British government should honour commitments made in the Stormont House Agreement on dealing with the past.

Mr Kelly said; "The draft legislation brought forward by the British government doesn't reflect what was agreed at Stormont House.

"It has been presented in this document in inadequate, substantial changes"

what has been presented in this document is inadequate. Substantial changes are needed to get back to what was agreed, particularly around maximum disclosure for families.

"It is clear from reading this document that the focus of the British government appears to remain on hiding the truth rather than on full disclosure.

"Families whose loved ones were killed during the conflict are entitled to know the truth.

"We will continue to work in the negotiations to achieve the mechanisms agreed at Stormont House so that families achieve maximum disclosure."

Ends/Críoch

Moore St site must be protected in face of NAMA bulldozers – Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD



Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD raised concerns over the impending sale of part of Moore St battlefield site by NAMA in Leaders' Questions today.

Deputy Ó Snodaigh said:

"Minister on April 23rd 2014 on the eve of the 98th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, the government announced that through NAMA they would invest €5million in refurbishing and restoring that section of Moore Street, 14-17, which has been designated as a National Monument.

"It was basically re-announced five months later when Minister Heather Humphries announced further funding to develop a commemorative centre on this the last outpost of the GHQ of the Army of the Irish Republic in 1916,

and from where they treated with the British for surrender.

“You are aware that in a short six months, the 100th anniversary of that seminal period of Irish history will occur. The families of those who led or took part in that Rising have sought for this government to take the required steps, not only to secure 14-17 Moore Street, but to protect the entire battlefield site and to faithfully restore it all as a fitting tribute to those who raised the flag of the Irish almost 100 years ago.

“Minister, given that a loan portfolio called Project Jewel owned by the developer Joe O’Reilly’s Chartered Land is being sold as we speak by NAMA, which includes that area identified as being the battlefield site, would you and the government instruct Minister for Finance Michael Noonan to issue a direction before proceeding with any sale (under Section 14 of the NAMA Act), to the board of NAMA that it safeguard not only the presently designated national monument, but also the area surrounding it?

“How would it be in the interests of the Irish people, which NAMA and your government are meant to serve, to dispose in the way NAMA currently intends of this whole site - to highest bidder? This is a site identified by the National Museum as “the most important historic site in modern Irish history”.

“Minister, you said that it should be a fitting tribute next year. I don’t see how sending bulldozers onto Moore Street would be in anyway seen as a fitting tribute.”

Ends/Críoch



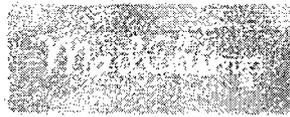
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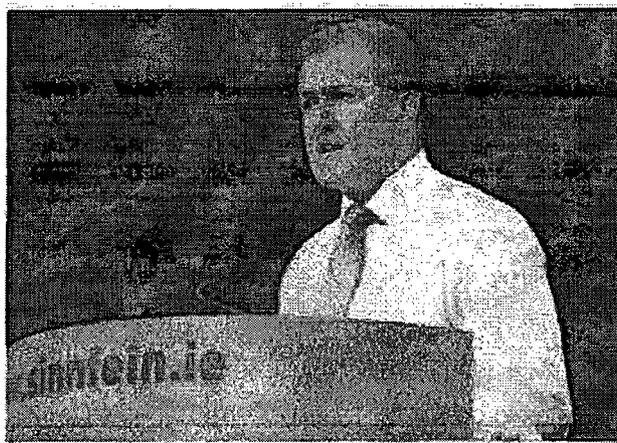
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British and Irish Governments need to live up to Responsibilities -Murphy



Sinn Féin MLA Conor Murphy has said the British and Irish governments need to live up to their responsibilities during the current

negotiations at Stormont.

Mr Murphy said; "The British government need to accept they have created the current political difficulties with their austerity cuts agenda.

"They cannot evade that responsibility and present themselves as some sort of honest broker between the parties. They are clearly a player in this process.

"The Irish government too has a role to play as co-guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement.

"It is now time for both governments to step and work to ensure that the Executive has a workable and sustainable budget.

"The reality is that Tory austerity remains the biggest threat to the political institutions and we need a united voice from all political parties and wider civic society challenging that agenda." Ends/Críoch

95% Support for Acht na Gaeilge -McCorley

Sinn Féin MLA Rosie McCorley has called for the implementation of an Irish Language Act in the North after 95% of people supported it in a recent survey.

Ms McCorley said,

"The Irish Language Act, Acht na Gaeilge was agreed at the St Andrew's talks but has yet to be implemented.

"In a recent survey carried out by the Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure Carál Ní Chuilín 95% of people who responded signalled their support for the act.

“The rights of Irish language speakers need to be enshrined in legislation.

“This in no way threatens anyone or forces the language upon those who prefer not to use it.

“The Irish language belongs to all the people of Ireland.

“If all parties and the British and Irish governments are serious about democracy and fulfilling commitments made in the Agreements then they must move now to implement Acht na Gaeilge.” Ends/Críoch



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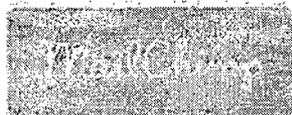
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Ballymurphy Families Meet Good Friday Agreement Implementation Committee

A delegation representing families of the Ballymurphy Massacre in 1971 will today meet with the Good Friday Agreement Committee in Dublin to discuss outstanding legacy issues affecting their quest for truth and justice for their loved ones. The families will tell the committee that delays and obstruction to the inquest process are unacceptable and impeding their right to truth and justice.

John Teggart, whose father Daniel Teggart was among those murdered by paratroopers and will lead the delegation to Dublin, said, "In 2011 the Attorney General, John Larkin QC, directed fresh inquests into the deaths of our loved ones after consideration of overwhelming new evidence submitted by our legal representative, including witness statements and new forensic evidence. Four years later we have yet to have these inquests heard. This

delay has been caused by the wilful failure of the MoD and the PSNI to comply with their obligations to assist the inquest.”

Mr Teggart added, “The MoD have informed the Coroner that they cannot trace many of the soldiers involved in Ballymurphy. The PSNI also informed the Coroner as recent as the 31st July 2015 that the one member of staff assigned to our case had been reassigned to another case. Only after the threat of legal action was someone reallocated to our case. The delay has also been compounded by the under resourcing of the coronial system in the north of Ireland by the British Government and the Department of Justice.”

The families also had a message to the Northern parties, currently engaged in talks, “The Stormont House Agreement committed the Northern Executive to bring forward proposals to improve the inquest system. We call on this commitment to be fulfilled as a matter of urgency.” Ends/Críoch

Commitment to Gaeltacht Quarter Welcomed -McCorley

Sinn Féin MLA Rosie McCorley has welcomed the commitment from both the DCAL Minister Carál Ní Chuilín and Education Minister John O’Dowd to the Gaeltacht quarter in West Belfast.

Ms McCorley said,

“It is clearly visible from the Gaeltacht Quarter Recall Summit today that the Irish language is not only flourishing but bringing real benefit in cultural and economic terms to this part of the city.

“With the centre piece of primary and secondary schools delivering education through the medium of Irish we have seen a growth in the number of people who have now grown up with Irish as their principal language.

“As children grow into adults this has manifested itself into a community that socialises and does business through the medium of Irish.

“This growth which has the full support of both ministers is due to the hard work of implementing a strategy from Irish language enthusiasts, community groups, local council and the departments.

“This positive review will no doubt be the catalyst for further development in the area of Irish language in terms of promoting the quarter through tourism, education and entrepreneurship.” Ends/Crioch

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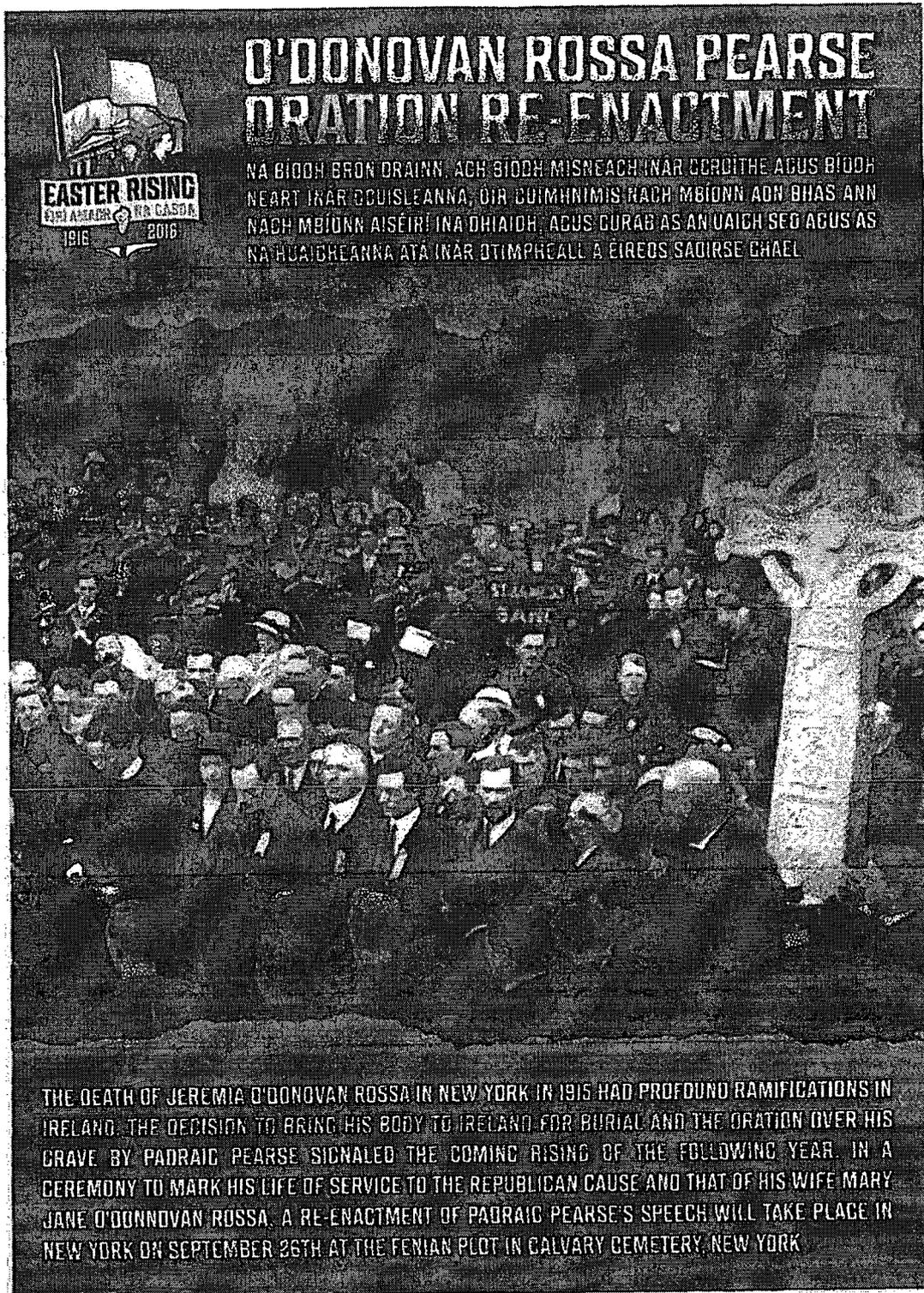
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British Created Budgetary Crisis -McGuinness

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Sinn Féin chief negotiator Martin McGuinness MLA has said that Sinn Fein is entering these talks to achieve a resolution of the outstanding issues and a workable budget.



Mr McGuinness said,



“In order for these talks to be successful there is an onus on all parties to demonstrate creativity, imagination and generosity, particularly on the two governments.

“The British government created the current budgetary crisis and must play a full and positive part in resolving this issue so that the Executive has a workable budget that will defend front line services and protect the most vulnerable in society.

“The Irish government too must act as a co-guarantor to the Good Friday and other agreements to support the full implementation of commitments made including its commitment on the A5.” Ends/Críoch

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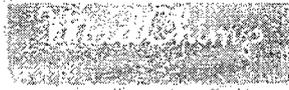
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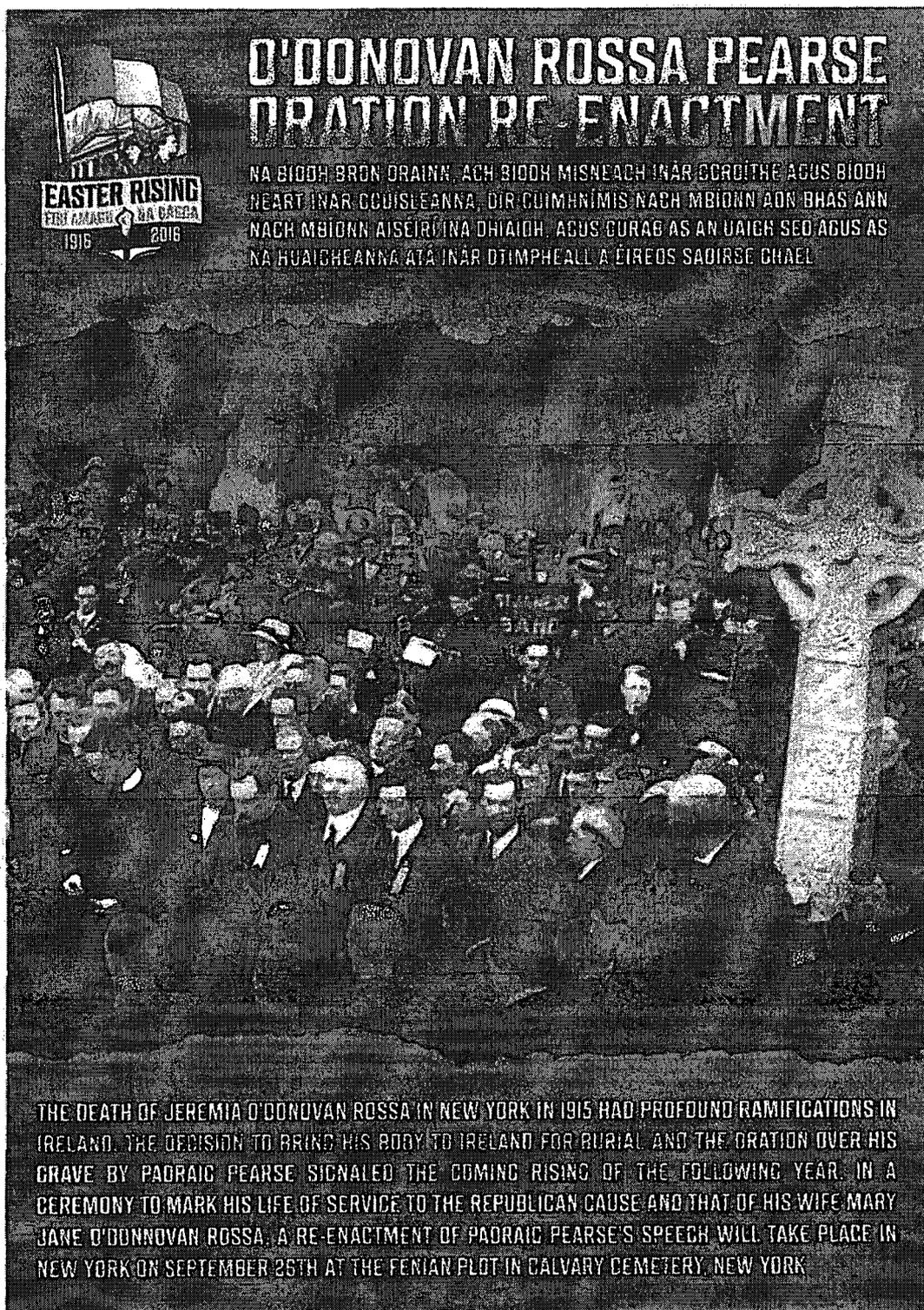
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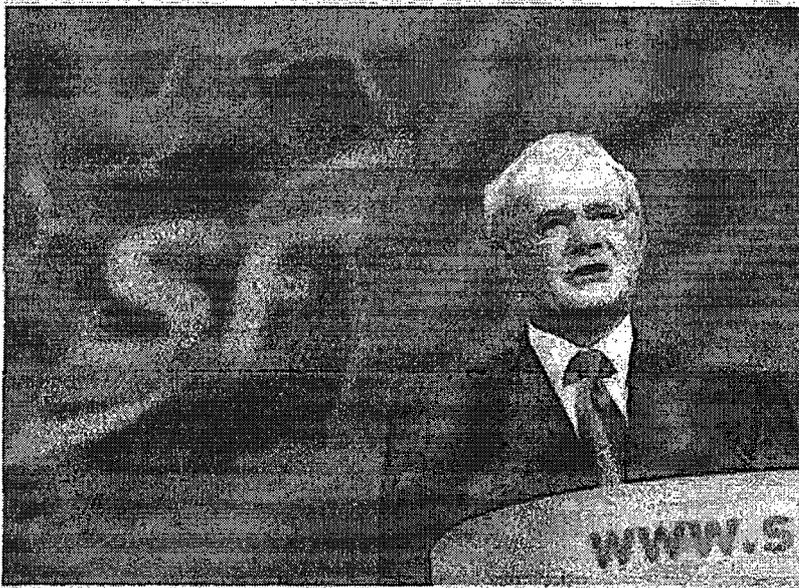
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We Will Work to Achieve a Resolution -McGuinness



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Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness said that all-party talks should now proceed without further delay.

Martin McGuinness said:

"Sinn Féin is committed to pursuing our goals through peaceful and democratic means and is entering these talks on the firm and sole basis of our electoral mandate.

"We have a burning duty to achieve a resolution to the outstanding issues from Stormont House and other agreements and a workable budget, which enables the Assembly to protect public services and grow the economy.

"We will work with the other parties to tackle the issue of armed groups, which want to drag us back to the past including active unionist paramilitaries and armed republican dissidents, and organised criminals who are a blight on the community." Ends/Críoch

Where's the Government Plan to Bring Our Emigrants Home? – Ó Clochartaigh

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The latest OECD figures which show that one in six Irish born people live abroad, highlights the need for the Government to put a plan in place to encourage and support our emigrants to return, according to Sinn Féin Diaspora spokesperson, Senator Trevor Ó Clochartaigh.

Speaking today, he said:

"The government is great at organising 'feelgood' PR events for the diaspora, but is failing miserably in providing real opportunities for our emigrants to

but is failing miserably in providing real opportunities for our emigrants to return home. They haven't done anything concrete either in relation to ensuring parliamentary representation and voting rights here for Irish citizens abroad.

"Ireland has the greatest proportion of any of the OECD countries of its citizens born here living abroad. This is a direct result of the disastrous economic policies of this and the previous government who used emigration to take the economic pressure off and drive our people away in search of work.

"We need concrete policies and a cross departmental approach from our government to encourage and allow these citizens to return. This needs to have a regional approach to ensure that emigrants from rural areas have equal opportunities to return home.

"And for those who aren't in a position to return, we need to ensure that they have a right to vote and to be represented in the Dáil and the Seanad, so that they can influence policy and politics in their home country in the years to come." Ends/Críoch

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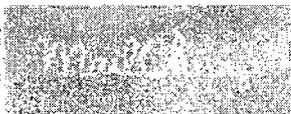
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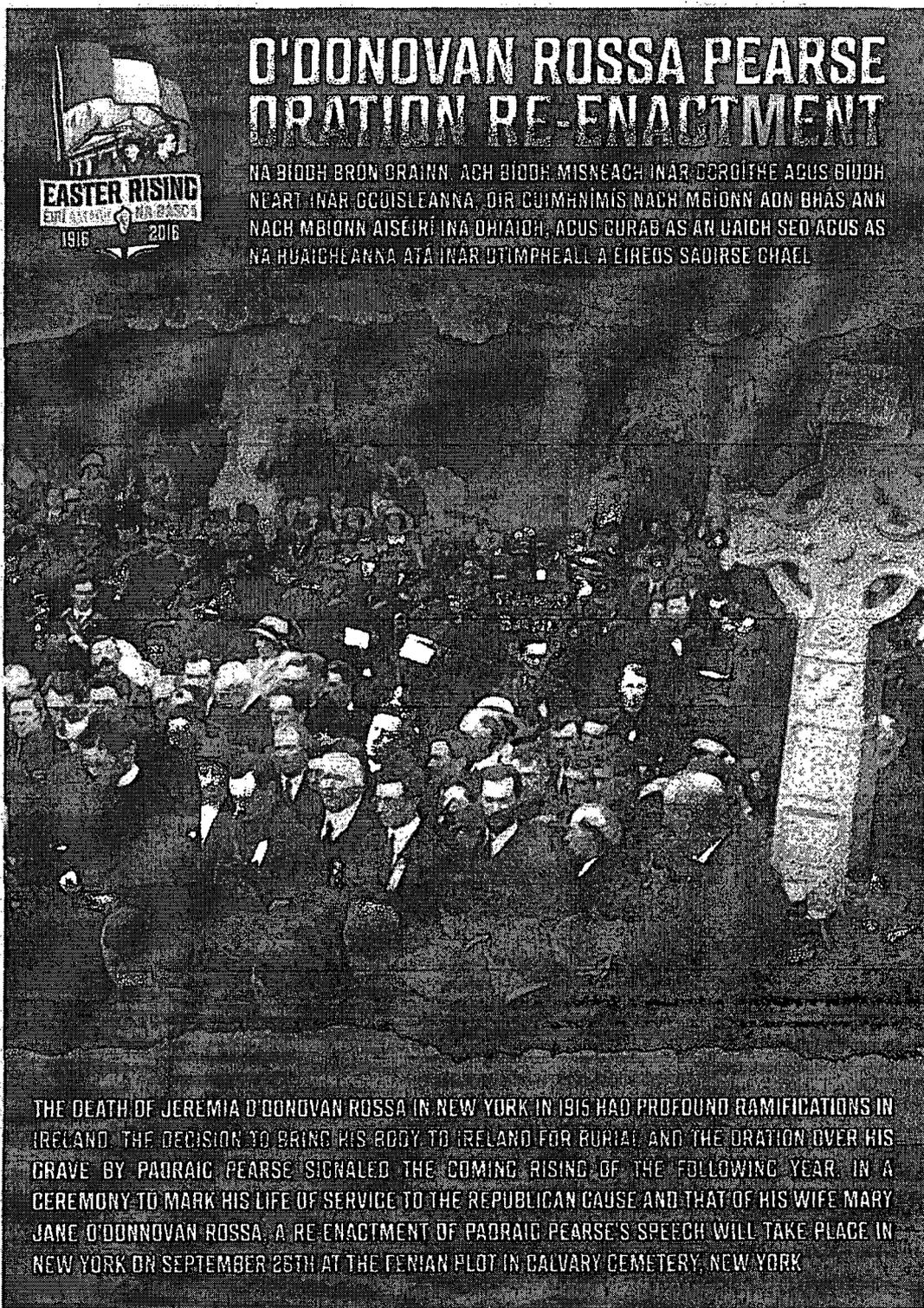
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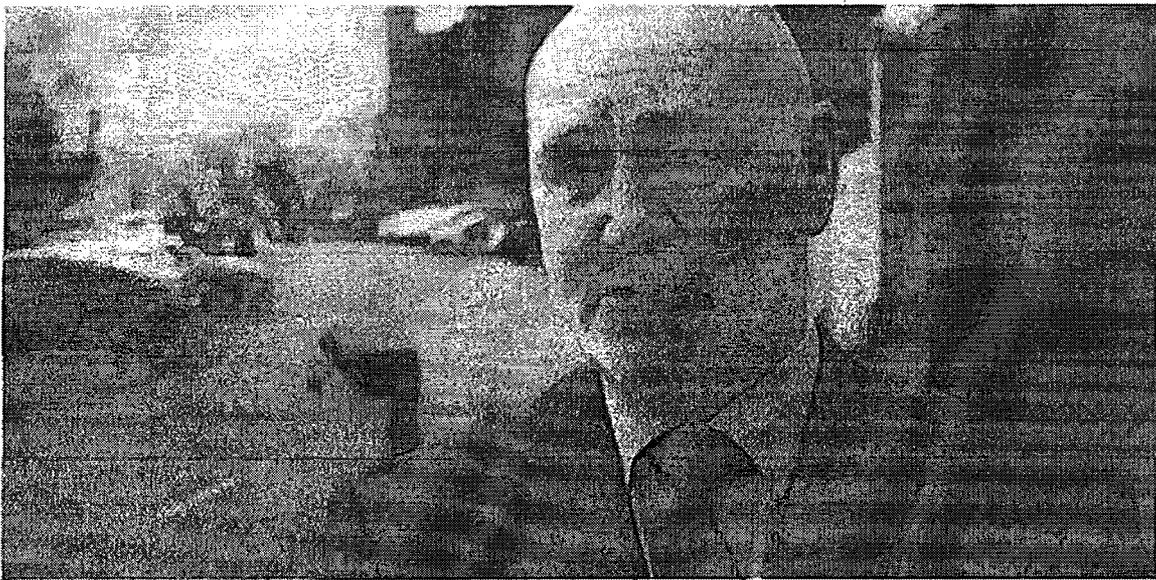
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Sinn Féin MLA Alex Maskey has said the British government should reject any suggestion of suspension of the political institutions.

