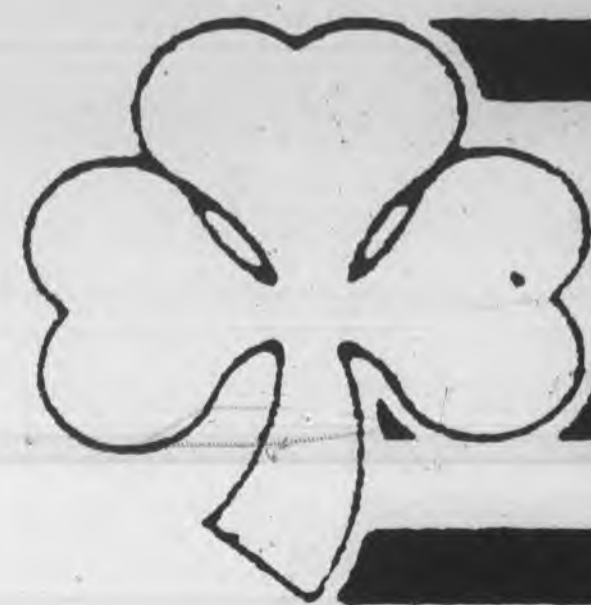


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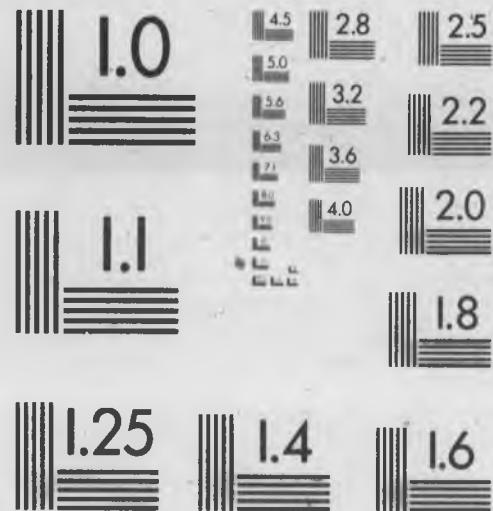
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Fund Trustees Chosen For Northern Ireland

Plans are moving forward for the implementation of the proper use of the funds realized from the Northern Ireland Relief Fund across the nation.

Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, has announced the selection of trustees for the distribution of the funds in Northern Ireland, as soon as they are received and forwarded by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, national chaplain and honorary chairman of the fund.

The Hon. John Hume, Member of Parliament, will serve as temporary chairman of the trustees, according to Patrick A. Duffy, solicitor of Dungannon, County Tyrone, who is handling the legal matters in setting up the trusteeship. Mr. Duffy also has agreed to serve as manager and secretary of the trustees, making available the facilities of his law offices in Dungannon, Belfast and Cookstown.

Full reports of all activities of the trustees will be made to His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

Mr. Duffy announced that the trusteeship will be known as the Ulster Development Trust, and all funds will be administered through the National Provincial Bank.

The Deed of Trust, as it is being prepared by Mr. Duffy, will prevent the money from being held by anyone other than the bank, or from passing through the hands of anyone other than the bank.

All trustees chosen will serve completely in a voluntary capacity and be prepared to give freely of their time, "in view of the sacrifice that is obviously being made by the American people in collecting and forwarding the money," wrote Mr. Duffy.

The National Board, A.O.H., as the principal donor, will receive full reports on all payments made, and no moneys will be allocated by the trustees unless at least two-thirds of them agree.

The trustees also will have power to impose conditions on moneys paid out. In some cases, the money will be on loan, to be repaid to the trust fund for use in another area later.



Hon. John Hume

Special Notice To All Members

Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, has announced that all 1970 membership cards are in the hands of the various division presidents.

They were mailed on December 15 last.

The cards will be distributed to each member upon payment of his dues.

Committee Volunteers

Following is a list of proposed trustees to serve on the committee in Northern Ireland to administer monies from the Northern Ireland Relief Fund sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

All are men of great integrity and interest in the cause of helping the people of Northern Ireland to help themselves.