Speaking after taking part in a Sinn Féin delegation which met Theresa Villiers today, Mr Maskey said: "We had a frank discussion with Theresa Villiers today about the challenges currently facing the Executive and the political process.

"At the meeting Martin McGuinness made it very clear to Theresa Villiers that Sinn Féin is totally opposed to any suggestion that the British government would suspend these institutions.

"We also reiterated our support for the peace and political processes.

"People want to see the parties working together to ensure the political institutions are delivering for everyone in the community.

"Unionists need to end their sham fight which is all about narrow electoral rivalry,

"They should stand with us and other parties in tackling the real issues of Tory cuts and defending public services and the welfare state."

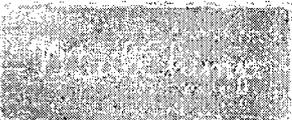
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Now is the Time for Leadership - McGuinness

Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness has said now is the time for politicians to show real leadership to overcome the current challenges facing the political process.

Mr McGuinness said:

"The appalling murders of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan which were carried out by criminals and are now being exploited by unionists for narrow political self interest.

"I and my Sinn Féin colleagues have taken great risks in support of the peace and political processes over the last decade, facing down violent elements both republican and loyalist.

"That is what leadership is about and it is clear that now is a time for real leadership from all politicians.

"Resolution of the current political difficulties will not be achieved through internal unionist electoral contests or naked party politicking.

"What we need to see now is a united focus on the real difficulties facing the political process, the cuts agenda of the Tory government, as well as issues around parading, identity and addressing the legacy of the past.

"Sinn Féin will not be deterred from working to find a resolution to those issues and we call on others to do the same." **Ends/Crioch**

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Unionists Should End Sham Fight, Days of Exclusion Over – Kelly

Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly said today that the unionist parties should end their sham fight and get back to the work of dealing with the real issues.

Gerry Kelly said:

“The unionist parties are engaged in a sham fight which is all about the electoral rivalry between the two parties.

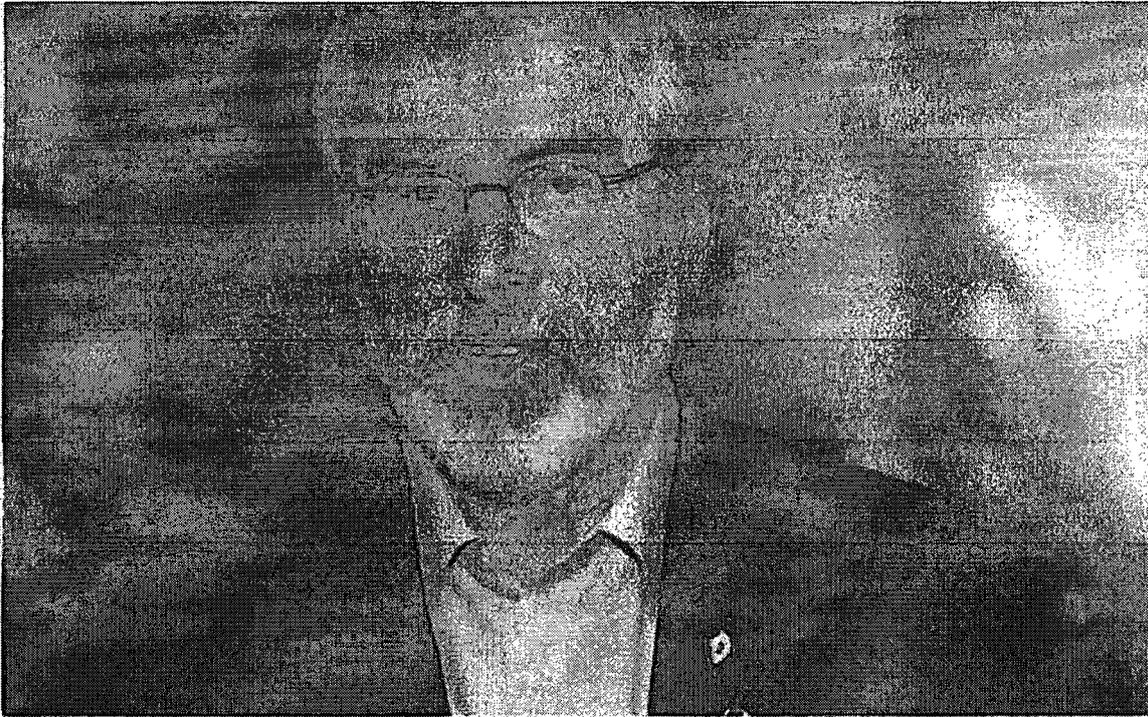
“This is an attempt to punish a section of a community for the actions of a few criminals. Let me be clear the days of exclusion and discrimination are over and they aren't coming back.

“Sinn Féin will robustly defend our electoral mandate and we won't allow a electoral contest within unionism to deflect us from representing the people from all over this island who elect us.

“The emerging political crisis is a distraction from the real work which needs to be done in facing up to the Tory cuts which are damaging our frontline public services.

“They should bear in mind any action to bring down the institutions will disenfranchise all of our people. The choices for the unionists are clear.

“They can either continue to compete with each other in pulling down the institutions or they can return to the task of defending our public services, protecting the vulnerable and delivering on a deal on the legacy of the past.” **ENDS/CRÍOCH**



There is Nothing More Sinn Féin Can Do - Adams

The following is the text of Gerry Adams TD's weekly column in the Andersonstown News that will be published later this evening.

Teachta Adams writes:

Unionist politicians ignored the bits that didn't fit with their narrative and jumped on Hamilton's claim that the IRA still exists to ratchet up the crisis.

I don't agree with the PSNI Chief Constable's claim that the IRA exists – even in the benign way he paints it. The war is over and the IRA is gone and is not coming back.

Sinn Féin and republicans, including the IRA, have taken a series of historic initiatives to create the opportunity for peace; to sustain the process in difficult times and to overcome obstacles.

The Sinn Féin leadership has worked hard to find imaginative and innovative ways to resolve problems. But this problem is not of our making. Sinn Féin has no responsibility whatsoever for those who killed Kevin McGuigan or Jock Davison. The response of the other political parties to these killings has been self-serving and short

sighted.

Let me be very clear. Once again: Anyone who breaks the law should be held accountable by the justice and policing agencies.

Let me be equally clear. Enough is enough. Sinn Féin has no special, or particular or specific responsibility to respond to the allegations made about the IRA, above and beyond what I have outlined here.

There is no basis for the charges made against Sinn Féin by our political opponents and if this descends into a political crisis it is a direct result of their stupidity and party political opportunism.

Indeed given the manner in which the debate has descended into personalised attack, invective and Sinn Féin baiting, it is hard to know how the other parties, Executive Ministers or Irish government Ministers would hope to sort this crisis out.

Unless of course, and I accuse them of this, they are motivated entirely by party political and electoral interests.

Sinn Féin will not allow ourselves or more importantly our electorate to be demonised or marginalised over matters that have nothing to do with us. In this case there is nothing more Sinn Féin can do.

Frances Fitzgerald has uncharacteristically undermined her role as Minister for Justice to politically smear Sinn Féin.

Micheál Martin has also sought to use these killings for party political purposes. He was the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the then Minister for Justice, Dermott Ahern said that the IRA was gone and not coming back.

In 2010 when Sinn Féin successfully negotiated the transfer of policing and justice with the two governments he was part of process. He never raised the matter with me once. But now we are on the cusp of an election and Micheál Martin is in electioneering mode.

Full Text of column:

"A media storm erupted last week after a press conference was held by the PSNI about the murder of Kevin McGuigan. Kevin McGuigan was shot dead after media speculation had linked him to the killing of Jock Davison last May in the Markets area.

At the press conference Det Supt Kevin Geddes for the PSNI said that: *"Action Against Drugs as you may be aware made a public statement on 6 August that they would execute anybody who had any involvement or they believed had any involvement in the murder of Jock Davison"*. He went on to say that it was his assessment that: *"Action Against Drugs are a group of individuals who are criminals, violent dissident republicans and former members of the Provisional IRA... They are dangerous, they are involved in violence and extortion of the nationalist and republican communities and they have a criminal agenda... My assessment is that this is a separate group from the Provisional IRA"*.

However, it was his subsequent comment that a *"major line of inquiry for this investigation is that members of the Provisional IRA were involved in this murder"* and that he could not say at this stage *"whether that was sanctioned at a command level or not and I'm not prepared to speculate on that"* that was seized upon and created the subsequent political and media furore.

Some unionist politicians, ever quick to rush to judgement against Sinn Féin, threatened to exclude our party from the Assembly and Executive.

Elements of the media were no less quick. Some main media outlets speculated that 'Action Against Drugs' had entered into a working arrangement or joint enterprise with the IRA. Action Against Drugs has been vigorously opposed by Sinn Féin and accused of murder and extortion by Gerry Kelly and other republican leaders.

Journalists, some with long experience who should have known better, speculated that republicans were working with a criminal gang - riddled with agents and informers - made up of people trenchantly opposed to the Sinn Féin peace strategy and leadership. The inconsistency and contradictions inherent in this position were ignored.

During the years of conflict and censorship the idea of balance or of proper journalistic investigation, with some notable exceptions, went out the window. But in these more peaceful times the lack of impartiality and objectivity in this instance is equally striking. A press conference which was supposed to be about a murder investigation, morphed seamlessly into a media and political storm as to the status of the IRA.

As unionist leaders blustered, threatened and condemned Sinn Féin and the political

The progress that has been made is the collective work of many parties, groups, and individuals. But without the active participation of republicans and the risks we have taken for peace there would be no peace process.

Time and again elements of the British and Irish governments or the unionist parties and others have connived to undermine the political institutions. Some have done this in a very premeditated way while for others, crises have been created through their failure to fulfil their obligations or to uphold the Good Friday and other agreements.

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The political institutions are already in considerable difficulty. There are important elements which have not been implemented. There are major budgetary difficulties and an ongoing effort by London to impose austerity policies on the northern Assembly.

There is also the ongoing and unanswered questions about the sell-off of NAMA's loan book in the north and the allegation that some politicians and associates have benefited from this. Interestingly, though this goes to the heart of the Irish government, as well as the Executive, there is no speculation of the kind which is now in full flow around Sinn Féin's worthiness as a political party.

Let me be very clear. Once again. Anyone who breaks the law should be held accountable by the justice and policing agencies. Sinn Féin supports these agencies and we will co-operate with the PSNI in their investigations into the killings of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan. We have consistently called on anyone with information to bring that forward so that those responsible can face due process in the courts. We are very mindful of the fact that there are two families and local communities grieving for the loss of loved ones.

It is our firm view that anyone involved in illegal activity should be held accountable before proper judicial processes. The PSNI investigation should go where the evidence takes it. It should be afforded all possible support to this and by all of the political parties and the two governments.

Let me be equally clear. Enough is enough. Sinn Féin has no special, or particular or specific responsibility to respond to the allegations made about the IRA, above and beyond what I have outlined here. There is no basis for the charges made against Sinn Féin by our political opponents and if this develops into a political crisis it is a direct

... by our political opponents and it has descended into a political crisis it is a direct result of their stupidity and party political opportunism.

Indeed given the manner in which the debate has descended into personalised attack, invective and Sinn Féin baiting, it is hard to know how the other parties, Executive Ministers or Irish government Ministers would hope to sort this crisis out.

Unless of course, and I accuse them of this, they are motivated entirely by party political and electoral interests.

Sinn Féin will not allow ourselves or more importantly our electorate to be demonised or marginalised over matters that have nothing to do with us. In this case there is nothing more Sinn Féin can do.

We have done more than anyone else to bring an end to conflict in our country and to open up an alternative peaceful and democratic path for republicans to pursue republican objectives. This never existed before.

The opportunistic and deeply cynical way in which these events have been seized upon to attack Sinn Féin, our integrity and our electoral mandate and the democratic rights and entitlements of our electorate, is shameful and will be robustly resisted by our party and our leadership.

British efforts and unionist posturing in this respect are not surprising. Every and any opportunity and issue is grasped by the unionist leaderships to try and dilute the potential of the Good Friday Agreement and the institutions. But the intervention of Fianna Fáil leader Michael Martin, and Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald and others in Dublin is especially contemptible.

Frances Fitzgerald has uncharacteristically undermined her role as Minister for Justice to politically smear Sinn Féin.

Micheál Martin has also sought to use these killings for party political purposes. He was the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the then Minister for Justice, Dermott Ahern said that the IRA was gone and not coming back.

In 2010 when Sinn Féin successfully negotiated the transfer of policing and justice with the two governments he was part of process. He never raised the matter with me once. But now we are on the cusp of an election and Micheál Martin is in electioneering mode.

His outrageous claim that the IRA funds and provides political intelligence for Sinn Féin while exercising community control is despicable. Last year the people of Ireland

in free votes in the European and local government elections gave Sinn Féin the largest vote of any party on this island. Where those votes coerced? Are those voters naive or stupid or intimidated? No. They voted for Sinn Féin because we provide a real alternative to the bad politics of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour. And that is what really worries these parties.

For our part Sinn Féin will not be distracted from continuing with the difficult work of building the peace, resolving the budget issues in the Executive, getting on with the business of making the institutions function properly and winning support across this island for Irish unity and for the Republican alternative to austerity.

We will also continue to support the PSNI and An Garda Síochána in their fulfilment of their duties and we will make ourselves accountable to the electorate in the upcoming Assembly election and in the general election when the Taoiseach has the courage to call it."

ENDS

The IRA is gone and not coming back - Adams

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD commenting on the remarks by the PSNI Chief Constable George Hamilton today said:

"Sinn Féin stands on our record in the peace and the political processes and on our mandate.

I note the comments by the Chief Constable today that he accepts the bona fides of the Sinn Féin leadership and our pursuit of the peace process and support for the police in the ongoing investigation into the deaths of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan.

The stand of Sinn Féin on the peace process is a matter of public record. Our integrity is based on our electoral mandate and not on the views of anyone else, even a chief

constable.

I do not accept the PSNI claims about the IRA.

The war is over. The IRA is gone and not coming back. This has been acknowledged and evidenced over the past 10 years. There is now a peaceful and democratic path to achieve republican objectives. This has the support of the vast majority of republicans and nationalists.

Those individuals who do not embrace this and are pursuing their own agendas do not represent republicanism and should be held to account by the criminal justice system.

Recent mischievous speculation and the use of these tragic deaths by other political parties is self-serving and wholly cynical.

The actions of individual criminal elements or gangs must not be allowed to derail the peace and political process.

Sinn Féin have and will continue to support the PSNI in bringing those involved in the killings of Jock Davison and Kevin McGuigan to justice and we have consistently called for anyone with any information connected to the investigation to bring it forward.



Stormont House Legacy Section Needs Actioned now - McCann

Sinn Féin MLA Jennifer McCann said this morning that the mechanisms agreed at Stormont House Agreement dealing with the legacy of the conflict are intended to achieve the maximum disclosure for all victims.

Ms. McCann said,

“Sinn Féin is committed to helping families of victims to achieving truth and closure and support the mechanisms enshrined in the Stormont House Agreement as a step in achieving it.

“These include: the establishment of the Historical Investigations Unit (HIU); putting in place processes that are victim centered; improving Legacy inquests to ensure that they are conducted to comply with ECHR Article 2 requirements; ensuring that both governments provide full disclosure to the HIU; and establish the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval (ICIR).

“While it is recognised that not all families will be satisfied with the Stormont House Agreement approach it will be a step forward.

“Sinn Féin has consistently called for an independent international truth commission to be set up.

“In the absence of such a commission the mechanisms agreed at Stormont House present the best way forward for bereaved families and victims to achieve maximum disclosure.

“The British and Irish governments need to implement those elements of the Stormont House Agreement which deal with legacy issues and the past.

“Victims and their families should not be prevented from achieving truth and closure because of the failure to reach agreement on other issues.

“The two governments can and should proceed with establishing the Historical Investigations Unit (HIU); improving Legacy inquests; and establish the Independent

Investigations Unit (IOU), improving legacy requests and creating the Independent
Commission on Information Retrieval (ICIR)."

Scandal of Ballymurphy case - Adams

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD has expressed his "deep concern and anger at the failure of the British government to progress the Ballymurphy case."

The Sinn Féin leader has been given a copy of a letter sent from the Crown Solicitors Office to the Coroners Service in Belfast which reveals that "serious hurdles have been erected by the British state to the families getting to the truth of events in Ballymurphy in August 1971"

Gerry Adams has written to An Taoiseach Enda Kenny about this.

The letter confirms that the "*member of staff assigned to Ballymurphy has been reassigned*" and it also reveals that the British MOD "*has not been able to uncover any records within its control regarding the original cipher list (British Army personnel) at Ballymurphy in 1971 ... MOD has not as yet been successful in tracing any ciphered soldiers involved in Ballymurphy.*"

Gerry Adams said:

"These are very serious matters which in light of the all-party motion passed by the Dáil on the killing of 11 civilians in Ballymurphy in August 1971 deserves the urgent attention of the Taoiseach.

In March the Taoiseach met the Ballymurphy families and reiterated the Government's support for the families' quest for the truth and for justice regarding the deaths of their loved ones, including their proposal for an Independent Panel of Inquiry.

The July motion in the Dáil was an important step forward for the families. It supported their campaign and was critical of the British Secretary of State and called on the relevant authorities "*to ensure that incidents such as Ballymurphy, and other cases of similar circumstances and contention, are dealt with in a manner and a timescale that meets international human rights standards*".

On July 31st the Crown Solicitors Office wrote to the Coroners Service in Belfast. The letter reveals that the *"member of staff assigned to Ballymurphy has been reassigned to another inquest temporarily to assist in the provision of disclosure to that inquest."*

It also notes that the *"PSNI has previously advised the Coroner that the resources which the Chief Constable can commit to servicing the legacy inquest process are finite."*

This is an unacceptable situation. It is clear evidence that the British government and system is not dealing with Ballymurphy *"in a manner and a timescale that meets international human rights standards"*.

The letter from the Crown Solicitor's Office also states that the British *"MOD has stated that it has not been able to uncover any records within its control regarding the original cipher list at Ballymurphy."*

The British MOD states that it *"has not as yet been successful in tracing any ciphered soldiers involved in Ballymurphy. Forty seven letters have been sent out to individuals and responses are awaited."*

The deliberate withholding of resources and the failure to speedily identify the soldiers present in Ballymurphy is evidence of a British government and MOD deliberately frustrating the families efforts

The Irish government has a responsibility and a mandate from the Dáil to challenge the British Prime Minister and government on the way it which it is dealing with the Ballymurphy families and with this case.

It needs to adopt a more robust and assertive approach to ensure that the British government allocate the necessary resources to the Ballymurphy Massacre case.

I have therefore asked the Taoiseach if he will raise these concerns with David Cameron; instruct the Minister for Foreign Affairs to also raise this with the British Secretary of State; and seek from the British government a commitment to allocate the necessary financial and personnel resources to the Ballymurphy Massacre case."