Hon. John Hume, M.P.: master of arts; teacher; manufacturer, Member of Parliament, closely associated with the Civil Rights Movement, generally accepted as the lay leader of moderate Catholic opinion.

Mr. Thomas Conaty, Belfast: fruit importer and wholesaler, member of the Peace Commission, Northern Ireland; associated with the Central Citizens Defense Committee, Belfast.

Mr. Patrick Doherty, Derry: builder foreman, vice chairman of the former Derry Citizens Defense Committee, founding member of the Derry Credit Union. (It has been reported that Mr. Doherty, because of his activities in the Civil Rights Movement in Derry, is now unemployed, and may have to leave his native land to find employment.)

Mr. James Kennedy, Belfast: businessman, joint owner of Northern Ireland's leading bakery.

Mr. Louis O'Donnell, Crossmaglen, County Armagh:

bachelor of arts, teacher, associated with youth club activities.

Mr. Patrick Scallan, Enniskillen: director of a public works contracting firm; well known throughout County Fermanagh; family connection in hotels; hardware merchants with various business interests.

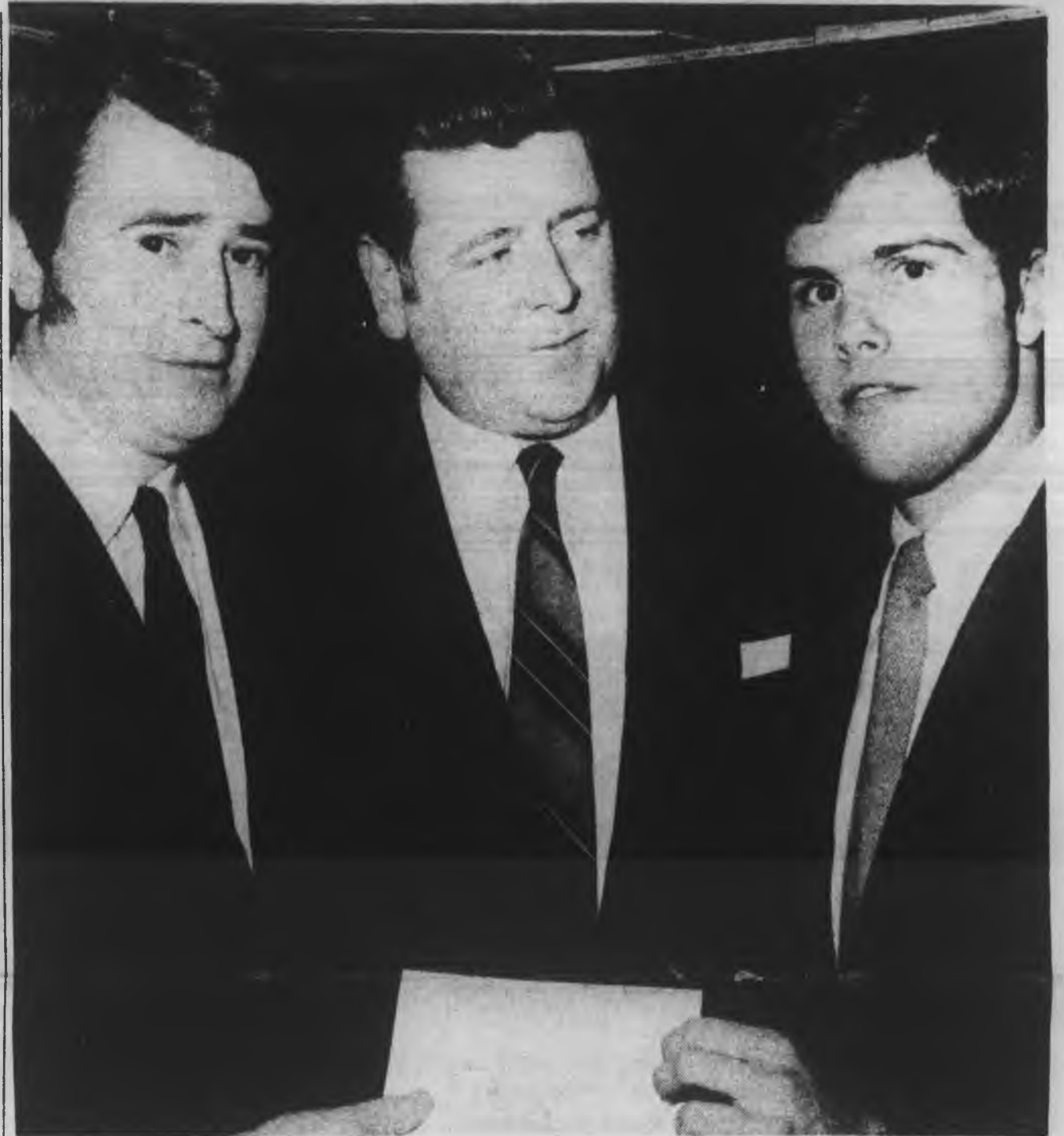
Mr. Patrick A. Duffy, Coalisland, County Tyrone: lawyer, farming background; well known throughout County Tyrone; associated with Civil Rights Movement; secretary, Dungannon and District Housing Society; law offices in Dungannon, Cookstown, Belfast.