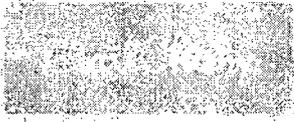
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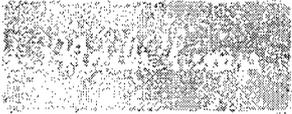
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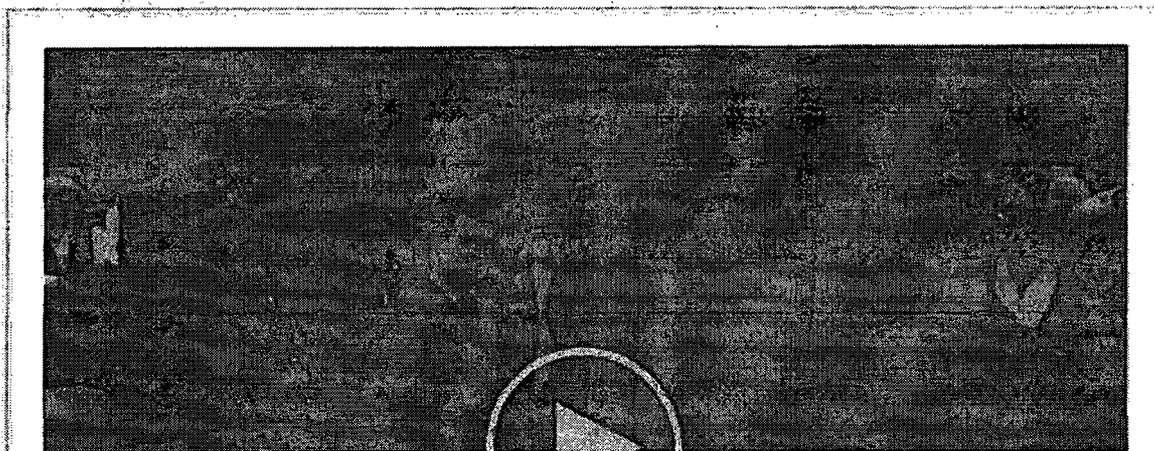
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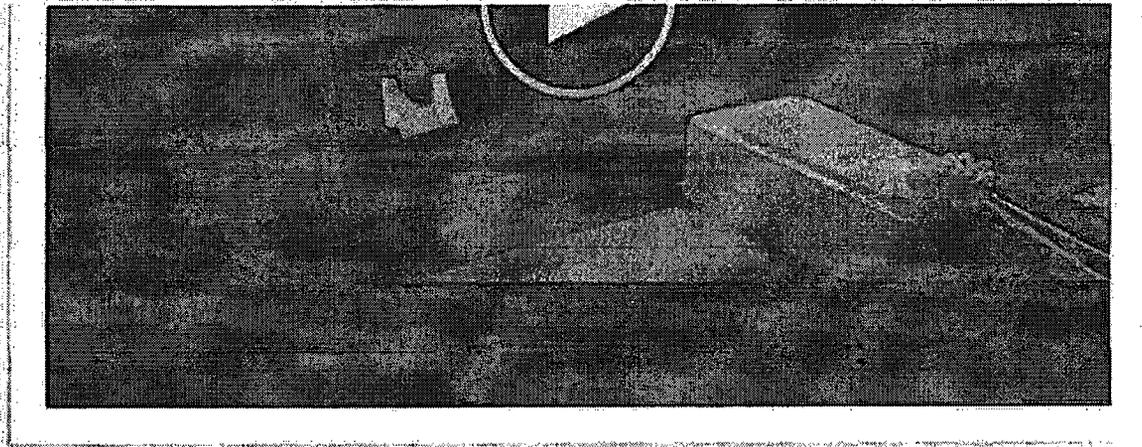
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Reenactment of the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa on the 100 year anniversary. The event was organized by Sinn Fein and took place in Dublin on 1/8/2015.



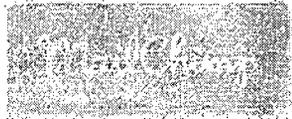


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**Don't Listen to Lazy Economic Arguments
Against Irish Unity. They Couldn't be Further**

From the Truth

Sinn Féin MEP Matt Carthy responds to a column published on TheJournal.ie last week.

AARON MCKENNA MADE a weak argument against Irish unity in his column for TheJournal.ie last week, using a tired logic and a failed economic position that doesn't stand up to scrutiny.

Of course, a debate on a united Ireland cannot and should not be limited to the economics. But seeing as McKenna emphasises it, let me respond to some of his key points.

The “unmitigated disaster” in this story is the absolute failure that partition has been for the people of Ireland, north and south.

No independent analyst given the task of designing the best economic model for an island of 6.4 million people would dream of separating the north-east corner from the rest of the country and, in turn, creating two separate competing currencies, tax systems, legal frameworks and two administrations.

Island-wide reconciliation

McKenna's column makes the same fundamental mistake when considering the outworkings of Irish unity as almost every partitionist since our country was first divided by an artificial border – either by laziness or lack of imagination they can only consider a united Ireland to mean an extension of the current 26 county southern state.

That is not what proponents of change are seeking. The type of nation building and island-wide reconciliation that Sinn Féin, for example, is working towards is not about grafting the north onto the current political, cultural and economic status quo of the south.

We are seeking a new, agreed and united Ireland that caters for the aspirations of all of us who share this island. We want to build a just, fair and equal Ireland.

Securing a referendum on Irish unity north and south is only one step within the process of nation building and reconciliation.

Taxes returned to Britain

Some commentators and political figures try to distract and halt demands for change by

focusing on estimates of public expenditure in the north.

The truth is we would all be better off with a single economy within Ireland.

Outlandish numbers are frequently presented to illustrate the level of subsidy of the north by Britain, with no focus upon resources generated within the north.

The fact is the people of the north pay taxes that are returned directly to Britain, but the British government has refused on repeated occasions to publish the exact amount of taxes that are raised in the north.

The most recent and complete estimates of the level of taxes raised in the north are available in a report commissioned by the former Finance Minister in the north, Sammy Wilson, and it underestimates the amount of revenue raised in the north in 2011-12 at £14.1 billion.

These figures are incomplete because they fail to take account of the level of corporation tax and VAT generated within the north by companies with British headquarters. The British Treasury tells us that in the same year for which Sammy Wilson has provided us with an estimate for revenue, the northern executive and councils spent £17.7bn.

That leaves an over-estimated fiscal gap of £3.6 billion, much less than the deficit McKenna quotes. Sinn Féin will continue to demand that the British government release full and accurate details of the amount of revenue generated in the north so that we can move beyond this stale non-debate.

Integrated economy

Let's be clear, simply maintaining the status quo in the form of two separate competing economies on a tiny island will not deliver prosperity for the people of this island.

There are no advantages for a small island nation on the edge of Europe having separate tax regimes, regulatory and legal systems, disparate economic development agencies and programmes, divergent and competing investment strategies and economic policies.

Harmonised and integrated policies, laws and structures across the island are central to creating a fully integrated and healthy economy.

Healthcare is one area in which the case for Irish unity is strong.

There are multiple examples in which a better service has been delivered through an all-Ireland approach. The new joint cancer centre in Derry now provides services for patients from throughout the north-west. No longer will patients from Donegal or Derry have to travel to Belfast or Dublin for treatments.

There are opportunities within a new integrated island wide structure to reconfigure how we deliver health services across this island.

The total money spent per person within the current regressive health system in the south is more than what is spent per person in the north of Ireland or in Britain.

With vision, commitment and determination we could deliver better services to all the people of Ireland north and south.

Democratic choice

The real question of Irish unity is about a fundamental democratic choice for us all.

Is an all-Ireland government representative of all the people best placed to deliver prosperity, equality and reconciliation or should that ultimately rest with an unaccountable and unrepresentative government in Westminster and political administrations that can only serve some of our people?

It can no longer be a case of asking if we can afford a united Ireland. The real question is how much longer can we afford partition, and the duplication and inefficiencies it has created.

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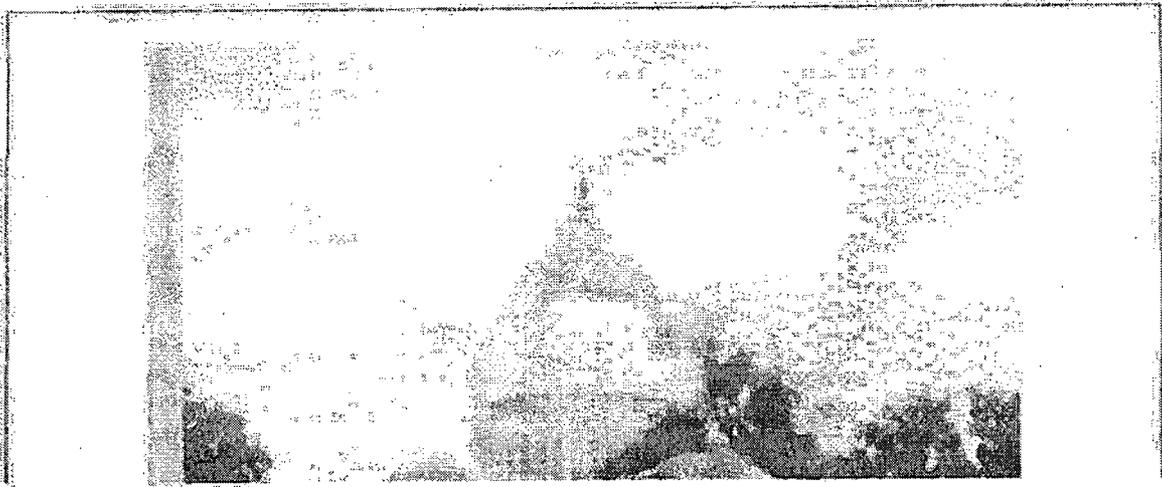
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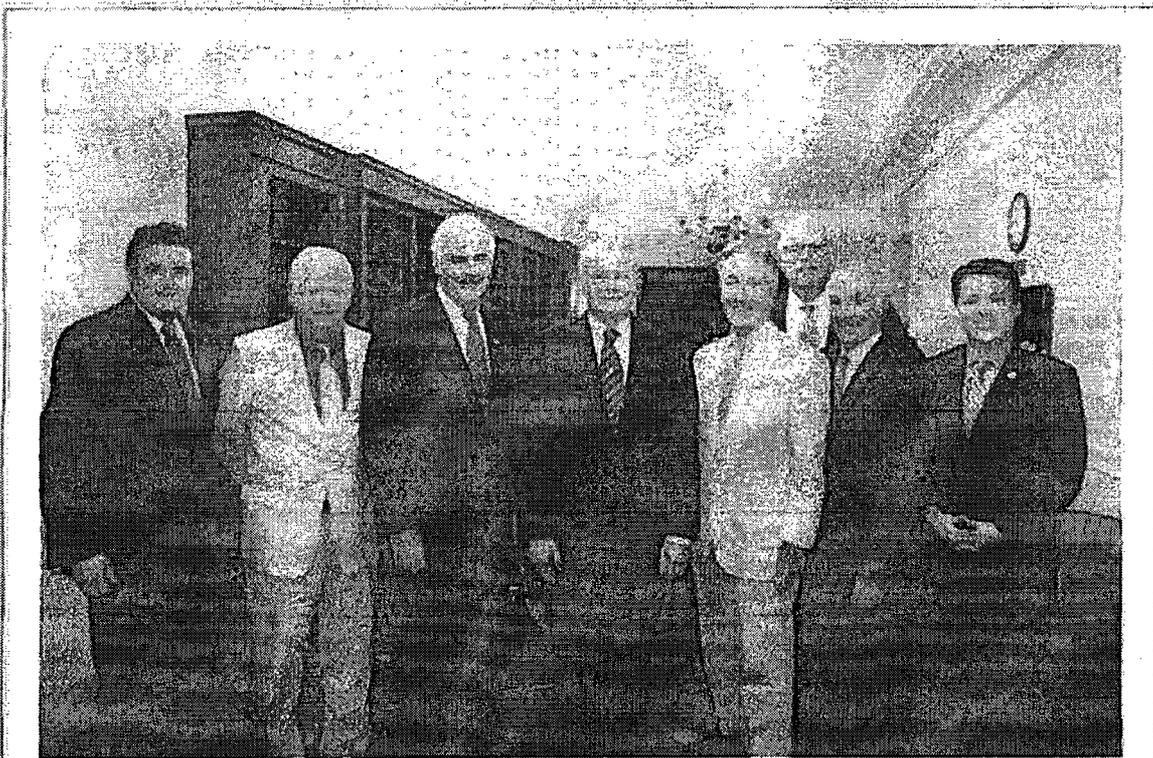


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Martin McGuinness with Richard E. Neal (D-MA)



Martin McGuinness Meets with the Congressional Friends of Ireland

(From Left to Right)

Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Rep. John Larson (D-CT)

Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA)

Martin McGuinness

Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-MA)

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY)

Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT)

Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)

Not Pictured - Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA)

Positive Meeting with US Officials - McGuinness

Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness has said the US administration remains engaged with the political process in the North.

Speaking from Washington after meeting officials from the White House, Mr McGuinness said:

"I had a positive and encouraging meeting with senior officials at the White House today.

"The US administration clearly remains engaged with the political process in the North and they continue to play a constructive role.

"At the meeting I made it clear to them that the institutions of the Good Friday Agreement, which have underpinned the peace process for almost two decades, are facing a real crisis as a result of the policies of this British government.

"The political institutions, and the progress we have made over the last two decades of the peace process, are under a real threat and it is my hope that the US administration

can encourage the British government to take a more positive approach on dealing with the North." **Ends/Crioch**

British Government Needs to Re-engage with Peace Process – Gerry Adams TD

On the eve of the 10th anniversary of an historic statement by the IRA leadership, formally ordering an end to its armed campaign, Sinn Féin Leader Gerry Adams TD has said the British government needs to re-engage with the Peace Process.

In a statement this evening marking the anniversary of the IRA initiative of 28th July 2005, Gerry Adams said:

"More than 20 years ago, in one of the defining developments of modern Irish history, the IRA announced a total cessation of military activities.

"The subsequent success of the Peace Process and the transformation of politics across this island and between Ireland and Britain were the result of the efforts, commitment, political courage, determination and personal engagement by the key players.

"I note the recent remarks of British Prime Minister David Cameron when he claimed that 'British resolve saw off the IRA'.

"This is a distortion of recent history. It also betrays a worrying ignorance on the part of a British Premier of the dynamics which have propelled the Irish Peace Process for many years.

"The reality is that the IRA was never defeated and that again and again it was Irish republicans, including the IRA leadership, which took bold steps to bolster the peace process and to maintain positive political momentum.

"Ten years ago this week, on 28 July, 2005, the IRA formally ended its armed campaign and gave its support to purely peaceful and democratic means of achieving republican objectives.

"David Cameron would do well to understand that it was such initiatives which broke the long cycle of conflict and opened up new political possibilities.

"However, the progress that was made over many years is now in severe jeopardy, not least because of the attitude of Mr Cameron.

"The political structures negotiated so painstakingly as part of the Good Friday Agreement face collapse as a result of the British Government's ideologically driven austerity agenda.

"By slashing hundreds of millions of pounds from the finances of the North's Executive, the British Government has attacked the ability of the political institutions to deliver for citizens.

"The promise of further 'eye watering' cuts in the autumn will further undermine the Executive's ability to provide public services and protect the most vulnerable.

"Sinn Féin wants to see the political institutions work; for that to happen the Executive must have sustainable and workable finances.

"The Executive requires the resources and flexibility to deliver a peace dividend that will be felt in those communities which suffered most as a result of that conflict.

"This includes the resources to tackle the sectarian segregation which perpetuates division and facilitates confrontation.

"Over many decades, successive British governments invested limitless financial resources to pursue a military agenda in the North of Ireland. They now need to bring a similar commitment to building the peace.

"A new approach is required from the British Government - one based on investment, which would allow the political institutions to grow and develop the economy for the benefit of all our citizens.

"There is also an onus on David Cameron's government to resource the mechanisms for dealing with the legacy of the past, which were agreed at Stormont House.

"The Irish Government cannot escape its responsibilities under the Good Friday Agreement either. It remains detached and its attitude to the North is dictated by party political and selfish electoral considerations.

"The Taoiseach needs urgently to take up his responsibilities towards citizens in the North and to be a champion of the peace process.

"In order to restore hope, to rescue the political institutions and re-establish positive political momentum, the British Government must provide the Executive with the tools to invest in public services, grow the economy and address the legacy of the past. The British government needs to re-engage with the Peace Process." ENDS

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Martin McGuinness to Visit Washington DC This Week

Sinn Féin's Martin McGuinness will be in the US This week to seek support for a resolution to the crisis threatening the future of the power sharing government in Belfast.

Speaking ahead of meetings with the Congressional Friends of Ireland on Capitol Hill, the State Department and the White House Mr. McGuinness commented:

"The institutions of the Good Friday Agreement, which have underpinned the Irish peace process for almost two decades, are facing crisis.

"This is an extremely grave situation and I would urge all those with a stake in this process to make every effort to find a resolution which secures the power-sharing administration.

"In order to redress this crisis, we require an imaginative and innovative solution which

IN ORDER TO TACKLE THIS CRISIS, WE REQUIRE AN IMAGINATIVE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTION WHICH recognises the particular challenges faced by our administration. That means ensuring the institutions are politically and economically viable and able to meet the needs of a society emerging from a long and bitter conflict.

"To date, that has not been forthcoming from the British Government and they need to be persuaded that a new approach is required.

"It is my hope that the US administration - which has been a key ally of the peace process since its inception - can help convince the British Government of the gravity of the current situation which threatens to undermine the incredible progress we have made."

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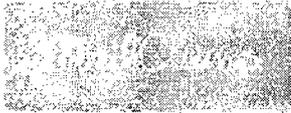
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Belfast - Northern Ireland - 13th July 2015 Trouble flares on Woodvale Road as a north Belfast Orange Order feeder parade is stopped from continuing their parade past the Ardoyne shops. The Parades Commission put the restriction on the parade a number of years ago. A young girl lies injured on the ground after a car drove into the crowd in front of the Ardoyne shops in north Belfast. PSNI officers had to tip the car to get to her. Picture by Jonathan Porter/Press Eye - Belfast Telegraph

Displays of Sectarian Hate Around Twelfth Must be Challenged - Adams

Sinn Féin Leader Gerry Adams TD has called for political and legal action to end what he called "displays of sectarian hate" that accompany 12th July events in the North.

Gerry Adams said:

"The open displays of sectarian hatred and intimidation which we witnessed around this year's Twelfth celebrations are, regrettably, an increasing occurrence.

"These hate crimes are completely unacceptable in any modern democratic society.

"The public burning of the Irish national flag, the burning of the effigies of nationalist and republican representatives and candidates' election posters are hate crimes pure and simple.

"We have also witnessed major public safety issues around some of these bonfires with people and property at genuine risk.

"It is time that this madness was confronted head-on both legally and politically.

"The organizers of bonfires where these crimes are committed need to be rigorously

investigated by the PSNI and the perpetrators prosecuted.

"Police action to date has been derisory but it is no longer acceptable for the PSNI to stand back while an entire community is demonized and subjected to an annual campaign of sectarian hatred.

"I do not believe that the disgraceful scenes we witnessed around some Twelfth bonfires represents genuine Orangeism, but we need to see more leadership from unionist political parties and from the Orange Order to call out unacceptable behavior and to confront this issue." **Ends/Críoch**

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O'Donovan Rossa Funeral Re-enactment

Sinn Féin will be launching our 1916 commemoration programme on 1st August with a historical re-enactment of a seminal moment in Irish History; the funeral of the "unrepentant Fenian" Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa.

Over a hundred thousand people turned out to watch the spectacle of the funeral in 1915, thronging Dame Street and O'Connell Street to see the cortege. At the graveside, a relatively unknown Patrick Pearse stepped forward to give a graveside oration that would go down in history, with the 1st section of that speech now widely seen as the call to arms for the 1916 Rising.

"They think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think

that they have provided against everything; but, the fools, the fools, the fools! - They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace"

This is your chance to be part of history by commemorating this important event which will include re-enactments of the funeral cortege and taking part in the procession to Glasnevin Cemetery recreating the pomp and circumstance with a band leading, Irish Volunteer Cavalry outriders, horse drawn hearse and uniformed marching guard of honour. People are encouraged to wear period dress for the occasion if they can.

Pay tribute to the men and women of 1916.

Assemble Dublin City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at 1pm sharp on 1st of August.

See www.sinnfein.ie/1916 for more details



Remembering the Past: Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa

From: An Phoblacht

Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa - a founding Fenian member

By

SHANE Mac THOMAS

As the 90th anniversary of the death and funeral of O'Donovan Rossa approaches, An Phoblacht's Shane Mac Thomáis looks back at the life of this remarkable Fenian.

The career of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa was the epitome of the history of Fenianism. He was, as John Devoy said, "the very incarnation of its spirit". Born to Irish tenant farmers on 11 September 1831 in Rosscarbery, County Cork the young O'Donovan Rossa was to witness the Famine and the brutal effects of imperialism first hand.

In 1856, he founded the Phoenix National and Literary Society 'for the liberation of Ireland by force of arms'. Rossa gives the following account of its creation in his recollections: "I remember the night we met to give it a name. **Some proposed** that it be called the Emmet Monument Association, others proposed **other names**. **I proposed** that it be called the Phoenix National and Literary Society — the word Phoenix signifying that the Irish cause was again to rise from the ashes of our martyred nationality. My resolution was carried, and that is how the word Phoenix comes into Irish national history."

O'Donovan Rossa was in Cork when the Irish Republican Brotherhood was founded in Dublin on St Patrick's Day 1858 by James Stephens, Thomas Clarke Luby, James Denieffe, Garret O'Shaughnessy and Peter Langan.

Stephens himself came to Rosscarbery in 1858 and O'Donovan Rossa was one of his first recruits. In December, 1858 Rossa was arrested and jailed without trial until July, 1859. He was accused of plotting a Fenian rising in 1865, tried for high treason and sentenced to penal servitude for life due to his previous convictions.