Mr. Harry Cumiskey, Newry, County Down: businessman; hardware, auctioneering and other business interests in Crossmaglen.

Mr. Michael Canavan, Derry: businessman; connected with Derry Citizens Actions Committee and Civil Rights Movement; associated with Credit Union movement; Member of Credit Union League Board of Ireland.

Mr. John Simpson: lecturer in economics, Queen's University, Belfast.

Mr. Patrick Faloan, Dunadry Inn: Member of the Ulster Countryside Development Committee; owner of one of Ulster's leading hotels; deeply interested in community development.



AIDS RELIEF FUND—Moss Cooney, left, manager of the Crock of Gold, New York City, presents a check for \$1,200 for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund to Brother William Matthews, fund chairman of Division 29, New York County. The money was raised by the restaurant manager on a boatride conducted for the purpose. Looking on, center, is Brother Timothy Finn, national organizer.

Hierarchy Supports Relief Fund Drive

The drive for funds in the Northern Ireland Relief Fund has received the endorsement to date of 14 members of the Hierarchy of the United States, and a total of \$23,900 in donations has been received from these prelates.

Among those granting permission for solicitation in the parishes of their sees, or otherwise supporting our national drive to alleviate the suffering in Northern Ireland are

John Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago; Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington; Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York; our own Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, national chaplain; Archbishop John T. Ryan, of Anchorage, Alaska; Bishop George W. Ahr of Trenton, N. J.; Bishop Edwin B. Broderick of Albany, N. Y.; Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn; Bishop Russell J. McViney of Providence, R. I., past national chaplain; Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop George H. Guilefoyle of Camden, N. J.; Bishop James L. Connolly of Fall River, Mass.; Bishop Stanislaus

J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Archbishop Paul F. Leibold of Cincinnati.

The task of contacting the pastors of the various parishes in these dioceses, with the endorsement of the respective Bishops, still lies in the hands

of Hibernians in those dioceses. The Bishops have given their permission, and we must do the work.

The need has not lessened, in fact it grows worse during the cold winter months, as the

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AOH Views on Immigration Bills Invited by Committee

MONTCLAIR, N. J. — Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, has received assurances from Representative Michael A. Feighan of Ohio, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, that Mr. Delahunty or a representative of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be given an opportunity to testify on pending legislation on immigration.

Hearings were held in December, at which time no invitation was sent to the A.O.H. to give the views of the Hibernians, the largest and only nation-wide Irish-American organization.

Brother Delahunty sent a telegram protesting the fact,

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Deadline

Deadline for the March-April edition of The Digest will be Tuesday, February 10. The edition will be prepared in time so that the membership will have it before St. Patrick's Day. Copy should be sent directly to National Hibernian Digest, 63 Lafayette Avenue, Trenton, N. J. 08610.

Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13, Marks Scouting's 60th Anniversary

Scouting under Catholic Church sponsorship can be proud of its rapid growth as it observes its 60th anniversary.