He was imprisoned in Pentonville, Portland and Chatham Prisons in England where, for eight years, he **suffered inhumane and cruel treatment** at the hands of the prison authorities. **He was fed on bread** and water for **28 days** at a time. In Chatham, his hands were cuffed every morning at 6:45am and in order to eat his food, he had to get down on all fours like a dog. This went on for more than 30 days (see illustration below).

In 1869 he was elected to Parliament for Tipperary but his election was declared void because he was **imprisoned**. Rossa **served part of his sentence** but was released in the general amnesty of Fenians in 1870 **with the understanding** that he **did not return** to Ireland. Given a **choice**, he weighed **going to Australia**, but settled **on America**. O'Donovan Rossa arrived in New York City in January 1871 aboard the steamer SS Cuba with other released Fenian prisoners Charles Underwood O'Connell, John Devoy, Henry Mulleda and John McClure.

Of the five, only Rossa and Devoy remained active, both joining the fledgling Clan na Gael, founded by New York Herald scientific reporter Jerome J Collins in June 1867 as a response to the feuding within the Fenian Brotherhood. Upon his arrival, Rossa joined the Fenian Brotherhood and edited the American edition of the United Irishman, and ran unsuccessfully for political office against Tammany Hall's William Marcy 'Boss' Tweed in 1871. In 1872 he leased The Northern Hotel near Chatham Square in Manhattan's notorious Five Points district.

On 4 September 1875 an anonymous letter appeared in Patrick Ford's Irish World, the premier Irish American newspaper of the day. The letter called for militant action, which "does more to keep the faith alive than a thousand sensible, prudent, wise-headed patriots who crawl on crutches... **into forgotten graves**". The idea was not lost on Rossa. He responded with a letter on 5 December and established what he called a "skirmishing

fund, to begin soliciting donations for an armed campaign in Ireland. He proposed the use of the newly-invented dynamite as the instrument of retribution. Although the like-minded Ford had editorialised that there were enough Irishmen living in England to "give London to flames and reduce Liverpool to disaster...spread through all the emporia of England, terror, conflagration, and irretrievable destruction", he held the letter for three months before publishing it in March 1876. The fund was wildly successful, collecting \$23,000 by March 1877 from 30,000 contributors in the United States, Canada, Ireland, England and Scotland.

Rossa began writing a column in the Irish World and in it, chastised his old friend Devoy and Clan na Gael for embracing a policy of co-operation with the constitutional movement. Rossa's threats of bombings worried Clan na Gael. Secretly, they planned the very same thing and Rossa's bombast was calling undue attention to them. When the fund reached \$43,000 late in 1877, Clan na Gael seized control, but left Rossa as secretary.

Rossa's call to arms was nothing more than that until January 1881 when a bomb exploded outside a military base in Salford, near Manchester. In June 1881 two of Rossa's men were arrested in Liverpool with a cast-iron pipe filled with explosives smuggled from America. Two weeks later, six dynamite bombs, dubbed 'infernal machines' by the press, were discovered aboard the SS Malta, docked in Liverpool after arriving from America. The bombing campaign was underway and Rossa had struck a blow for Irish freedom.

Rossa, by now a celebrity of international proportions, was questioned by reporters about the bombings. He admitted to supplying the money. The British Government began calling for his extradition. When the reins of Clan na Gael power passed from John Devoy in New York to Alexander Sullivan of Chicago, the Skirmishing Fund came under the control of The Triangle. This was an inner circle consisting of three members of Clan na Gael who re-instituted Rossa's original scheme and began in earnest the 'Dynamite War' against England.

The Rossa aspect and the Clan na Gael portion of the entire affair is lumped together, but the devices used by Rossa's men were crude and caused little damage. The explosives used by the clan bombers were far more deadly and created far more havoc, but it was Rossa's mastery of propaganda, more so than his actions that put fear in English hearts. Due to his campaign, he was shunned by nearly every branch of the nationalist movement, and it also nearly cost him his life.

An Englishwoman named Yseult Dudley met Rossa near Broadway on the pretext of making a contribution to his skirmishing fund and shot him several times. The incident caused a sensation in New York as Rossa and even some of his detractors declared Dudley to be an agent of the British Government. The British claimed she was a mentally unstable woman acting on her own delusions.

Rossa settled on Staten Island and would tell of his experiences in his 1874 book Prison Life (re-released as Irish Rebels in English Prisons in 1882) and Rossa's Recollections 1838-1898.

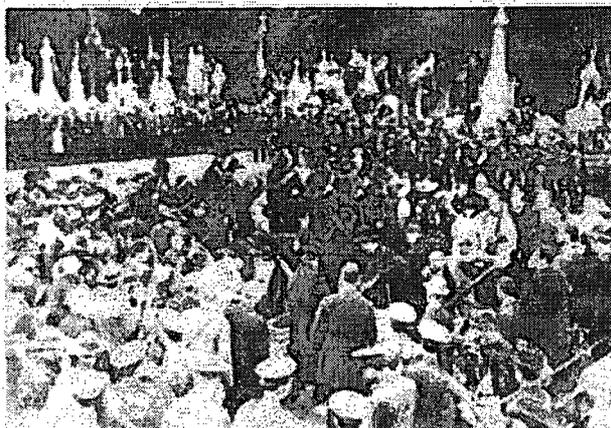
For the remainder of his life he remained the most visible Irish exile in America and an outspoken critic of British occupation of Ireland. He appeared at speaking engagements all over the country relating his prison experiences, performing readings of his books and giving accounts of his involvement in the Fenian Brotherhood and his fight against England.

No longer a political pariah, he visited Ireland in 1894 and was given a patriot's welcome. He visited again in 1904 when he was made a freeman of Cork City.

In Dublin, a memorial to Rossa stands in St Stephen's Green and Richmond Bridge over the Liffey was renamed O'Donovan Rossa Bridge in his honour. Skibbereen is

home to the O'Donovan Rossa Memorial Park.

On his deathbed, aged 83, he sent 'Rocky Mountain' O'Brien to get old friends John Devoy and Richard O'Sullivan Burke and bring them to his bedside. He died a tired old warrior on 29 June 1915 in St. Vincent's Hospital on Staten Island after a two-year illness. Devoy, contacted Tom Clarke in Ireland, himself a Clan na Gael member, and Rossa's remains were sent home.



Remembering the Past - The Funeral of O'Donovan Rossa

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The landmark funeral of O'Donovan Rossa

By Shane Mac Thomais

Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa died in the USA on 29 June 1915 an unrepentant Fenian to the last. His widow, a Fenian herself, was determined that he should lie in Irish soil, and obtained, after a short struggle, permission for him to be taken back.

When Tom Clarke received news from John Devoy in America concerning the passing of O'Donovan Rossa he saw the potential support that could be aroused in the Irish people for republicanism and replied by telegram to Devoy

"SEND HIS BODY HOME AT ONCE"

Tom Clarke immediately set about organising a funeral committee that was to include some of the men and women who were to become household names in the coming struggle for Irish Independence. Chief Marshall for the funeral was Tomás MacDonagh, who was to work very closely with Tom Clarke on the plans for the procession to Glasnevin. The Labour Movement was represented by James Connolly, William O'Brien and Richard O'Carroll. Sinn Féin founder Arthur Griffith sat on the Committee alongside Joe McGuinness, Constance Markievicz, Major John Macbride, Cathal Buacha, Seelie, Edward Daly, Brian O'Higgins and Eamon DeValera.

Dublin, Monday, January 24th, 1922. Dublin. The Rising and the Rossa Committee.

The committee had a tragic but glorious destiny. Of the members who, within less than a year, would no longer be around — MacDonagh, Connolly, Clarke, MacBride, Daly were all executed by the British in Kilmainham Jail. Councillor Richard O'Carroll was brutally murdered by British soldiers who shot him on the streets of Dublin after he had surrendered during the Rising. In 1922 two more Rossa Committee members would pass, Arthur Griffith and Cathal Brugha.

The remains of O'Donovan Rossa arrived in Dublin a few days before the funeral and lay in state at City Hall next to Dublin Castle, the symbol of British imperial interests in Ireland. A Guard of Honour of Irish Volunteers surrounded the coffin, and thousands came to pay their respects.

On the day of the funeral, special trains came to Dublin from all over the country and the funeral cortege was a grand affair with pipe bands and armed units of the Irish Volunteers and the Citizen Army following the hearse and the mourning coach.

Crowds thronged the streets. At Glasnevin it is reported that some 70,000 managed to get within earshot. After the Funeral Mass said by the republican priest Father O'Flanagan, the only speaker was Pádraig Mac Piarais, dressed in the uniform of the Irish Volunteers. Pearse took the opportunity to develop a sense of identification with the Fenian and explained why he was chosen to speak:

"If there is anything that makes it fitting that I rather than another, I rather than one of the gray-haired men who were young with him and shared in his labour and in his suffering, should speak here, it is perhaps that I may be taken as speaking on behalf of a new generation that has been re-baptised in the Fenian faith and that has accepted the responsibility of carrying out the Fenian programme."

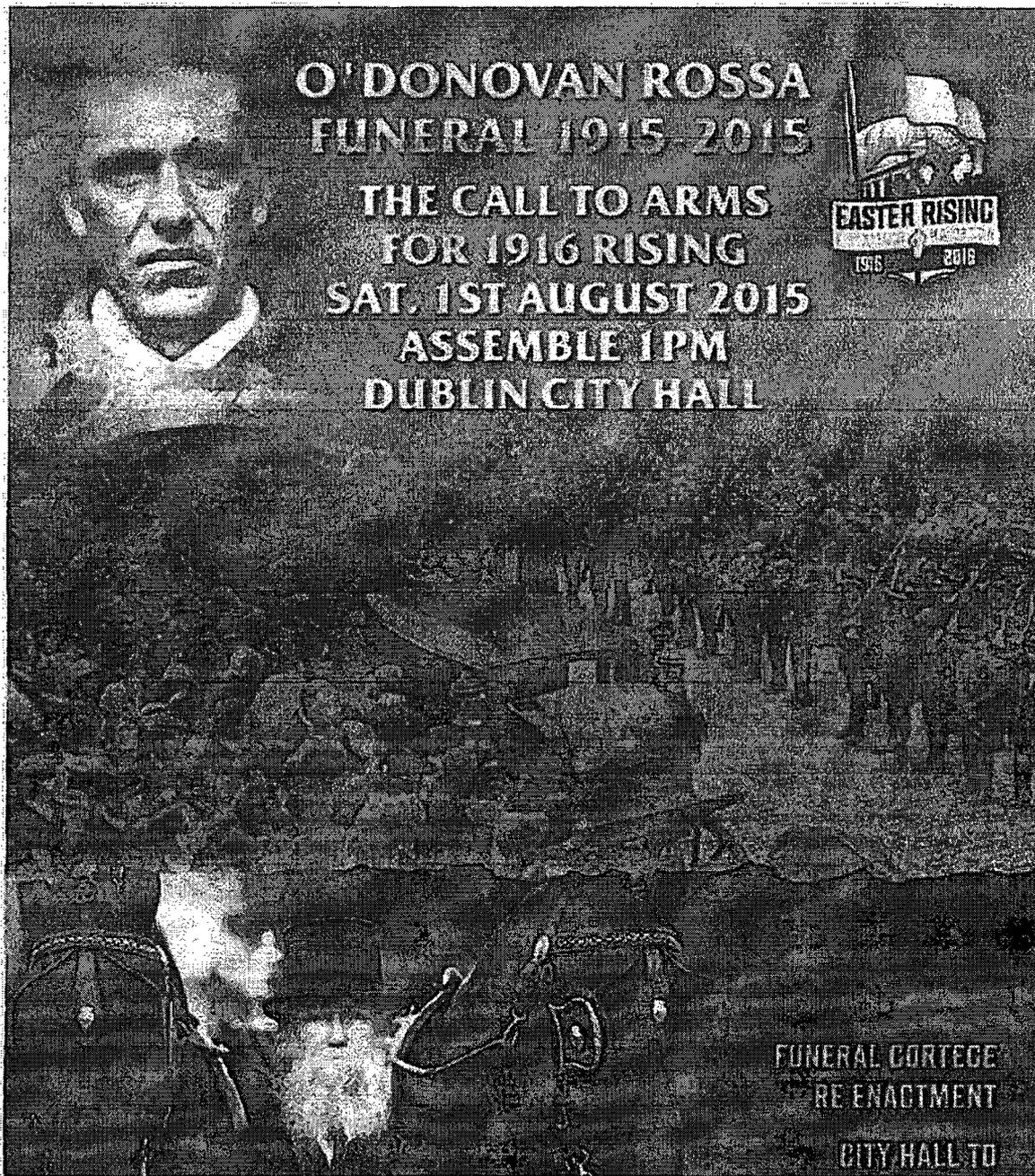
He praised Rossa and his fellow Fenians buried at Glasnevin. The following are the famous closing words from that great speech:

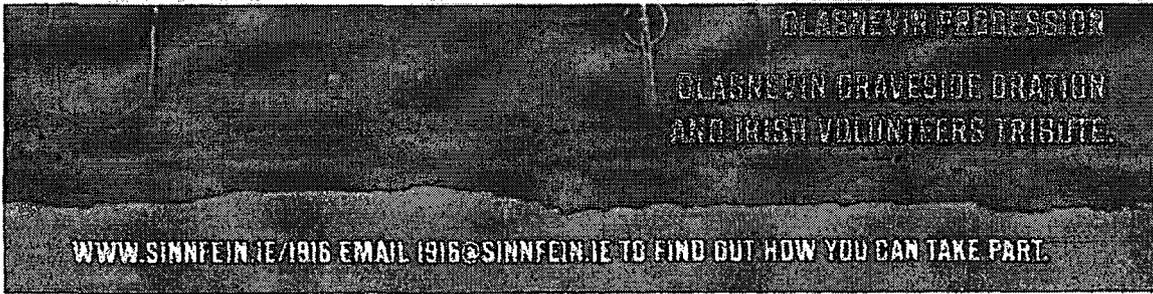
"Our foes are strong and wise and wary, but, strong and wise and wary as they are, they cannot undo the miracles of God who ripens in the hearts of young men the seeds sown by the young men of a former generation. And the seeds sown by the young men of '65 and '67 are coming to their miraculous ripening today. Rulers and Defenders of the Realm had need to be wary if they would guard against such processes: Life springs from death, and from the graves of patriot men and women spring living nations. The Defenders of this Realm have worked well in secret and in the open. They think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think that they have provided against everything; but, the fools, the fools, the fools! — They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace."

As the old Fenian was laid to rest in the country of his birth, a country he had spent his life fighting for, a new dawn had risen on a fresh generation of the Fenian tradition.

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O'Donovan Rossa Funeral Re-enactment
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If coming as a working-class male, please wear dark trousers (not jeans or combats) with a belt or braces, collarless shirt with a muffler or handkerchief around the neck, dark waistcoat or jacket, hat or cap with dark shoes (no trainers)

If coming as a working-class female, please wear a dark ankle-length dress or skirt, a light coloured blouse and dark boots or flat shoes (no trainers). If possible please wear a dark coloured or straw hat

Men, women or children coming as the 'poor of Dublin' should wear old, torn or shabby clothes (see notes for men and women above) and very old shoes (no trainers)

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Short promotional video for the re-enactment of the funeral of legendary Fenian Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa on the 100th Anniversary of his burial in Glasnevin Cemetery. Assemble 1pm at Dublin City Hall on Dame Street. For more information please visit www.sinnfein.ie/1916

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O'Donovan Rossa Re-enactment

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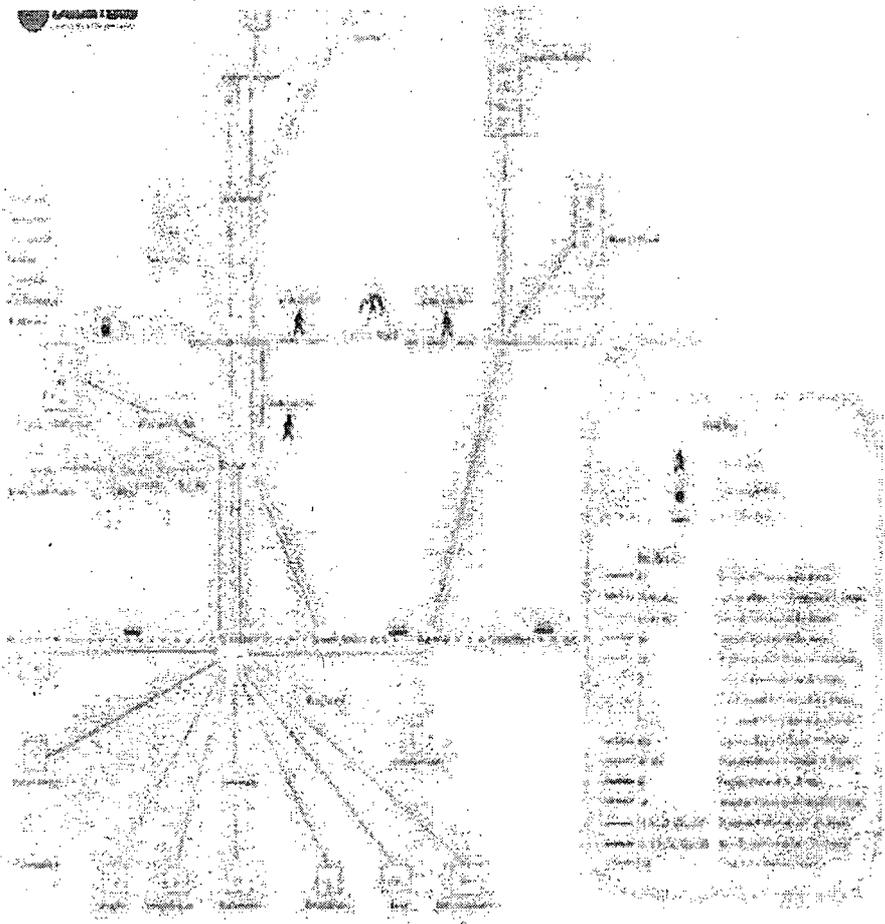
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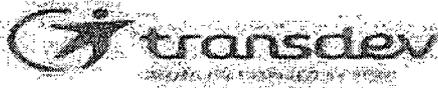
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- Navan Road Parkway: 100 Parking Spaces

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Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly has called for leadership from political unionism to deal with the outstanding issues around parading.

Speaking after last night's loyalist violence which followed an Orange Order march in north Belfast, Mr Kelly said:

"The disgraceful scenes of violence witnessed last night in north Belfast must be condemned by all.

"But condemnation is not enough. Those in positions of responsibility within political unionism must show leadership to address the entire issue surrounding parading as well as the disturbances seen last night.

"That leadership has been lacking. In the run up to the 12th we had the withdrawal of marshals and public statements warning of violence, the burning of flags, symbols and effigies and pictures threatening Catholics with crucifixion.

"In order to deal with the remaining issues around parading there needs to be a process of genuine local dialogue with no predetermined outcomes.

"Last night's scenes and those in the run up to the 12th cannot be repeated. Work needs to be pushed forward to address these issues. Complacency is not a solution."

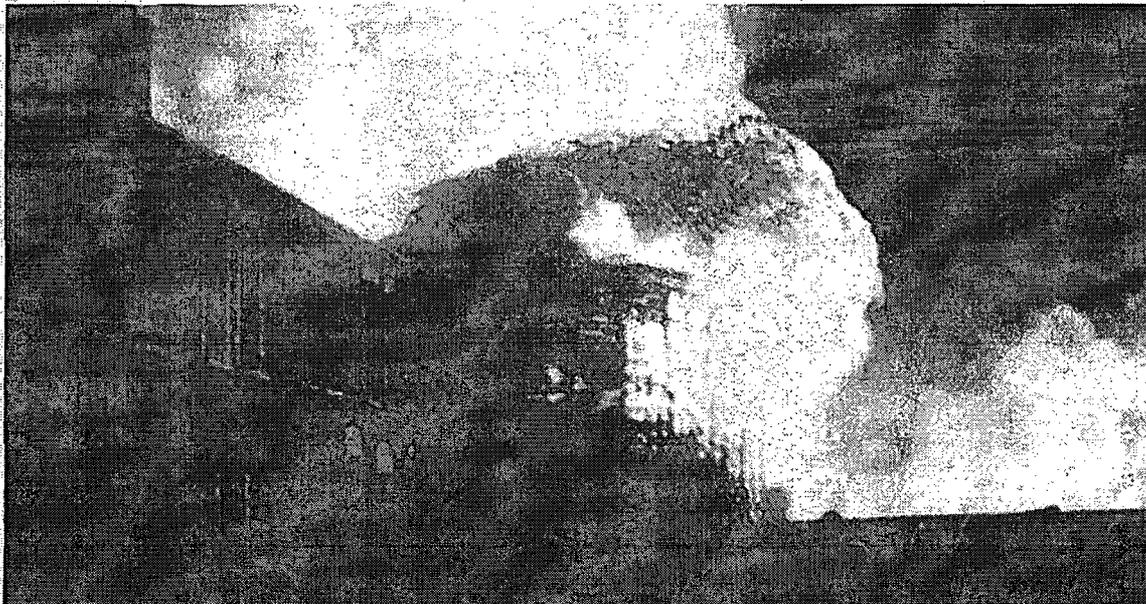
Gerry Kelly added:

"In terms of the incident last night when a young girl and others were hit by a car the quick actions by local residents and the PSNI need to be commended in saving this girl.