More than 14,000 Cub packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer posts are sponsored by Catholic parishes through their clubs, societies, and schools. In addition, units are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and others.

The diamond anniversary is being observed under the **Boy-power '76** program that continues through 1976, the 200th anniversary of the nation. The program slogan is **America's manpower begins with BOY-POWER.**

One goal of the program, as stated, is Scouts seek "To deeply involve a representative one-third of all American boys in Scouting" and "to help the families and institutions of the nation prepare a new generation with the skill and confidence to master the changing demands of America's future and prepare to give leadership to it."

The episcopal moderator for Scouting under Catholic auspices in the United States, Bishop William G. Connare of Greensburg, Pa., states:

"In these ecumenical days it might be well to note that Church sponsorship, even at the parish level, is a valid approach to Scouting. There are those who possibly feel the neutral approach, community-based, is better. However, this misses the service role of the Church in the community today.

"I think, it is much better to talk of parish sponsorship of units that will be open to all boys in a community regardless of their creed. This approach is being used to distinct advantage in the ghettos of the inner-city today, where often the Catholic parish is one of the few stable forces in the community. This approach can be a vital part of the apostolate in these areas.

"However, this approach need not be limited to inner-cities. Rural areas and suburbia can profit from Catholic-sponsored units, pressing into service the leadership of dedicated Catholic laymen in the direction of all the boys of a definite area with the parish as the promoter. This is ecumenism at work in one of its better forms, serving the needs of all growing boys in the neighborhood."

For 60 years the Boy Scouts of America has cultivated in boys a respect for God and country and a desire for active minds and bodies that will enable them to make the right choices in preparation for responsibilities as citizens. That the movement has been successful is evident in the number of former Scouts now in responsible positions.

A survey made of the current 91st Congress shows that among its 524 male members, 335, or 64 percent, had participated in the Scout program as boys or as adult volunteer leaders, and that among former Scouts, 28 attained the rank of Eagle, Scouting's highest.



BOYPOWER—You start with a boy about eight years old. And you teach him how to use his head and his hands to build things. You teach him self-reliance with camping trips and hikes. You put him on a team to learn about fair play, sportsmanship, and competition. You teach him about love for his God, his country, and his fellowmen. That's how Scouting tries to build useful citizens. And it's working.

Among the astronauts it was found that the 57 living members of that group 44 were Scouts, and that all four astronauts who walked upon and explored the moon last July and November are former Boy Scouts.

Each year Scouts are reminded of their duty to God at services and programs commemorating Boy Scout Sunday in Boy Scout Week. The observance was February 8.

Scouts of Catholic faith will be presented the religious emblems they earned last year. These are not Scout honors but are given by the Church after a Scout has worked closely with his religious adviser. He learns the history of his Church, becomes familiar with Scripture and liturgy, and takes an active part in the activities of his parish.

The **Ad Altare Dei** emblem, adopted by the Catholic Church in 1939, is the oldest

such recognition. About 8,000 of them were issued last year. Last year some 9,500 **Parvuli Dei** emblems were received by Cub Scouts.

The **Pope Pius XII** emblems for Explorers and older Scouts were issued to 130, while **St. George** emblems for adults were issued to 450 men.

Scouts in many communities participated in diocesan parades or Bible vigils. Some attend Mass in uniform, receive Holy Communion, and serve as Mass lectors.

A unit belongs to the chartered institution and is controlled by the institution head who has full jurisdiction over the unit's activities within the established policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. With its concern for the guidance and training of its youth, the parish finds in Scouting a program whose purpose is consistent with its own.

Beginning with Pope Benedict XV, each of the popes in

succession has expressed interest and approbation of Scouting. Pope Paul VI, then Cardinal Montini in the secretariate of state, made an official pronouncement on Scouting as early as 1945.

Last August Pope Paul received in special audience, Alden G. Barber, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and Mrs. Barber. In writing his appreciation to the Pope, Mr. Barber said in part:

"You have my promise that the Boy Scouts of America will do everything possible to live up to your faith in us. Your support and blessing will surely affect Scouts of every race and creed in every community of the United States of America. Those of us who work with and guide the youth of today—those young people who will be the builders of tomorrow's world—realize how important it is to them to know that their Spiritual Leader is concerned for and interested in them."

Hierarchy Supports Relief Fund Drive

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homeless are living in makeshift quarters.

Hunger stalks the families of those jobless men in Northern Ireland, some out of work because their places of employment were destroyed by fire in the rioting.

There will be some pastors who will not become involved, but there will be many who willingly will ask their people to aid the homeless and hungry in Northern Ireland. But before they can do this, it is up to us to ask, to beg, if necessary, for the need is great.

St. Patrick's Day approaches.

Funds must be sent over for the relief of suffering. Let us use this time with the March 17 goal, to contact every pastor, to contact every friend and relative, soliciting funds for the aid of our homeless brethren in Northern Ireland.

There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

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"We are here to add what we can do, not to get what we can from life."

—Sir William Osler

Immigration

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and has been assured by Mr. Feighan in a letter that the A.O.H. will be given an opportunity to record its views on the discrimination against potential Irish immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

Several bills are before Congress at the present time and the subcommittee is hearing arguments on the drastic drop in Irish immigration since the 1965 law went into effect. Also victims of the law, which eliminated the old quota system are the English, German and other Northern European nations.

Hibernian Appeal

It is unbelievable that the meager response to the recent appeal to the American people, especially those of Irish origin, reflects faithfully the feeling in this country for the victims of harsh injustice and persecution in Northern Ireland.

That initial effort was an emotional reaction to the flaming spirit of a young girl who had won election to the British Parliament and captured the imagination of the Irish people and of many Americans. Her hurried visits to a few cities in this country inspired an enthusiasm which should have paid off in rich financial returns. But the results were disappointing.

Traditionally, the American Irish are devoted to the land of their fathers. They are numerous and, in large measure, they are affluent. Characteristically, they are generous and thoughtful. But these admirable qualities have not been reflected in their attitude toward the desperate circumstances of the Catholics of Ulster who are paying so bitterly for their loyalty to their faith.

There are 20,000 homeless people in Northern Ireland. They lack not only homes, which have been destroyed by the hostile mobs, but also every other essential to a decent way of life—jobs, food, clothing, equal rights and opportunities to emerge from their lowly conditions.

Unfortunately, the early effort to send financial aid to the oppressed people of Northern Ireland was poorly organized and ineffectively directed. Feeble in its origin, it proceeded swiftly to inevitable failure.

It would be shameful if a worthy and urgently necessary movement were to end on this dismal note. Fortunately, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has recognized this situation as a challenge to loyalty and to sympathy expressed in practical terms.

The order, with the support of Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, national chaplain, has initiated a campaign for \$1 million. Committees are being set up in all states and many national leaders in public life are associated with James A. Farley, former Postmaster General in the cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the building of an effective and successful organization.

It is of the highest importance that this movement shall succeed. The pride and self-respect of the American Irish are involved. They cannot let it go on the record that they have let down their people at home when their distress is so appalling.

Reprinted from THE MONITOR, Newspaper of the Diocese of Trenton, N. J., December 5, 1969.

Washington AOH to Exhibit Paintings of Irish Masters

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Brother James J. O'Connor, president of Emerald Isle Division and project manager for Paintings by Native Master Irish Artists, is seeking the works of Irish artists for exhibit in the galleries of the nation's capital.

Brother O'Connor announced that the division has established the project to promote Irish culture by sponsoring the exhibition of Irish art works.

Persons having individual paintings or collections of native Irish artists which they would be willing to have exhibited on a loan basis in one of Washington's principal galleries may write to James J. O'Connor, 6418 33rd Street,

N. W., Washington, D. C., 20015. Owners should list the name of the painting, the artist, a brief description, including the size, and where the painting may be viewed.

Mr. O'Connor also would like information on such paintings which may be for sale.

The Emerald Isle Division observed the annual Hibernian Day November 14 at Laurel Race Course, Laurel, Md. The day included a buffet luncheon and the fifth race was carried in the program as honoring the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Brother James J. O'Connor, division president, reports that the winner of that race was Cool Kisses.