"Our thoughts are with her and her family and we hope for a speedy recovery." **Ends/Crioch**

See below images of the 11th night bonfires in Belfast. The fires by loyalist orange groups endangered local businesses and residences requiring the presence of local firefighters to protect the communities







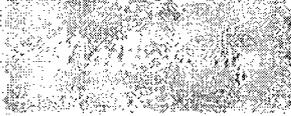
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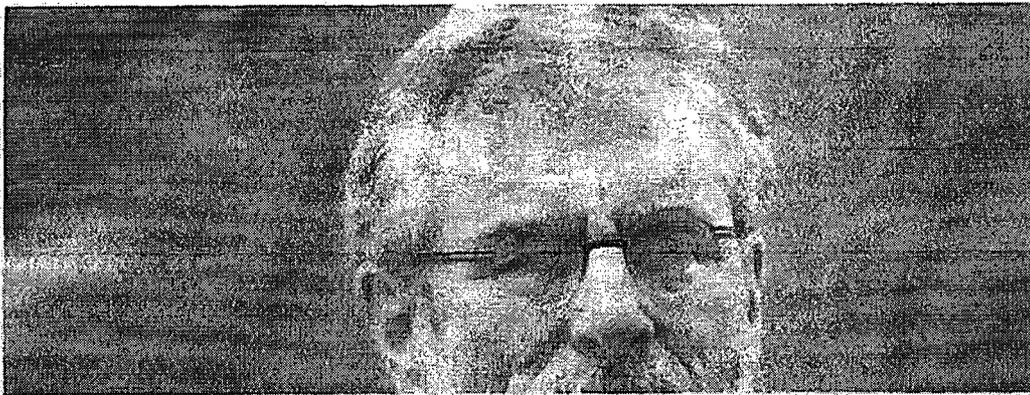
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Watchdog Finds Against Irish Independent Report on Gerry Adams' New York speech

The Press Council of Ireland has rejected an appeal by the Irish Independent against the decision by the Press Ombudsman to uphold a complaint by Sinn Féin Leader Gerry Adams regarding a report of remarks he made in a speech in New York in March.

In the report on 9th March, the Irish Independent claimed that the Sinn Féin Leader had "openly joked about holding the editor of the Irish Independent at gunpoint".

In the speech, Gerry Adams said:

"Mick Collins's response to the Independent's criticism of the fight for freedom was to dispatch volunteers to the Independent's offices. They held the editor at gunpoint and then dismantled and destroyed the entire printing machinery! Now I'm obviously not advocating that."

Mr Adams complained to the newspaper that his remarks were reported out of context and that he had clearly referred to the actions of Tan War hero Michael Collins.

When the newspaper didn't respond, Mr Adams made a complaint to the Press Ombudsman who upheld it.

The Irish Independent appealed this decision to the Press Council and this was heard on 3rd July. The Press Council rejected the appeal and affirmed the Press Ombudsman's decision in Mr Adams' favour.

The latest development follows a series of decisions by the media watchdog to uphold complaints by Gerry Adams about articles in the Irish Independent and Sunday Independent.

Commenting today, Gerry Adams said:

Continuing today, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

"The constant stream of biased and offensive coverage of Sinn Féin by the Irish Independent, and of myself in particular, is unprecedented in the history of Irish newspapers.

"The decision of the Press Council to uphold the Press Ombudsman's findings is another significant and positive development.

"I hope that it will further bolster the case for fairness and objectivity in political coverage in the Irish media." ENDS



O'Donovan Rossa, 100th Anniversary Commemoration

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#rebelrossa

Sinn Féin will be launching our 1916 commemoration programme on 1st August

with a historical re-enactment of a seminal moment in Irish History; the funeral of the "unrepentant Fenian" Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa.

Over a hundred thousand people turned out to watch the spectacle of the funeral in 1915, thronging Dame Street and O'Connell Street to see the cortege. At the graveside, a relatively unknown Patrick Pearse stepped forward to give a graveside oration that would go down in history, with the last section of that speech now widely seen as the call to arms for the 1916 Rising.

"They think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think that they have provided against everything; but, the fools, the fools, the fools! - They have left us our Fenian dead; and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace"

This is your chance to be part of history by commemorating this important event which will include re-enactments of the funeral cortege and taking part in the procession to Glasnevin Cemetery recreating the pomp and circumstance with a band leading, Irish Volunteer Cavalry outriders, horse drawn hearse and uniformed marching guard of honour. People are encouraged to wear period dress for the occasion if they can.

Pay tribute to the men and women of 1916.

Assemble Dublin City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at 1pm sharp on 1st of August.

See www.sinnfein.ie/1916 for more details

Motion on Ballymurphy Massacre Debate in Dáil this week

This week the Dáil will debate an all-party motion in support of the Ballymurphy Massacre families.

Commenting on the decision Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD said:

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Since I was first elected to the Dáil in 2011 I have been pressing the Taoiseach to assert his authority to persuade the British government to deal properly with incidents involving its forces including the case of Pat Finucane; the killing by British forces of six citizens in Springhill in 1972 and in particular the Ballymurphy Massacre.

In May 2014 I raised with the Taoiseach the refusal by the British Secretary of State to a request by the Ballymurphy families for a review of the events that led to the deaths of their eleven loved ones. The Taoiseach volunteered to introduce an all-party Oireachtas motion of support for the Ballymurphy families.

This week that motion will be brought to the Dáil and almost 20 family members will be present to hear the debate.

The motion supports the Ballymurphy families and backs their call for an Independent Panel of Inquiry to look at the context, circumstances and aftermath of the events in August 1971 in which their family members were killed.

It is critical of the British Secretary of State's decision not to establish independent reviews into certain Troubles-related deaths and calls on the relevant authorities "*to ensure that incidents such as Ballymurphy, and other cases of similar circumstances and contention, are dealt with in a manner and a timescale that meets international human rights standards*".

The all-party motion also supports the "*implementation of the comprehensive institutional arrangements agreed under the Stormont House Agreement*" for dealing with the past and urges the British Secretary of State to "*reconsider her decision in April 2014 not to establish an independent panel to consider the events in Ballymurphy in August 1971*".

In conclusion Gerry Adams said:

"This is an important motion that deserves the full support of all parties in the Dáil. It is an important further step toward persuading the British government to agree to the demands of the 11 families for truth."

Árd Mhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh

attends Islandbridge WWI Commemoration

The Sinn Féin Ard Mhéara of Dublin, Criona Ní Dhálaigh, laid a laurel wreath at the Cenotaph at Islandbridge, Kilmainham to commemorate those who lost their lives in the World Wars, particularly the estimated 60,000 Irish men and women from all parts of the island of Ireland who died in those conflicts.

The event was hosted by Royal British Legion Republic of Ireland and Criona Ní Dhálaigh, as Ard Mhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath, was invited to attend and to lay a wreath in that capacity.

Cllr Ní Dhálaigh is the first elected member of Sinn Féin to attend the service in the city and was joined by the Lord Mayor of Belfast Arder Carson and the Speaker of Assembly Mitchel McLaughlin.

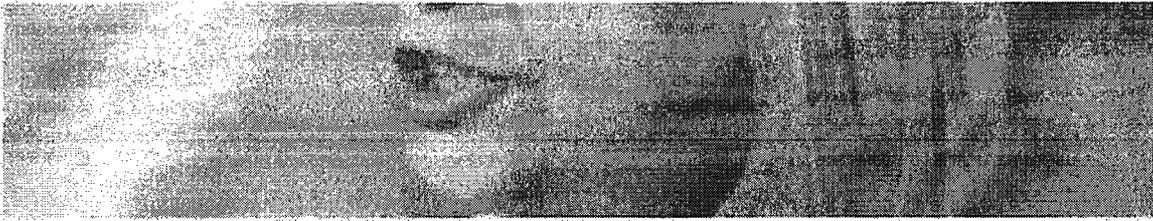
Speaking after the commemoration Ard Mhéara Ní Dhálaigh said:

“Today we remember the many thousands of Irish people who died during these conflicts, including those from this city.

“Sinn Féin has engaged with the Royal British Legion for many years now and as first citizen of the city of Dublin I am here representing the whole city.

“One of my key priorities as Mayor was to incorporate the principle of inclusivity and my attendance here today, along with my Sinn Féin colleagues, speaks to this ideal.”





Sale of Battlefield Moore St Site Not in The Best Interests of The Irish people – Sandra McLellan TD

Speaking in the Dáil this evening, Sinn Féin TD and Spokesperson for Culture and Heritage Sandra McLellan has appealed to the government to recognise the enormous importance of the battlefield site of Moore St to Irish history, and to not let it be snapped up in a sale of Nama assets by developers who would not hold the site in the same regard as the Irish people.

Deputy McLellan said:

“I have raised this issue today because of huge concerns regarding the proposed auction of the ‘Project Jewel’ loan portfolio now under the control of NAMA.

“It is my understanding that this portfolio includes the 1916 National Monument at 14 to 17 Moore Street situated in heart of the last extant 1916 Battlefield. This site has been described as ‘the most important historic site in Irish history’ by the National Museum

“Any continuing uncertainty regarding the future of the historic area is totally unacceptable to the relatives of the founding fathers of our nation as we approach the centenary of The Rising.

“To sell it off to private investors, who will doubtless have little regard as to its significance beyond its commercial potential, is unacceptable and an affront to Ireland’s people and history.

“We must protect this battlefield site. The 1916 ‘freedom quarter’ must be removed from the NAMA property portfolio. It cannot be allowed to become a shopping centre as had been planned by Chartered Eand. It must be respected for its historic and cultural.

significance which far outweigh commercial gain.

“It is a key part of our history and heritage, yet Nama has repeatedly refused to meet with the Cross Party Oireachtas Moore Street Committee members to discuss this.

“Has consideration been given as to the implications the sale and any future works will have on the national Monument? Has the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht or the National Museum been consulted on the proposed sale?

“€5 million was set aside by NAMA for the restoration of the monument. Is this still available?

“Yesterday the Oireachtas Cross Party group, relatives, and other stakeholders made a formal request to an Taoiseach for the protection of the 1916 National Monument by delivering a letter to his office personally.

“As we move into the centenary of one of the defining moments of Irish history, we are asking an Taoiseach and the government to act swiftly and decisively in order to make sure that our heritage is honoured appropriately.”

“How is the proposed disposal of this historic area to a private interest group be reconciled with the requirement of NAMA under the NAMA Act to *'achieve the best possible return for Irish taxpayers'*” ENDS

PSNI approach to Ormeau flags issue 'Unacceptable' – Ó Muilleoir

Sinn Féin South Belfast MLA, Mairtín Ó Muilleoir and Botanic Councillor, Deirdre Hargey, met this morning with senior PSNI following the erection of flags on the Ormeau Road last week.

Speaking after the meeting, Mairtín Ó Muilleoir said:

“I requested this meeting with senior PSNI officers immediately after flags had been erected without challenge by police on the Ormeau Road.

"This was a clear contradiction of the publicly stated position of the PSNI in 2014 when they determined they would treat any further erection of flags as a potential breach of the peace.

"In not acting to prevent a crowd of over 20 people who were clearly intent on using flags to mark out territory, the PSNI failed in their responsibility to the Ormeau community and in my view, reneged on previous commitments.

"We informed the PSNI of the deep anger and frustration which has been expressed to us by all sections of the Ormeau community, whether nationalist, unionist, resident or business owner.

"While we accept the need for an agreed protocol on the use of flags and emblems in public places, we also believe that in the absence of this the PSNI does have a pivotal role in preventing flags being used in such blatant acts of intimidation.

"From our discussion it is clear that the PSNI had engaged with a minority of the Ormeau community on this issue, that is those who were intent on erecting flags.

"Numerous residents' representatives were not part of these engagements therefore the views of the wider community were neither sought nor obtained. This is an unacceptable approach.

"The PSNI have committed to ensuring they will consult wider within the Ormeau community. Sinn Féin will help to facilitate this engagement where possible.

"The Ormeau community has changed dramatically in recent years. That change must be recognised and accepted." **ENDS/CRÍOCH**

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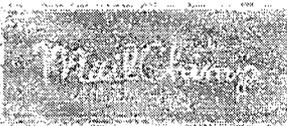
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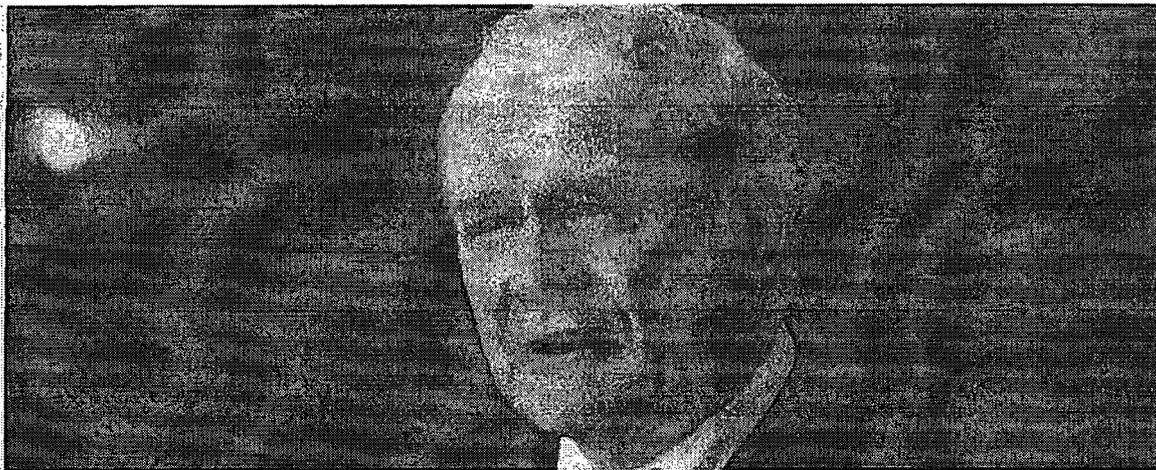
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Reconciliation the Next Phase of the Peace Process – McGuinness

"I am honoured to give the main address today and heartened to see so many here to pay tribute to our patriot dead.

In particular, I welcome the Volunteers' families and – on behalf of Sinn Féin – would like to express our ongoing solidarity and support for you all.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the death of Charles English, the 40th anniversary of Jim Moyne and the 45th anniversary of Tommy McCool, Joe Coyle and Thomas Carlin, who of course died in a tragic explosion, which also claimed the lives of Tommy McCool's young daughters Bernadette and Carol.

We remember them all with a heavy heart but also a determination to continue to work tirelessly to build the kind of Ireland, which they – and generations of republicans before them – dreamed of.

A free Ireland, a just Ireland, an Ireland where all are cherished equally, regardless of creed, colour or class. An Ireland that respects all of the traditions on this island and where our differences are celebrated not feared.

We have come a long way along that road. Derry is now a very different place. Ireland is a very different place – a better place – but there is still some way to travel.

Irish republicans have been at the centre of that process of change. Initiatives taken by the leadership of the Irish Republican Army created the space to break the cycle of repression, resistance and conflict and to explore and construct, for the first time in the history of this state, peaceful and democratic options for tackling injustice and delivering essential change.

As a result there is now a political way forward. Thankfully the gun has been taken out of Irish politics.

However, the bitter divisions of the past continue to dominate politics in this part of Ireland and that is why reconciliation must become the next phase of the peace process and our contribution, as Irish republicans, must be to embrace and build that process of healing and accommodation.

The past cannot be changed or undone. Neither can the suffering, the hurt or the violence of the conflict, be disowned by Republicans or any other party to the conflict.

Therefore, the challenge for all of us involved in the peace process – including the British Government - is to ensure that there can never be a repeat of what went before.

That will require leadership and courage on all sides and I firmly believe that republicans have been and are willing to show that leadership.

Reaching out the hand of friendship, taking initiatives and working together in a spirit of generosity doesn't mean surrendering our principles or our political allegiances.

The flags flying above this graveyard are orange as well as green. Seeking unity among our people is at the core of our Irish republicanism and has been since it was first articulated by Theobald Wolfe Tone.

Reconciliation, respect and accommodation – these are the right things to do. It is the republican thing to do

But if this process is to be successful it cannot be a one-way street. To be successful it must be reciprocated by political unionism and by the British state.

There can be no hierarchy of victims, just as there is no single or agreed narrative of the conflict. Everyone involved needs to be addressed and dealt with on the basis of equality and parity of treatment.

There needs to be an acceptance that human beings cry, die, bleed and grieve and are mourned in the same way, and that our common humanity should acknowledge that.

Our history is a contested space. It probably always will be. But that doesn't mean that our future must be also.

During the Stormont House negotiations, the British Government publicly acknowledged their role in creating and sustaining the conflict – and their responsibility in terms of addressing the legacy of it.

It's a small step but a necessary one and one that needs to be built on.

Unionist political leaders also need to recognise their responsibilities and the enormously damaging role that the sectarian structure of this state played in generating decades of conflict.

The leadership of unionism has been slow to do so. In many ways they cling to a past that no longer exists – and in so doing encourage others to do the same.

The triumphalist demands of the Orange Order in North Belfast are one of the consequences of this failure of leadership. Rather than encouraging intransigence, unionist parties should demonstrate the leadership, dialogue and mutual respect that delivered the now peaceful Apprentice Boys demonstration in this city every August.

And I do believe that many within the unionist community support that approach. They want to put the failures of the past behind us and to build a shared future based on accommodation, inclusivity and mutual respect.

I do believe that our society is moving forward, slowly but steadily and we need to continue that process. And it is our duty to continue to demonstrate to unionists – our fellow countrymen and women – that they have nothing to fear from Irish republicans and nothing to fear equality and nothing to fear from reconciliation and unity on this island.

Building a united Irish republic, which cherishes all of the children of the nation equally is the only fitting tribute we can pay to those we remember here today." ENDS/CRIOCH

Death squads from Downing Street

- BY PEADAR WHELAN & JOHN HEDGES

BROADCAST on Monday 15 June, Collusion (by the "RTE Investigations Unit") prompted some to comment '30 years too late' or 'What took you so long?' The fact that RTE rigorously enforced state censorship and tamely took the Government line on collusion

being largely republican propaganda also loomed large in many minds.

Having former RUC officer John Weir tell on screen how he personally and the 'security forces' worked hand in glove with the notorious sectarian death squad known as the Glenanne Gang (made up of serving police officers and soldiers with Ulster Volunteer Force paramilitaries) was novel, but Collusion raised more questions than it answered, left more gaps in the narrative than it filled.

Anne Cadwallader's excellent expose, Lethal Allies: British Collusion in Ireland, forensically pieced together the activities of the Glenanne Gang, showing that they were operating with impunity and with British state aid.

Pulling the strings of the Glenanne Gang were British Intelligence operatives such as SAS captain Robert Nairac and Fred Holroyd of the British Army's Special Military Intelligence Unit, based in Mahon Road Barracks in Portadown.

Acclaimed British journalist Paul Foot in his investigative book Who Framed Colin Wallace? (about the psychological warfare specialist at Lisburn British Army HQ convicted of manslaughter in 1981) also delves into the murky world of Britain's 'dirty war'.

Both books take us to the heart of collusion in a way RTE's programme failed to. RTE, the state's official broadcaster, was playing catch-up. This is an indictment of the failure of successive Dublin governments (and the Dublin media) down the decades to confront the British administrations at Stormont, Whitehall and Westminster about its employment of loyalist deaths squads.

Retired Irish Government diplomat Seán Donlon said that when former taoisigh Jack Lynch and Liam Cosgrave raised collusion with British Premier Edward Heath, he simply denied it. According to Donlon, "That was it." The British state was let off the hook.

This was despite the fact that the top British general in the North, Harry Tuzo, ignored open displays of weapons by the UDA. British Army foot patrols were seen being accompanied by uniformed and masked UDA thugs brandishing batons and pickaxe handles. It spoke volumes about their relationship. This was a UDA which carried out vicious, sectarian massacres since 1971 but was perfectly legal until August 1992.

As Whitehall wrestled with the problem of its worldwide image as TV crews and photographers recorded the British Army's gung-ho interventions during the Falls Curfew, internment, the Ballymurphy and Westrock Massacres, Bloody Sunday in Derry and the New Lodge killings in 1973, the loyalist paramilitaries of the UVF and UDA became the arm's length cutting edge of British military and security strategy.

Sinn Féin Vice-President Máire Drumm was assassinated in her hospital bed in 1976.

As the H Block/Armagh protests dominated political life in Ireland, activists Miriam Daly, John Turnley Roinic Bunting and Noel Lyttle were shot dead by UDA hit squads while Bernadette McAliskey and her husband were seriously wounded

Civil liberties lawyers Pat Finucane and Rosemary Nelson were 'taken out' because they exposed the legal system for the sham that it was.

As Sinn Féin grew as a political force, leadership figures at both local and national level were gunned down by the death squads.

What was good about Collusion was its line-up of senior figures in policing of that era (RUC Inspector Ray White, RUC Chief Constable Hugh Orde, Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan) and Dave Cox, ex-head of the North's Historical Enquiries Team, all reaffirming what republicans have been saying for years – that collusion was a central plank of Britain's war in Ireland.

Hugh Orde said that British Army Colonel Gordon Kerr (head of the notorious Force Research Unit that ran agents such as Brian Nelson, the UDA's intelligence chief targeting Catholic civilians as well as republicans) should have faced trial.

Sir John Stevens, the Metropolitan Police chief who went on to lead three British Government inquiries into collusion, recommended the arrest and prosecution of 24 RUC Special Branch and British Army officers.

Systemic is the word coming into common usage to describe the extent of collusion. Another one should be continuity. Continuity because the thread of collusion runs unbroken through successive British administrations, the Civil Service, the Intelligence services, the judicial and legal apparatus, and the mainstream media which never, contemporaneously,

held any British minister to account for what happened in the North.

Collusion is still a big story now, not a thing of the past.

STORMONT BUDGET BILL

Support creates space for lasting solution

-BY MICHAEL McMONAGLE

THE decision by Sinn Féin to support the Budget Bill in the Assembly at Stormont will create the space to resolve the current difficulties facing the Executive, Martin McGuinness MLA has said.

The deputy First Minister made the comment as he announced Sinn Féin's decision to give conditional support to the Budget Bill in the Assembly on Monday 22 June.

The decision to back the budget was taken by the Sinn Féin Ard Chomhairle when it met at Naas, County Kildare, the previous day, before the Wolfe Tone Commemoration at Bodinstown. Announcing Sinn Féin's position on the budget, Martin McGuinness said voting for the Bill would allow time for a new process of negotiations to resolve the crisis that British Government austerity policies have created for the Executive. "Sinn Féin will support the current budget Bill to create the space to resolve outstanding issues and ensure the Executive has workable and sustainable finances and the full implementation of the Stormont House Agreement. "We need to ensure that the Executive has the resources to continue to build a peaceful, inclusive and tolerant society," he said.