We invite members of the Ladies Auxiliary and other persons interested in the work of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America to subscribe to THE NATIONAL HIBERNIAN DIGEST. Subscription cost is \$1 per year, prepaid.

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The Pyramid System Works

The most effective way to achieve the success we need in the Northern Ireland Relief Fund campaign is the pyramid system, as outlined by the campaign counselors.

There are now some 324,000 contribution envelopes distributed among the members and other interested friends across the nation. Care was taken to see to it that no division received an excess of these envelopes, and additional supplies were given only to those divisions requesting them.

From the reports received to date, the average gift ranges between \$5 and \$6, and it is estimated from these facts that even with a lower average gift, with the materials already in circulation, and even excluding the church collections authorized by the members of the Hierarchy, the \$1 million goal is very feasible.

How does the Pyramid System work?

It's simple. Each kit contains 10 flyers, 10 window stickers and 10 contribution envelopes. The member is asked to contact 10 relatives or friends to solicit gifts from

New Drama School Formed In Dublin

DUBLIN — A new drama school and theatre workshop has been formed at 37 South Frederick street. It will be directed by James McKenna, whose first play, *The Scatterin'*, was performed in the 1960 Dublin Theatre Festival.

For the past year a group under his direction has been working on scripts and themes prepared by him, and this movement has led to the formation of the new school.

A feature of the movement is the attempt to restore the chorus which will give students of acting an opportunity to perfect the most basic elements of the stage, such as speech, ordered movement and discipline.

them. At the same time, he seeks out those interested enough to take another kit, and the pyramid grows.

Returns at campaign headquarters indicate that contributions are not coming only from persons of Irish blood, but many other people of good will are interested in alleviating suffering, wherever it may be found.

When a person is asked to donate, he is given the envelope,

in which he places his contribution, filling in the other information requested. He then seals the envelope before returning it to the solicitor, and his contribution remains his own business.

The completed envelopes are then returned to the division president or chairman for forwarding to campaign headquarters.

Every gift will be personally acknowledged by our national

chaplain, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, honorary chairman of the campaign.

If for some reason your county or division president or chairman has not asked you to participate in this most important campaign to relieve suffering, please call him and ask for the necessary materials.

The success of the campaign depends entirely on the full support of the Hibernian membership.

News Headlines Debase Irish; Norwalk Division Takes Action

NORWALK, Conn.—Often times there appear stories in newspapers and magazines which are offensive to the Irish, to the Church, or to any ethnic group or religion.

For the most part, we seethe a bit, grumble about it, mention it to some friend or other, and do nothing more.

This was not the case in Norwalk, when *The Norwalk Hour* published two stories, one referring to an Irish father kept from his family at Thanksgiving by drink, and the other on the winning of the Nobel Prize for Literature by Samuel Beckett, Irish author.

Brother John F. Henry, publicity chairman for Malachy F. Lynam Division here, took the time to write of the objections of the Hibernians to the handling of the stories, and to question the propriety of using the first at all.

The letter is addressed to Mr. John Reilly, city editor of the newspaper. We reproduce the letter in full:

"Dear Mr. Reilly, "On Friday, Nov. 28, an article appeared on Page 2 of *The Norwalk Hour* which we felt was very offensive. The article was headed 'Liquor Keeps Irish Father From His Brood.' The

date of the article was, you might note, the day after Thanksgiving.

"The article, we feel, is discriminating and debases the Irish people. The reporter mentions two other nationalities (Welsh and Australian) but the heading belongs exclusively to the Irish. You also mention the last name of the Irishman, thereby injuring his family. One wonders why the heading could not have been 'Liquor Keeps Man From Brood'. Indeed, Mr. Reilly, one further wonders why the article was presented at all. Surely it was not in keeping with the season. Or perhaps you felt it necessary to insult the Irish at a time when they are banding together to try to help their loved ones in Northern Ireland.

"If you carefully re-read the article, I believe you will discover two things: 1. It really was not a very interesting story which was probably concocted by a cub reporter with nothing better to do; 2. On the Bowery there are representatives of all nationalities with no one nation having a monopoly. We feel these men deserve our prayers and our pity, not the glaring headline you felt was necessary.