Martin McGuinness (who on the Saturday addressed a quarter of a million people at an anti-austerity rally at Westminster) said the austerity policies of the Tory Government are undermining the ability of the Executive to deliver public services and warned that any further cuts would make the political institutions in the North unsustainable.

"There remains a fundamental challenge for the Executive around welfare protections. But while we explore a way forward on this issue, the other important elements of the Stormont

House Agreement, including the essential legacy mechanisms, should and must proceed.

"This Budget Bill does not involve any reduction in social security support for the most vulnerable in our society. And it does not contain any in-year reductions as a consequence of the £25 billion of further cuts announced by the Tories.

"The Executive now has nowhere to go in the context of the further eye-watering cuts planned by the Tories. There is no room to manoeuvre. There are no more savings to be made.

"Any further cuts to our budget will dramatically impact on frontline services, on our economy and on our society. That is not sustainable and it is a scenario that is not acceptable to Sinn Féin," he said.

The deputy First Minister also said the British Government's austerity agenda is failing communities in the North and in Britain.

"The newly-elected Tory Government has indicated that this ideologically-driven assault on public services will not only continue but that it will be escalated.

"Unlike the Tory millionaires, I live in a working-class community in the heart of the Bogside in Derry. The people the Tories are targeting are my friends, my neighbours, my family. They are a proud and decent community of fine,

hard-working people – just like our people in working-class unionist communities.

"They are not, as the Tories claim, parasites or spongers.

"It is David Cameron's Cabinet of millionaires who have no comprehension of life in unionist and nationalist working-class communities and who have been given free rein to live out their Thatcherite fantasies at the expense of ordinary, decent communities throughout these islands.

"Austerity is devastating these communities.

"Austerity is a politically-misguided approach and it does not work. It impedes economic recovery and punishes the working poor, public sector workers, the disabled and the vulnerable."

The Sinn Féin Chief Negotiator said there is now a need for a united voice coming from Stormont to challenge the British Government.

"The ideologically-driven cuts agenda has created a political and financial crisis for our Executive and Assembly. But this crisis is not between the parties in the Assembly. This is a crisis imposed on the Assembly – and the Assemblies in Wales and Scotland – by the Tory Government in Westminster.

"No one here stood on a pro-austerity platform. The Tories who did stand on a pro-austerity platform received a derisory vote in May. They are a fringe party in the North of Ireland – and in Scotland and in Wales. But they are a fringe

party that is imposing its failed ideology on societies that voted against this approach. That is fundamentally undemocratic.

"So let's come at this positively. Let's try to find solutions.

"We must, as a united Assembly and a united Executive, engage with the two governments as a matter of urgency in defence of our political process, in defence of our core public services and in defence of the most marginalised and vulnerable in our society."

Republicans stand with Tone and the people

BY JOHN MELGES

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO YESTERDAY,

on 20 June 1915, many of the women and men who went on to participate in the 1916 Rising were standing here where we now stand," Mary Lou McDonald reminded the crowds gathered at Bodenstown in County Kildare for this year's Sinn Féin Wolfe Tone Commemoration.

In that year, the guard of honour was made up of equal numbers of Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army members. A few weeks later they gathered in large numbers to bury the veteran Fenian Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa.

"This year," Mary Lou said, "on the 1st of August, we in Sinn Féin will re-enact this historic occasion on the streets of Dublin, the first of our national events marking the centenary of the Easter Rising."

The Sinn Féin deputy leader and TD for Dublin

Central went on to describe Wolfe Tone as a political man of his time.

"His political struggles would in many ways foreshadow those of later generations," she said.

"As with the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, Tone's peaceful demands were met with state violence. Sectarianism too was used by the British Government to divide the Irish people.

"The British Government sought to crush the United Irishmen in the 1790s because they challenged the sectarian regime based on landlordism and colonialism, and because they sought Irish independence. London was determined to defend privilege within Ireland and to prevent Ireland from taking its place among the nations."

She said that Sinn Féin is determined to achieve a united Ireland in the spirit of Tone. Wolfe Tone summed it up well, she said, when he declared:

"To say in one word: Ireland shall be independent.

"We shall be a nation, not a province; citizens, not slaves."

Coalition 'bluster and bluff'

The Dublin TD said that, as a Dáil general election looms, Fine Gael and Labour "will trumpet what they claim as achievements" over the past four years.

But "behind their almighty bluster and bluff", she said, stands the real record of Fine Gael and Labour while in government.

"Having cut families and communities to the bone, having crippled public services and having dispatched an entire generation to the emigrant trail, they now tell us that there is an

economic recovery.

"Tell that to the children living in emergency accommodation, in hotel rooms and B&Bs!

"Tell it to the families who face into the second half of 2015 without a home because of exorbitant rent rises or because sales of their rental homes have left them without a roof over their heads!

"Tell it to the 100-year-old women lying on hospital trolleys in A&E!

"Tell it to the unemployed and the working poor, workers struggling on low wages just trying to get by!"

For these people and more, the much-proclaimed 'green shoots of recovery' are not to be seen, she said.

"Real recovery is felt in better public services and in better job opportunities, wages and conditions for workers. What we are seeing is a rise in low-wage employment, zero-hour contracts and total lack of employment stability for working people," she said, pointing to the struggles of the workers at Dunnes Stores and Clerys as just two examples.

'We know which side we are on'

To sustained applause, she pointed out that, the day before the Wolfe Tone Commemoration, Sinn Féin MLA and deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness addressed a quarter of a million people at an anti-austerity rally in London.

"We stand with communities in Athens, London, Edinburgh and Cardiff and against the Tories in Britain, Dublin and Brussels.

"We know which side we are on.

"We are on the republican side, standing with the people. We will continue to fight Tory cuts

– whether they come from Dublin or London.

“And we will fight for a fair recovery – for investment in services and decent jobs, for fair taxation, for secure homes and protections for people at vulnerable times in their lives.”

In the recent Westminster elections, Mary Lou said, Sinn Féin’s 18 candidates received a strong mandate to stand up against Tory cuts.

“We will honour our mandate.

“We will stand up and be counted – for a proper budget for the North and against Tory cuts, North and South.”

She ended:

“Sinn Féin will actively work for Irish unity and bring about the Republic dreamt of by Wolfe Tone. As we approach the centenary year of the 1916 Rising, we ask every Irish woman and man – Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter – to help fulfill the dreams of those who signed the Proclamation and the vision of Wolfe Tone.

“To stand with us and each other to make Ireland – united and equal – a nation we can all be proud of once again.”

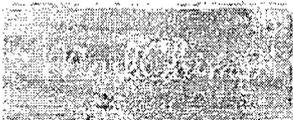
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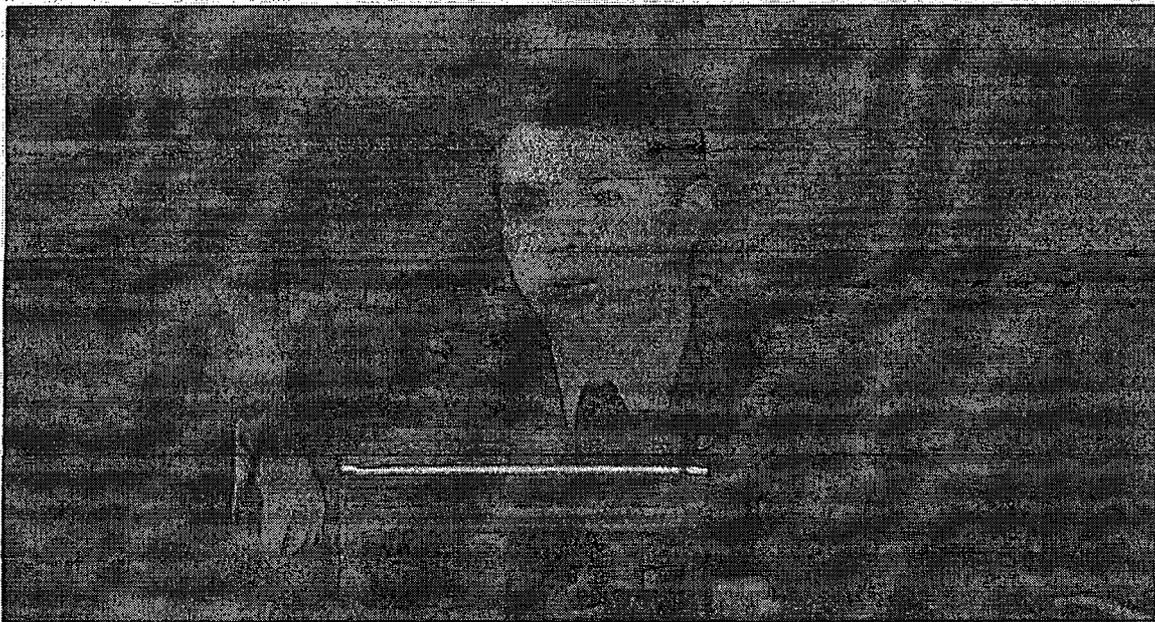
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Rep. Brendan Boyle Calls for Collusion Hearing

By Ray O'Hanlon
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U.S. Congressman Brendan Boyle has officially requested a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing to examine what he describes as "the shocking revelations into collusion" between parts of the British government and terrorists on their payroll.

The revelations were aired in a recently broadcast BBC "Panorama" news documentary.

Congressman Boyle is also formally calling on Secretary of State John Kerry to intervene.

"The BBC documentary shines a much needed light on this subject," said the Philadelphia Democrat.

"As the report states: 'It is a fact there were murderers on the government payroll acting with impunity.' It is clear to me Congress must investigate these matters to ensure they are finally dealt with in a just way. I am also calling on Secretary Kerry and the State Department to support an independent U.S. inquiry into this matter."

Boyle added: "The Good Friday Agreement is one of the great foreign policy achievements of the last thirty years. It is important to remember this would have never happened without direct U.S. involvement to ensure all sides were listened to and represented.

"Similarly, it is quite clear to me that the issue of collusion between the state and terrorists will never fully be known unless the U.S. acts. The interests of justice demand it."

Boyle has spoken to New Jersey GOP representative Chris Smith, asking for a hearing before his committee in addition to the full foreign affairs panel. Smith chairs the House Human Rights Subcommittee.

Others, including Amnesty International, have called for an investigation after the Panorama broadcast which was entitled "Britain's Secret Terror Deals."

British Government Must Face Responsibilities over Collusion - Hazzard

Sinn Féin MLA Chris Hazzard has said the British government must deal with its responsibilities over collusion between its state forces and agents with loyalist death squads in the murder of hundreds of people.

Speaking following a debate on collusion following the allegations raised in a recent BBC 'Panorama' broadcast, Mr Hazzard said;

"Collusion was not random or the work of rogue individuals. It was part of the British government policy, designed at the highest levels of Whitehall, and implemented with deadly consequences with the murders of hundreds of people.

"There is clear and undeniable evidence that not only proves the existence of collusion, but also that it was British government policy; that it was routine, systematic, planned and directed with full political authority that went right to the top.

"It can no longer be dismissed by those who wish to ignore its impact or to cover it up.

"The real cost of collusion is still felt by families and survivors who are campaigning for the truth about what happened to their loved ones.

"They are entitled to truth and justice and the British government, which colluded in those it had a legal duty to protect, have a responsibility on dealing with the past.

"It must honour its obligation on the murder of Pat Finucane, open up its files on the Dublin and Monaghan bombings, and fund investigations into cases of collusion.

"Sinn Féin has consistently called for an international, independent truth recovery process to deal with this issue.

"We will continue to support access to truth for those who have lost loved ones at the hands of the death squads that were set up, directed and armed by the British state."

Ends/Críoch

Statement from Relatives for Justice Director Mark Thompson in advance of Stormont Assembly Motion on Collusion

"Following several recent television programmes highlighting collusion Relatives for Justice and families contacted a number of MLA's, TD's, MP's and MEP's seeking urgent action concerning revelations from these programmes, we also contacted An Taoiseach, the Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs for the North, members of the US Congress, and other international political representatives. A further *RTE* programme on collusion is also to be screen on Monday evening exposing even more collusion.

"Collectively the families bereaved and those injured through collusion, including the NGO's supporting them, feel that the issues raised via the programmes require full and comprehensive discussion at the highest levels of government in Belfast, Dublin, London and Washington if there is to be resolution of the appalling vista that is collusion.

"That resolution must be as a result of an independent inquiry such is the scale of collusion affecting hundreds of families from across the community, including regular members of the State's armed forces who were also allowed to be killed. Collusion is the most egregious violation of human rights.

"Immediately after the *Panorama* programme Raymond McCartney MLA tabled a motion for debate in the Assembly on collusion.

"And last week a delegation of over 60 families bereaved through the policy of collusion, representing several hundred victims of collusion, also met with MLA's including the joint First Minister Martin McGuinness in which his support was pledged in addressing collusion.

"The Motion on Collusion will be discussed tomorrow, Monday 15th June, in the Assembly and is scheduled to take place at approximately 6.30pm.

"We believe that it is important that the issue of collusion, and the accompanying impunity, will be debated at the heart of government in this part of the jurisdiction and we very much welcome that first step in ensuring that similar debates are held in Dublin, London, Washington and Brussels." ENDS

There Can be No Rolling Back of the McBride Principles

Florida Senate Bill 7084, signed into law by the Governor Rick Scott in May, removes the protection of the McBride Principles on fair employment in the North of Ireland

In an informative statement, National Chair of the AOH Freedom for All Ireland Committee and Florida resident Greg Sean Canning, said that they found out too late to stop the Bill in spite of last minute strong efforts by many people in the State and around the US.

The move came about after the Florida State Board of Administration recommended that they invest in 'a credit portfolio of distressed mortgage loans by several banks operating in Northern Ireland' and were prevented by the restrictions of McBride.

Mr. Canning said:

"Unfortunately this Bill was buried in Committee until it was released for Senate and House approval preventing an organised Irish -American response."

However the Governor's office was inundated with calls protesting the move and demanding a reversal of the repeal.

In a statement from the Irish American Unity Conference, President Tom Burke said:

"The MacBride Principles have been critical to eradicating anti-Catholic and other discriminatory employment practices in Northern Ireland, and, in the face of lingering discrimination, continue to be essential to ultimately achieving the goal of a truly equal society. We condemn in the strongest terms Florida's turning its back on such an important principle of equality."

The Mc Bride Principles of fair employment are key to protecting equality. McBride and subsequent momentum of measures since 1984 drove the equality agenda that became central to the Peace Process and Good Friday Agreement in 1998.

They remain at the core of delivering economic prosperity and equality.

While much has been achieved socially and economically the reality is that inequality and sectarianism persists.

The 20 most deprived council wards are still in Derry, West Belfast and North Belfast. While these wards are mainly working class Catholic, they also include areas of severe working class Protestant deprivation.

The Good Friday Agreement has clearly changed the political context and created a new framework in which equality can be effectively achieved.

But full implementation has not yet been realised and entrenched resistance from within the political system must be challenged.

There must be no rolling back of the McBride Principles.

Mr. Greg Sean Canning concluded: "To address this injustice, Florida's Freedom for All Ireland Committee is undertaking the steps necessary to attempt to reinstate the McBride Principles in Florida during our next legislative session which begins in December."

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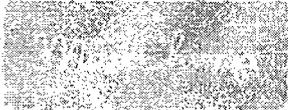
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Collusion Campaign Goes to Stormont

Following recent revelations on collusion in the BBC Panorama program, a large delegation of relatives of victims of British State sponsored murder squads met with Joint First Minister Martin McGuinness and other leading Sinn Féin elected representatives at Stormont to discuss their ongoing campaign for truth and justice.

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Taxes Spent on Military Should go to Public Services - McKay

Sinn Féin MLA Daithí McKay has said taxes allocated to British military spending should be diverted towards public services such as health and education.

The Sinn Féin economic spokesperson said;

"According to the Finance Department's own figures we subsidise British military spending to the tune of £1.1 billion.

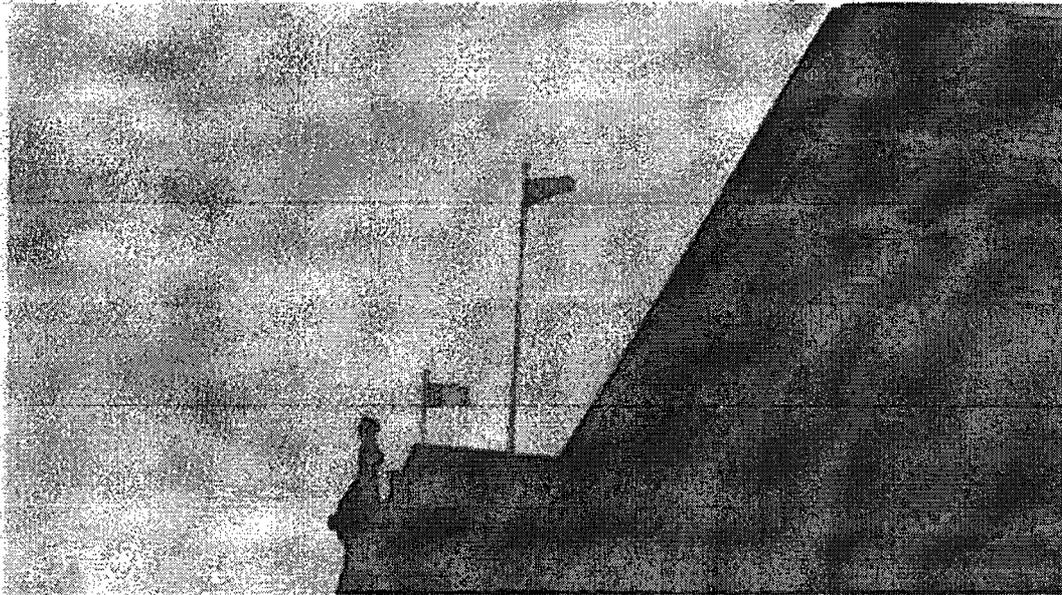
"I do not believe that our taxes are best spent on Trident and British wars but would be better spent on hospitals and public services.

"Given the current difficulties we are facing there needs to be a debate on whether this is the best way the public would like to see their taxes spent.

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"Britain is the fifth highest in the world in terms of military spend so there is clearly capacity for a reduction in this area to fund the shortfall in public service funding we now face.

"People in the North want to see investment in health, education and protecting the vulnerable. Exorbitant spending on weaponry and nuclear missiles is not on their list of priorities and should not be forced to pay for these." Euds/Críoch



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Tricolour over Stormont Raises Flags Issue Across the Six Counties

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THE HYSTERICAL REACTION by unionist politicians to the brief flying on Wednesday of an Irish Tricolour over Parliament Buildings at Stormont stands in contrast to their silence on “countless British and unionist flags at sensitive interfaces or town centres bedecked with Union flags”, Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly said.

Although it was later described by authorities as a “rogue action” that lasted around ten minutes (including what was described as a United Irishmen flag), Democratic Unionist Party MLA Peter Weir called the incident “provocative”. He has written to Assembly Speaker Mitchel McLaughlin and also to Stormont's Chief Executive to ask how it happened.

The Ulster Unionist Party also called for an inquiry.

The Progressive Unionist Party reported the matter to the PSNI.

Elsewhere, Sinn Féin MLA Daithí McKay tweeted that it was all “a bit of a storm in a teacup. Need a flag policy that is inclusive, not exclusive.”

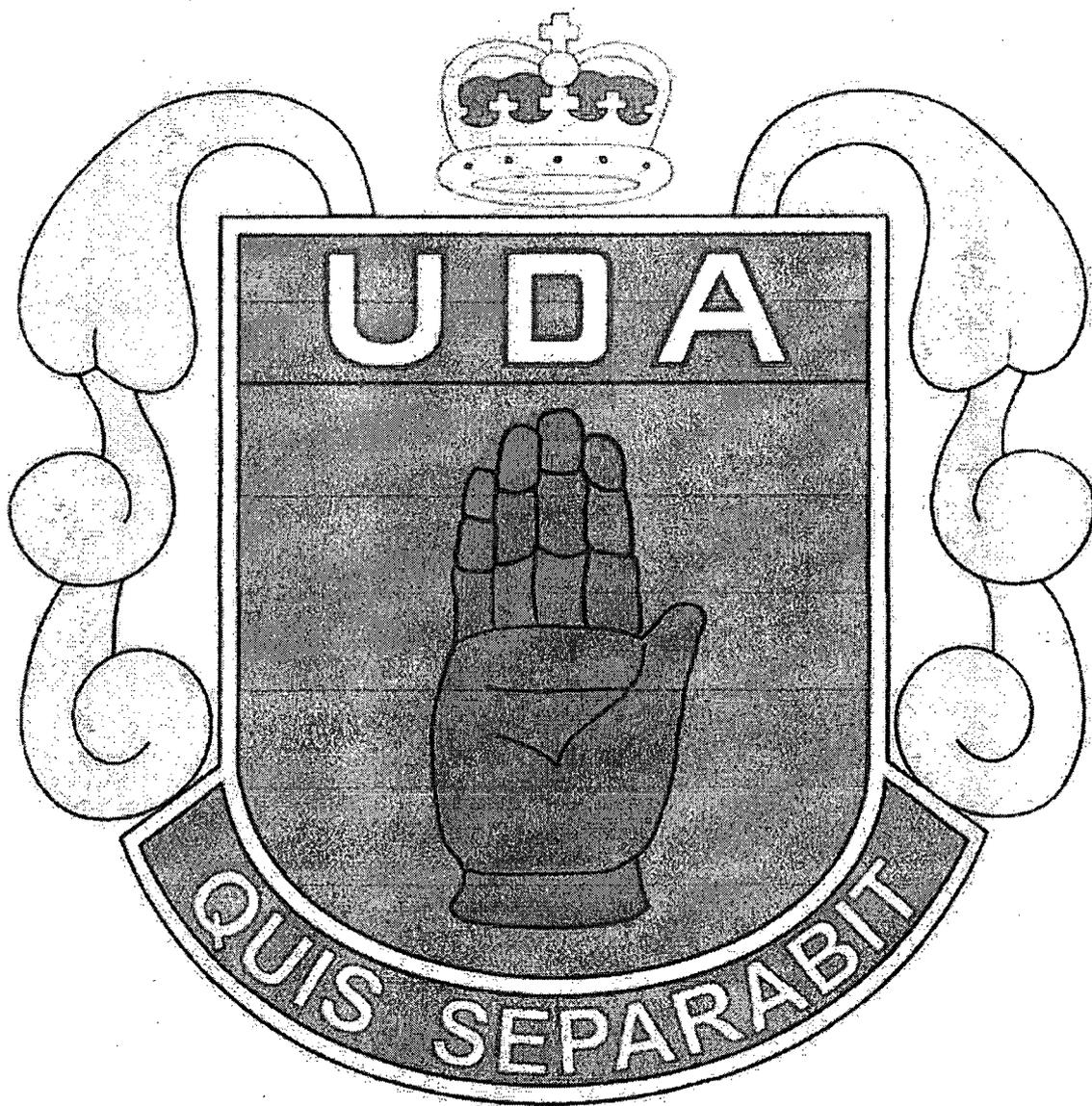
Gerry Kelly said there is a need for respect for all traditions at Stormont and pointed out that a consultation into flags and emblems in the grounds of Stormont and Parliament Buildings has only just been concluded.

“One thing will be very clear,” the Sinn Féin MLA said. “There is nothing about the place that celebrates or respects the nationalist tradition in this part of the island.

“We want to create an environment based on respect and tolerance and we would call on those who are now objecting so strongly to this incident to join with us in creating a policy that reflects that.”

He said unionist reaction could only be described as “hysteria”, adding, in reference to the budget crisis caused by the austerity agenda imposed by the Tory Government in London:

“This for some unionist politicians is a bigger crisis than anything that has happened over the past weeks.”



Murder Inquiry Launched as UDA Attack Victim Dies After 9 Years in Coma

-PEADAR WHELAN

THE PSNI have upgraded their investigation into the beating of Derryman Paul McCauley to a murder inquiry after the 38-year-old died on Saturday 6 June after nine years in a coma.

Paul was savagely beaten by a UDA gang in the Waterside area of Derry in July 2006.

The father of one (who was 29 at the time of the assault) and a number of friends were tidying up after a farewell barbecue they attended for a friend who was emigrating.

laying up and a further 60000 they searched for a friend who was organizing when the gang, said to be 15 strong, struck.

The assailants are believed to have attended a loyalist band parade earlier in the day.

At the time, a community activist involved in monitoring Derry's interfaces told *An Phoblacht* that senior UDA figures from both the Fountain area on Derry's west bank and in the Waterside area were organising sectarian attacks.

The community activist accused the PSNI of taking "no action" against the gang.

The PSNI's initial enquiries proved relatively ineffectual with only one person, 15-year-old Daryl Proctor, ever being charged. He was subsequently sentenced to 12 years in prison when he pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm.

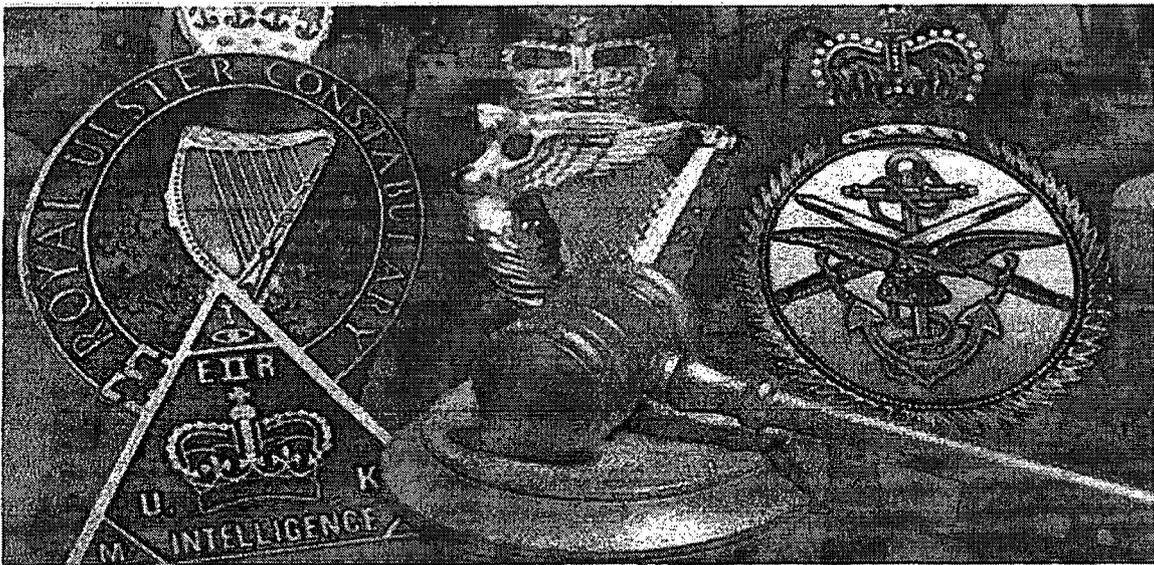
The lack of co-operation from within the unionist community with the investigation saw the inquiry grind to a halt. This, coupled with the half-hearted condemnation from unionist politicians, led Paul McCauley's father, Jim, to talk about a "wall of silence".

In 2011, Sinn Féin's Martina Anderson, who was then on the North's Policing Board, pressured the PSNI into taking a fresh look at the case and the files were consequently passed over to C2, the PSNI's Serious Crime Branch.

Despite this move and 25 arrests, Proctor remains the only person to appear to go before a court.

Paul McCauley's funeral will take place in Derry later in the week after a post-mortem examination is carried out.

His family have requested privacy during the wake and funeral.



British Government Must Face its

Responsibilities on Past and Collusion, says Martin McGuinness

-MICHAEL MCMONAGLE

THE British Government must face up to its responsibilities on dealing with the legacy of the past, Sinn Féin's Martin McGuinness said after meeting relatives of victims of British state violence and collusion at Stormont yesterday.

The Relatives for Justice group included families of more than 70 victims of state violence and collusion from across the North.

They met the deputy First Minister following revelations contained in a BBC *Panorama* programme on 26 May highlighting the extent of British state collusion with loyalists and efforts to cover up the role British agents in hundreds of killings.

The families at the meeting included relatives of those killed at Loughinisland, the Seán Graham bookmakers massacre, the McGurk's Bar bombing, and other instances of collusion.

Speaking after the meeting, Martin McGuinness said:

“I was honoured to meet a large group of relatives of victims of British state violence and collusion with loyalist death squads at the Assembly today.

“The courage and determination they have shown in their long campaign for truth and justice for their loved ones is an inspiration to us all.

“For decades they have challenged the British state over the role of its armed forces and agents in the murder of their loved ones.

“A key part of the Stormont House Agreement was how we deal with the legacy of the past and structures were agreed to give all victims access to truth recovery.”

Martin McGuinness also said the British Government must provide funding to deal with the legacy of the conflict in the North.

“The British Government has a responsibility to fund those structures and mechanisms required to allow victims and their relatives to access truth and justice.

“They cannot be allowed to shirk that responsibility and we will continue to support victims so they can get the truth they deserve.”

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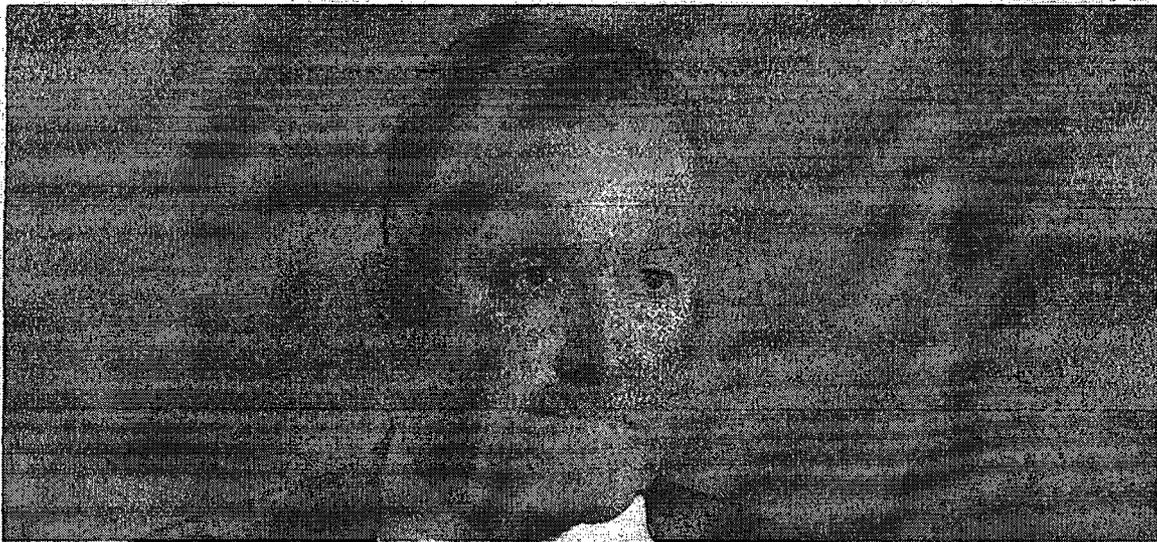
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Villiers Denial of Cuts Agenda Not Helpful

-Murphy

Sinn Féin negotiator Conor Murphy today accused British Secretary of State Theresa Villiers of being in denial that it is her government's cuts agenda, which is the root cause of the current crisis.

Conor Murphy said:

"The present difficulties facing the Executive are the direct consequence of Tory austerity cuts and their attempts to impose further welfare cuts on the most vulnerable in society.

"The British government is planning another £25bn of cuts to public services and welfare yet Theresa Villiers continues to refuse to spell out the impact of these cuts on the people of the north.

"She is clearly in denial of the role of her government's austerity policies in provoking the crisis and there is no indication she is serious about addressing the key issues.

"The Tories have no mandate in the north for their cuts agenda.

"The local parties need to make it clear that Tory cuts to public services and the welfare state are unacceptable." ENDS/CRÍOCH

British Tory Austerity Crisis in North Now Threatens Political Institutions

New Article by Declan Kearney

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Police Must Take Open Approach

THURSDAY'S BBC *Panorama* programme has raised fresh concerns about the nature and scale of security force collusion with paramilitary agents during the Troubles.

Chief Constable George Hamilton has also come in for criticism over remarks made about former Police Ombudsman Baroness Nuala O'Loan while the discovery in a London museum of a missing assault rifle used in the Sean Graham's massacre has understandably incensed bereaved relatives.

Some of the most appalling examples of state collusion involving notorious loyalist killers has been well documented but there remains a lingering concern that the full picture has not yet been revealed.

The fact that attempts to hold inquests into some of the most controversial killings have been continually delayed and frustrated only adds to the sense that the British government and state agencies do not wish the entire truth to be told, even decades later in some cases.

Mr Hamilton has taken issue with Baroness O'Loan over her assertion that "hundreds and hundreds" of people died because police and British army informants were not brought to justice.

The chief constable challenged this claim and said the work of informants had saved "thousands of lives".

He added: "It was her job to investigate this stuff."

Given the public concern that exists over collusion it is important the most senior police officer in Northern Ireland sends out a clear message on this issue.

There will also be disquiet over the revelation that a Czech-manufactured assault rifle used in the killing of five people in a betting shop on the Ormeau Road in 1992 and which was believed to have been destroyed, was actually on display in the Imperial War Museum.

The museum said the gun had been supplied to them by the RUC's weapons and explosives research centre.

However, according to Relatives for Justice, the RUC, PSNI and Historical Enquiries Team had told families that this gun - part of a consignment imported by agent Brian Nelson - no longer existed.

It is little wonder victims lose confidence in the police when they hear of unacceptable incidents such as this.

It is essential that a detailed inquiry uncovers the circumstances surrounding this matter and how incorrect information could be given to relatives by investigating authorities.

But of course, this is just one instance among many which continue to cause deep unease.

What is needed from the police is not a defensive attitude but an open, frank and proactive approach to ensuring the full story of collusion is finally told.

Kincora Investigation Must Be Fully Independent - Hazzard

Sinn Féin MLA Chris Hazzard has said the investigation into the abuse of children at Kincora Boys home must be fully independent.

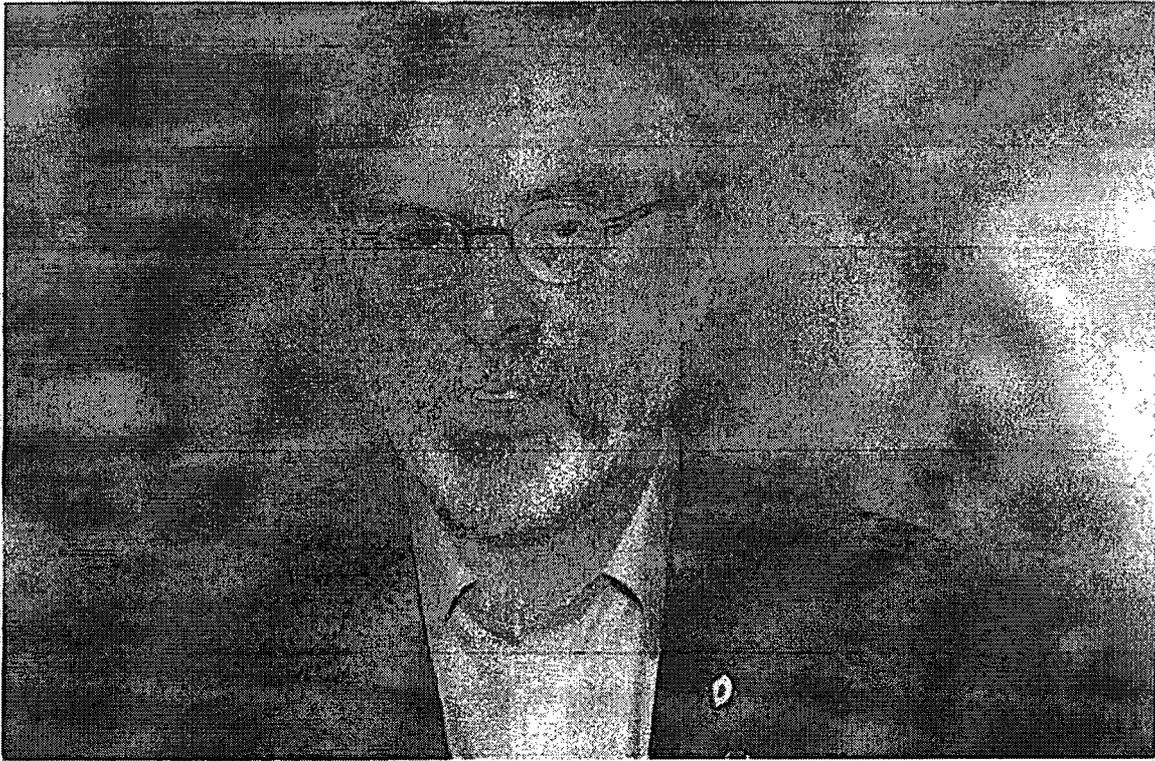
Mr Hazzard said;

"There is mounting evidence in the public domain that elements of the British security services, politicians and senior officials were aware of the appalling abuse, which was carried out at Kincora.

"The current Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry does not have the powers to compel members of the British intelligence services to give evidence to any inquiry it may hold into into Kincora.

"The only way to get at the truth of what happened at Kincora is through an independent investigation with full judicial powers to compel witnesses.

"The British establishment simply cannot be trusted to investigate itself." **Ends/Críoch**



We Risk Losing Irish as a Living Language

– Gerry Adams TD

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD has said that the Gaeltacht and our native language need greater supports, now more than ever, in the wake of a report that shows a serious decline in the use of our first language in the Gaeltacht areas.

Teachta Adams said:

“A report which was commissioned by Údarás na Gaeltachta, the body charged with overseeing the development of the Gaeltacht, shows a very serious decline in the use of our first language. This is deeply troubling as without the Gaeltacht regions, Irish struggles as a living language. We must do more to support the use of Irish as supports from the government have failed to materialise.

“The list of failures to the Irish language is extensive. The former language

THE USE OF IRISH AS THE FIRST LANGUAGE IS CRISISING. THE IRISH LANGUAGE commissioner Seán Ó Cuirreáin resigned, citing lack of Government support as his reason. There has been a damning reluctance to implement the 20-year language strategy. Similarly, there has been a failure to lift the language derogation in the EU, as was demonstrated by Sinn Féin MEP Liadh Ní Riada and her *Stailc Teanga*. Investment in the language is minimal.

"The report showed that use of social Irish in some of the Gaeltacht regions has passed the tipping point of two-thirds of people using the language every day. Once this line in the sand is crossed, a language faces serious and rapid decline.

"The government must re-evaluate its approach to developing the Irish language and do so now. In our pre-budget submission last year, Sinn Féin proposed to increase funding to the 20-year strategy and to *Údarás* by 50%, along with other language support initiatives. The Gaeltacht regions are the beating heart of Irish as a living language and we cannot afford to lose them." ENDS

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"Leitrim's Republican Story 1900 – 2000" to be launched in New York

"Leitrim's Republican Story 1900 – 2000" will be launched in Rosie O'Grady's, 7th Ave, New York on Friday 5 June, starting at 8.30pm.

The book which was hailed in Leitrim as a unique and groundbreaking publication sold out within three weeks of publication but was reprinted in time for last Christmas. In response to requests from Leitrim people in America, the author is now travelling to New York to launch the book and to speak about Leitrim's Republican story.

The author, Cormac Ó Súilleabháin, is from Ballinamore and he spent thirteen years researching the book which covers the War of Independence, the Irish Civil War, historic events in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s and also covering the period of The Troubles, as they affected Leitrim.

The author, Cormac Ó Súilleabháin, will speak at the launch. Copies of the book will be available and can be signed by the author. Everyone welcome. Fáilte roimh cách.

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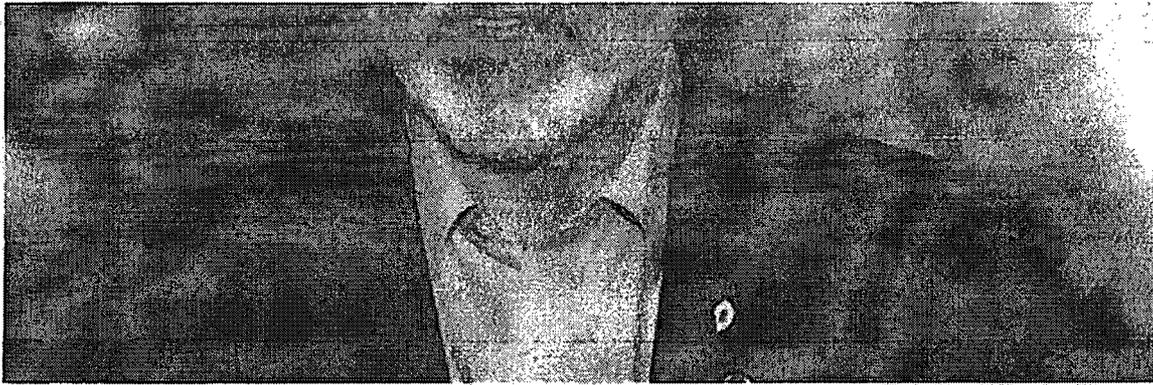
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**Adams and McGuinness
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Gerry Adams TD Challenges Taoiseach on Crisis in The North

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD today raised the Assembly debate on the Welfare Reform Bill and the crisis in the north with the Taoiseach in the Dáil.

The Sinn Féin leader called on the Taoiseach to meet with the British Prime Minister David Cameron about the failure of that government to honour outstanding Good Friday Agreement commitments, its cuts to welfare payments, as well as its future planned cuts to the North's budget.

In response, the Taoiseach confirmed that he is scheduled to meet Mr. Cameron in advance of the EU leaders meeting in June and he will raise concerns about the crisis in the North's institutions.

Teacha Adams said:

"In the Programme for Government, and in the Statement of Government Priorities last year, the Irish government reaffirmed its support for the full implementation of all aspects of the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements.

"As the Taoiseach is aware, there are significant elements of the various Agreements which have not been implemented, including the introduction of a Bill of Rights and an Acht na Gaeilge.

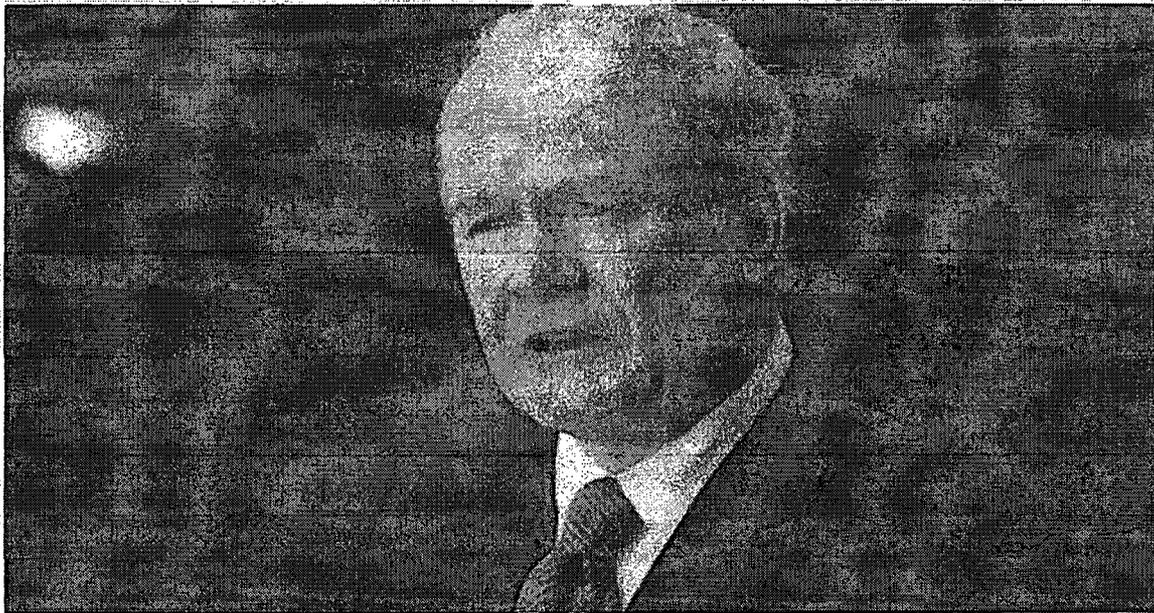
"The British government has also threatened to scrap the Human Rights Act which is an

integral part of the Good Friday Agreement structure.