"I find it ironic that you

chose to insert this insulting article on Page 2. Since your appointment as city editor, I have consistently submitted news material about our local division, only to find it buried near the back of the paper. No other organization or ethnic group has been treated so shabbily by your 'paper'. It has been duly noted that several of Norwalk's organizations receive preferential treatment from you while others apparently have been permanently installed on your 'grudge list'.

"If further proof was needed that you discriminate against the Irish, you, in your blissful foolishness, provided it on Wednesday, December 10. The article headed 'Shy Author Stays Away from Nobel Ceremony' told the story of Samuel Beckett staying away from the Nobel presentation ceremony. I think it is worth mentioning when a man wins the Nobel Prize for Literature, but you decided to push that on to Page 21. The reason, of course, is obvious—Samuel Beckett is Irish.

"We would appreciate it if you would let us know why you deem it necessary to carry out this campaign of discrimination against a nationality of which you are supposedly one."

Babylon AOH Installs Sullivan as President

BABYLON, N. Y.—St. Patrick's Division recently installed division officers for 1970. The ceremony was held in the K. of C. Hall, 175 Park Avenue.

Past President John Flaherty was master of ceremonies. Peter Bulfin, president of the Suffolk County Board, installed the division officers. He was assisted by Joseph Willis, president of Division 1, Bay Shore, and Maurice Quinlan, Division 2, Babylon. The Saffron Kilts Hibernian Pipe Band of Division 2 added color and music.

The officers installed are: President James Sullivan; Vice President Michael Maher; Recording Secretary Frank Smith; Financial Secretary John Friel; Treasurer John J. Farrelly; Chairman of Grievance Committee Fred Stein; Marshal Frank Mulligan; Sentinel John Bradley.

Appointments made by the president are as follows: Chaplain, Fr. Virgil P. Power; John McCarthy was added to the Board of Trustees; Michael Maher, Catholic Action; Michael Rice, membership chairman; Thomas Logan and

John Martin, delegates to Suffolk County Board.

The new president has been active in the Hibernians for a number of years and was a member of the Division's Saffron Kilts Pipe Band. He served two years as vice president.

Guest speaker was Jack Reynolds, treasurer of the State Board.

Dance music was provided by Bernie Walsh's Orchestra. Entertainment included Irish step dancing and selections by the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band.

New Violence Flares in Ulster

As we made final preparations for this edition of *The Digest*, reports of new violence in Derry and Belfast reached New York. The British Army units in Northern Ireland had stepped between the battling Paisleyite and Catholic factions, and the latest reports were that barricades were up again in Belfast and Derry.

Announcement

The *National Hibernian Digest* will accept advertising for publication in these columns, effective immediately. All proposed advertisements must be in good taste, and the publication committee reserves the right to accept or reject copy submitted.

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President's Message

It is hoped that each and every one had a joyous and holy Christmas and that the Infant Jesus has showered all with His choicest blessings. As we enter a new year, we pray that it will bring happiness and prosperity to all our brothers and sisters and that peace and harmony will once again return to this troubled world, especially to North East Ireland.

The need of our brethren in Northern Ireland is as great today as it was last August during the bloodshed and riots in Belfast and Derry, and that is the reason why it is incumbent upon all who proclaim any affiliation with the land of St. Patrick to come to the aid of those victims of persecution and discrimination now.

It is useless lamenting their plight and expressing concern when we know that the primary need at this time is to help those unfortunate people with the only practical means at our disposal which is simply cash, your dollars and mine.

All divisions have been provided with the necessary materials to insure the success of the drive. Over 300,000 envelopes have been distributed throughout the country and if same are returned with a minimum donation the drive is automatically a success. Have you done your part? Have you distributed envelopes to your friends or have you made your own donation? This is the least to be expected of you.

Many of our members have expended every ounce of energy in this fund raising effort. However, there are many more who have remained completely aloof from this worthwhile cause. One may ask why, and wonder how anyone with a drop of Irish blood can ignore the cry and plea of our very own in this hour of trial.