"Today, the Assembly is debating the so-called Welfare Reform Bill. The crisis in the North's institutions is not solely due to threatened cuts to welfare payments.

"The greater crisis comes from the British Tory governments recent and planned cuts to the North's budget. Sinn Féin and the SDLP have taken steps to block the current Bill but this is only a short term measure.

"The Taoiseach must engage directly with the British Prime Minister David Cameron and remind him that the Good Friday Agreement is a binding international treaty and that the commitments entered into must be implemented." ENDS



Sinn Féin Will Continue to Stand up for People and Public Services - McGuinness

Sinn Féin MLA Martin McGuinness has said Sinn Féin will continue to stand up for public services and the most vulnerable in opposing Tory cuts.

Mr McGuinness said;

"The crisis we are facing is not of the making of the parties in the Executive.

"It has been created by the austerity cuts agenda of a Tory administration in London, which is attempting to decimate our public services and punish the most vulnerable people in society.

"They have already taken £1.5 billion from the Executive's block grant. And Cameron's cabinet of Tory millionaires have announced plans for further cuts of £25 billion to our public services and to welfare protections for people with disabilities, the long-term sick and large families.

"We made it very clear in our election manifesto that the Executive needs a viable budget for frontline public services and welfare protections for the most vulnerable.

"Sinn Féin will not support a welfare bill, which does not contain those protections and we will not be part of any agenda, which punishes the poor and dismantles public services.

"It has always been my view that the outstanding issues in the welfare bill can be resolved, but this requires political will from all parties in the assembly, to protect the most vulnerable.

"This is a time when the Executive parties need to stand together to defend our public services particularly in health, education and welfare. We need to stand up for the people who elect us, rather than acting in the interests of a Tory elite.

"We need an immediate negotiation with the British government for a budget, which protects our public services and for fiscal powers that give us control over our economy.

"If a choice has to be made to stand side by side with the Tories or stand up for the people here for our economy and public services? I know what side Sinn Féin will be on." **Ends/Críoch**

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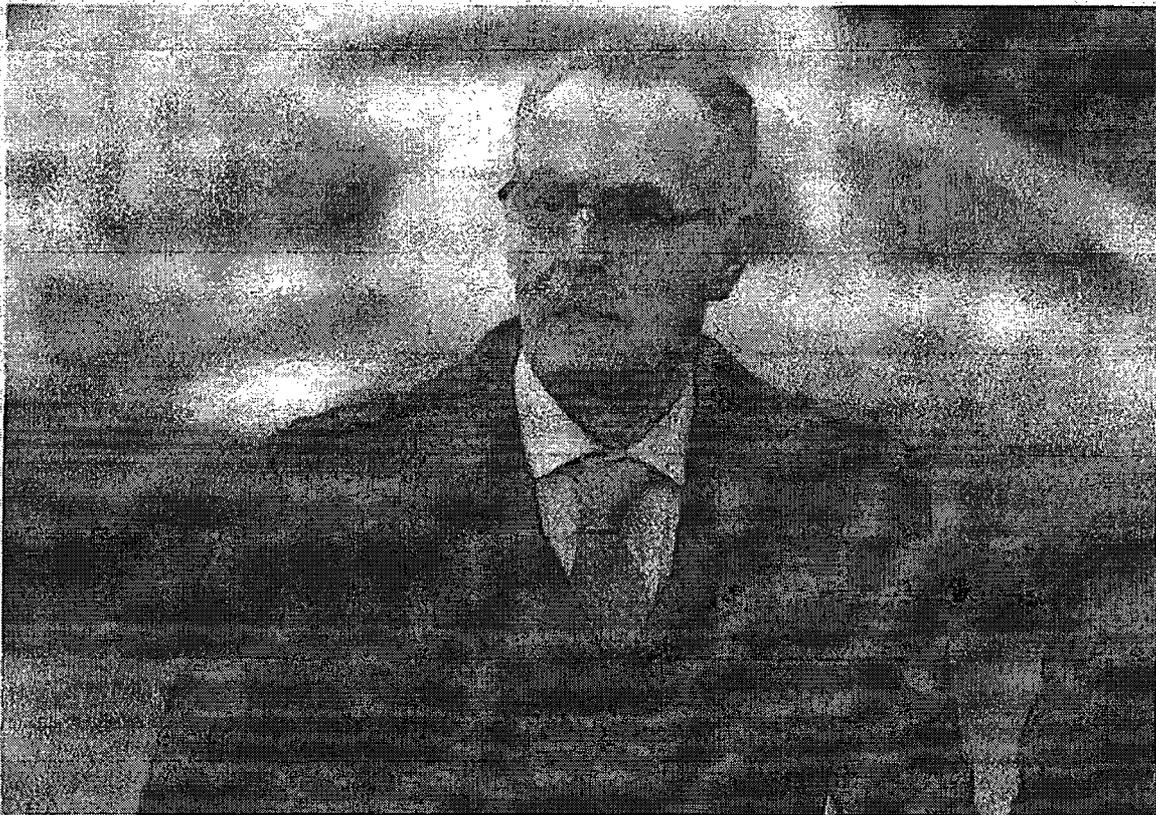
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Answers Needed on Role of Secret RUC Forensic Teams – Kelly

Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly said today he would be raising the allegations with the Chief Constable, Policing Board and Ombudsman that members of RUC Special Branch had handed over guns to state agents, used in as many as 60 killings.

Gerry Kelly was speaking after revelations last night that a secret RUC Special Branch forensic team WERC had withheld forensic reports from police inquiries, tampered with forensic evidence and handed weapons over to Special Branch agents which were later used in 60 killings.

Gerry Kelly said:

“I will be raising these damning allegations with the Chief Constable and the Policing Board that an RUC Special Branch forensic unit, WERC, handed guns over to state agents which were later used in over 60 killings.

“I want to know was there ever any PSNI investigation into WERC’s activities of tampering with forensic evidence, providing guns to Special Branch agents which were used in killings and then falsifying reports to the courts.

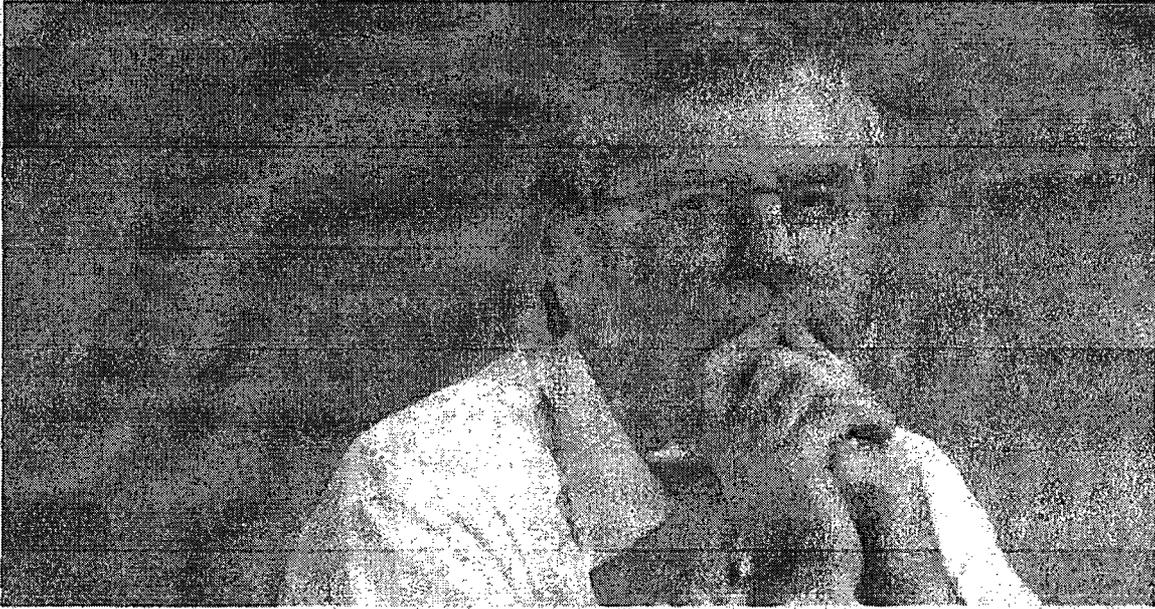
“These revelations are further evidence of collusion by the British state in killings during the conflict and ongoing efforts to cover it up.

“We need to know is there any branch of the PSNI involved in any forensic work which is the exclusive remit of the Department of Justice’s Forensic Science NI?

“Victims and their families demand and need answers to these questions. I will be raising this with the Chief Constable and the Policing Board and seeking a meeting with the Ombudsman in relation to this inquiry.”

Vdeo of SF Commemoration of James Connolly

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Tory assault on Good Friday Agreement - Gerry Adams TD

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD today warned that the British Conservative government's plans to repeal the Human Rights Act is a direct attack on the Good Friday Agreement and the international Treaty that gives effect to it in law.

Speaking in the Dáil today, the Sinn Féin leader called on the Taoiseach Enda Kenny, as co-guarantor of the Agreement along with the British government, to urgently raise this matter with the British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams said:

"Following their election victory last week, the Conservatives have said that they plan a fundamental change to human rights legislation, including repealing the current Human Rights Act and replacing it with a new Act.

"Part of their focus is to end what they describe as the *'excessive influence of the European*

Convention on Human Rights

"Under the Tory's plan, the ECHR would no longer be able to make binding decisions over the British Supreme Court or force the government to introduce laws to bring them into line with Europe."

Teachta Adams warned that:

"The implications of the Tory plans to repeal the Human Rights Act and reject the current oversight role of the European Convention on Human Rights are enormous for the administration of government, for justice, policing, and equality in the north.

"It is also a direct and scandalous attack on the Good Friday Agreement and the international treaty signed by the British and Irish governments which gives legal affect to the Agreement.

"This would be a grievous breach of the Good Friday Agreement.

"Under the terms of the treaty between Ireland and the Britain, which incorporates the Good Friday Agreement into law, and is lodged with the United Nations, the British government is obliged to complete the incorporation into law in the north of the European Convention on Human Rights.

"The Agreement also commits to safeguards to ensure that the Assembly and public authorities in the north cannot infringe the European Convention on Human Rights.

"These safeguards also apply to policing.

"The Tory government proposal is a clear and significant breach of the Good Friday Agreement and of the International Treaty that underpins it. There is an onus on the Irish government as a co-guarantor of the Agreement to raise this matter as a matter of urgency with the British government." ENDS

Note to Editor:

In Paragraph 2 of the Rights, safeguards and Equality of Opportunity section of the Good Friday Agreement it states:

'The British government will complete incorporation into Northern Ireland law of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), with direct access to the courts, and remedies for breach of the Convention, including power for the courts to overrule Assembly legislation on grounds of inconsistency.'

British Government Must End Refusal to Hold Finucane Inquiry - Kelly

Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly has said the British government must end its refusal to hold a full inquiry into the murder of Pat Finucane.

Speaking following the start of a judicial review into the British government's failure to hold an inquiry, Mr Kelly said;

"In 2001 at Weston Park the British and Irish governments agreed to an inquiry into the murder of Pat Finucane. To date the British government has failed to implement the Weston Park agreement.

"Since then British prime ministers have continually refused to hold an inquiry into the murder, despite extensive negotiations between the Finucane family and the British government.

"Clearly the British government is afraid of what will emerge during such an inquiry and that's why it's continuing to deny the Finucane family their basic human rights by refusing an inquiry.

"This was reinforced by the fact, which emerged during this judicial review, that senior British civil servants consider there is no basis for reneging on the commitment to the Finucane family. British government papers described Pat Finucane's murder as worse than any event from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Hopefully this judicial review will be successful and the British government will finally fulfil its responsibility to the Finucane family." **Ends/Críoch**



British Government Plans on Human Rights Convention Breach of Agreement – Seán Crowe TD

Sinn Féin's Seán Crowe TD, a member of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (GFA), has called on the new British Government to fully implement their obligations under the Good Friday Agreement.

Crowe also expressed his concerns of the new Government's proposed plans to scrap the Human Rights Act, which could see Britain pull out of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), and which in turn would breach the GFA.

Deputy Seán Crowe said:

"Last week the Conservative Party won an absolute majority in the Westminster elections and there is mounting concern in Ireland over some of the plans this new Government have.

"The last outgoing British Government had failed to uphold outstanding commitments in relation to the Good Friday and St. Andrew's Agreements. This includes the failure to implement an independent inquiry into the murder of Pat Finucane.

"A civil inquiry into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings has been stonewalled and sidelined.

The Acht na Gaeilge continues to be ignored. There has been no movement on a Bill of Rights. There are no working plans or strategies to address these outstanding matters of critical importance.

“There are also major concerns with the new Tory Government’s pledge to scrap the Human Rights Act and pull out of the European Convention on Human Rights. This would directly breach what was agreed in the GFA.

“The Irish Government as co-guarantor of the GFA has a critical part to play and needs to oppose any moves by Britain to roll back from key human rights commitments that it signed up in the GFA.

“There is also an onus on the Irish Government as co-guarantor to set out now a clear strategy for the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and all outstanding elements of previous agreements.”

Murdered Catholic Lawyer Pat Finucane was Victim of British State Engagement in Terrorism Through Loyalist Terrorists, High Court Hears

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Adams Thanks Sinn Féin Candidates

Sinn Féin Leader Gerry Adams TD has paid tribute to Sinn Féin's 18 candidates in the Westminster elections who he said represented a progressive message of equality and Irish unity.

Gerry Adams said:

"Sinn Féin ran a positive, forward looking campaign. Our 18 candidates across the North

represented the progressive politics of Irish unity and equality for all citizens. I want to thank each of them and their families.

"We are, of course disappointed with the loss of the Fermanagh/South Tyrone seat.

"I want to pay tribute to Michelle Gildernew for her service to Sinn Féin and to the people of Fermanagh/South Tyrone.

"All of the Sinn Féin candidates performed extremely well and the party is confident and energised as we face into the Carlow/Kilkenny by-election, the Marriage Equality referendum at the end of the month and then Dáil and Assembly elections next year.

"The newly re-elected Tory Government in London is wedded to austerity and this presents severe challenges for society and citizens in the North.

"These include the threat of more destructive cuts to the North's budget and to the social welfare system as well as a referendum that could remove the North from the EU against the wishes and the interests of citizens here.

"It is now clearer than ever that austerity is the price of the Union.

"Sinn Féin's immediate focus is to work with others to confront these challenges."

Michelle Gildernew Pledges Sinn Féin's Continuing Commitment to the people of Fermanagh/South Tyrone

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Adams Welcomes Confirmation of Ballymurphy Dáil Motion

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD has welcomed the Taoiseach's confirmation in the Dáil today that the government has completed a text of a proposed all-party motion on the Ballymurphy Massacre and that he will circulate this with the other party leaders for agreement.

The Taoiseach unreservedly condemned the series of attacks on Sinn Féin representatives and also agreed to a request from Gerry Adams TD to hold a debate on the north following the Westminster election.

Gerry Adams said:

"Early last year the Taoiseach volunteered to bring forward an all-party Oireachtas motion in support of the Ballymurphy families. I welcomed this. Some months later I raised the matter again and on 1 July 2014 the Taoiseach indicated that the Government was working on a comprehensive motion, which would be discussed with the opposition leaders. Nothing happened.

In February of this year the Taoiseach said that he would have the motion for March. Mr Kenny visited the area that month and spoke to the families.

Yesterday I raised the issue of the Ballymurphy motion again and the Taoiseach confirmed that the government has now completed a text of a proposed all-party motion and that he will circulate this with the other party leaders for agreement.

This is an important development. I welcome too the Taoiseach's unreserved condemnation of the recent series of sustained attacks on Sinn Féin representatives. Mr Kenny has also committed to a debate on the north in light of recent events and following the Westminster election."



Boylan Hopes for Glenanne Gang Judicial Review Success

Sinn Féin MLA Cathal Boylan has said he hopes a judicial review into the failure of the Historical Enquiries Team to publish a report into murders carried out by the Glenanne gang will be successful.

Speaking ahead of a judicial review in Belfast High Court tomorrow, Mr Boylan said;

"The Historical Enquiries Team (HET) has failed to publish a full review into the actions of this murderous gang, which was made up of serving RUC, UDR, British army personnel and loyalists.

"The Glenanne gang was responsible for more than 100 murders, mostly of nationalist civilians, in Armagh and Tyrone, as well as being involved in the Dublin and Monaghan bombings.

"The British state has continually sought to deny and delay the truth about the role of its armed forces in running murder gangs during the conflict.

"This continuous refusal to take responsibility for its actions is unacceptable and adds to the pain and suffering of the victims.

"I hope this judicial review is successful tomorrow so that the families can get access to truth

and justice." Ends/Crioch

Adams Condemns Attacks on Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams TD has condemned the concentrated series of attacks against Sinn Féin representatives in recent weeks.

In the last week there have been four serious attacks and 7 death threats and bomb alerts at family homes.

The Sinn Féin leader has also challenged the silence of the government, other political parties and the media on these attacks.

Gerry Adams said:

"In recent weeks there has been a sustained and concerted campaign of threats and violence against Sinn Féin representatives, their homes and cars. There has been a marked silence from the government and other parties on these attacks and a lack of news coverage.

"Last week the car of Sinn Féin activist Sean McMonagle was burned.

"Last night the cars of two Derry Councillors Sandra Duffy and Colly Kelly were destroyed outside their homes.

"Death threats have been made against representatives Mickey Brady, Conor Murphy, Gerry Kelly and Caoimhe Archibald.

"The home of Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness was paint bombed.

"There were bomb threats yesterday at the homes of Martina Anderson MEP and Raymond McCartney MLA.

"This morning there was a bomb alert at my family home in west Belfast.

"These attacks are clearly linked to the Westminster election.

"Those anti-democratic groups behind these actions are trying to intimidate Sinn Féin members and our families; and they are deliberately attacking the peace process and the political institutions.

"If any other party in the Dáil was subject to attack there would be understandable outrage. The government and parties in the Dáil must take a clear stand against these actions; condemn them; and reject those who would seek to undermine the peace process and the political institutions in the north.

"Sinn Féin will not be deterred nor intimidated by these attacks."

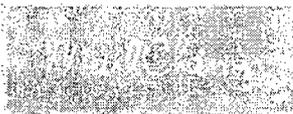
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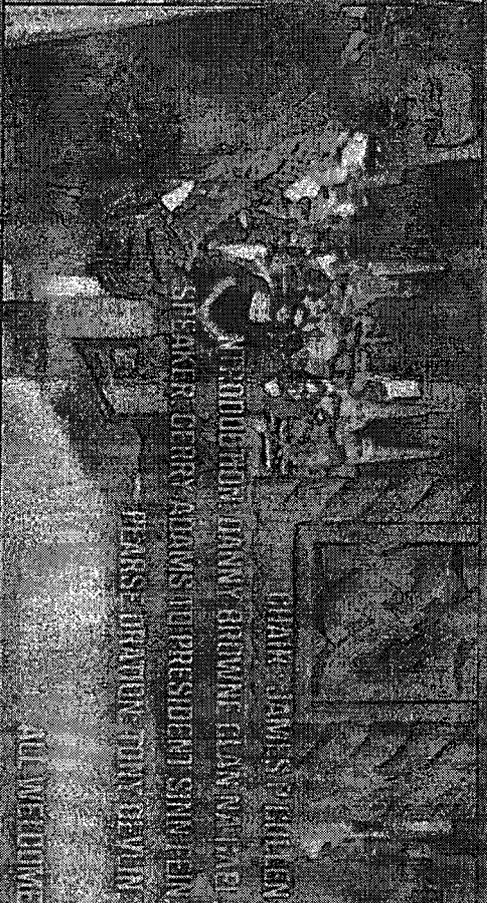
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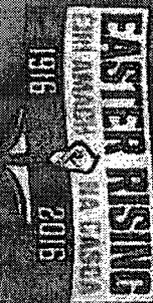
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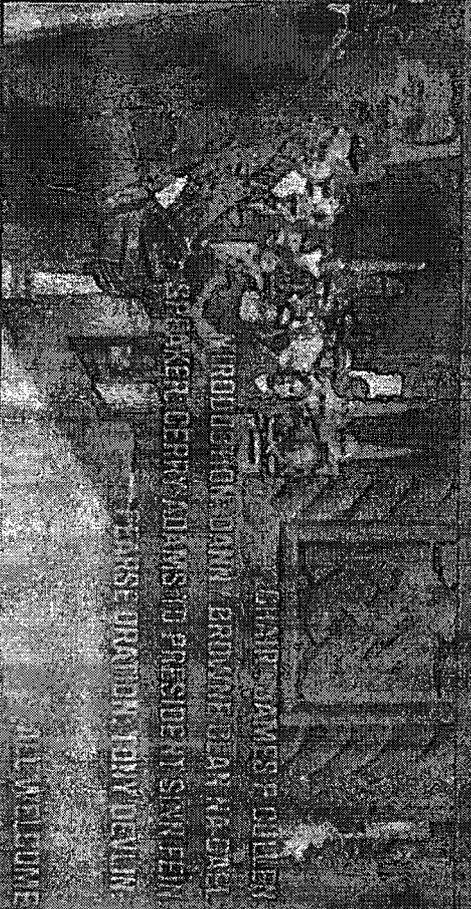
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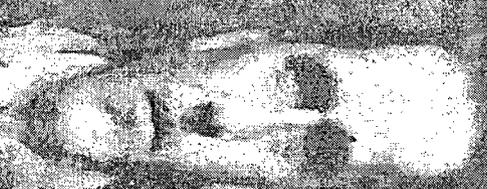


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