It is possible that many had reservations about the credibility of the drive, but as outlined elsewhere in this paper, the committee to handle any funds realized are certainly a responsible group of citizens who have the complete approval of His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway, Primate of Ireland.

The months ahead will find all of us making the necessary plans for St. Patrick's Day Parade or other functions in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland. Why not utilize the occasion this year to raise funds for the followers of this great Saint, who are 1500 years after his death the victims of bigotry and persecution. It is certainly about time for all of us to act responsibly with regard to our own kit and kin. The year 1970 offers us the opportunity to prove ourselves—Let us not fail.

We are indebted to the Catholic Hierarchy in this country who have rallied to our cause and most especially to our own national chaplain, the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, D.D., who is serving as honorary chairman. Our thanks also to the news media who have been most generous and to the Irish-American newspapers, especially the *Irish Echo* and *The Irish Advocate*. We note that Brother James O'Connor, the publisher and editor of *The Irish Advocate*, has carried our "ad" on the fund drive without any remuneration. Thank you, Brother O'Connor.

We will look to all of you to insure the realization of \$1,000,000 as the minimum amount needed to provide food, clothing and shelter and help restore the dignity of our people in North East Ireland. Let us get to work and finish the job.

MICHAEL L. DELAHUNTY
National President

New Look Planned in Dublin For St. Patrick's Day Parade

DUBLIN—Plans to give the St. Patrick's Day Parade a "New Look" with a program of attractions geared to the tastes of American tourists, are now being made in Ireland and the United States.

This year, more special tours will be offered which will allow organizations and groups from the United States to be given places of honor in the parade. The participants will then continue to visit key centers of Ireland. The St. Patrick's Day combination march and travel packages were introduced last year through the joint efforts of the Dublin Regional Tourist Organization and the Irish Tourist Board offices throughout the United States and Canada.

Announcing this innovation in Dublin, Terry Lynch, chairman of the voluntary committee which has been responsible for Dublin's March 17 celebration, said he expected at least 1,200 American tourists to visit Dublin this year on a "package tour" basis. They will participate in the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

He also announced that a special program of events for visitors was being arranged in cooperation with hotels and theaters. The success already achieved in the United States by the Irish Tourist Board's off-season vacation campaign would seem to nominate St. Patrick's Day as the obvious curtain-raiser for spring travel in Ireland.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON BEING IRISH

Sure, I'm Irish. But I'm unconcerned!

Isn't it great to be **IRISH**, to lead the parade on St. Patrick's Day; to have a choice table at the St. Patrick's banquet and burst with pride as the speaker extolls the virtues of the **IRISH**!

Isn't it great to glide across the ballroom floor at the St. Patrick's Ball and tingle to the strains of Irish music!

I stand out as an Irishman when I wear the Shamrock, the symbol of Patrick; the green necktie as a symbol of my devotion to the Faith which Patrick brought to my ancestors, and which they defended even to death.

I stand out as an Irishman when I boast (and justly so) of the achievements of Irishmen and women the world over; how the missionaries from Ireland brought the Faith throughout Africa, how they labored, and still do, in the United States; how Irishmen and women showed leadership in the United States; the great men of Irish ancestry who have served in Government even to the Presidency of the United States (there were several others before John F. Kennedy, although he was the first Catholic Irish-American to achieve that goal).

The labors of businessmen who came to the United States with nothing and by the sweat of their brows established nationwide firms.

The achievements of the Irish-American in the military service of the United States; men of medicine; men of science; men of letters.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded nearly 140 years ago in New York by Irishmen who dedicated themselves to the care of their fellow Irishmen and women, immigrants landing on a foreign shore.

Many are the tales of sacrifice of the early Hibernians who waited at the quay in New York, as the bewildered immigrants disembarked after several weeks at sea enroute to the Promised Land. Many are the tales of how these men saw to it that the exploitation which had been their lot would not befall the younger immigrants. They saw to it that these young people, in a strange land, among a strange people to some extent, and exposed to many unscrupulous persons, were kept strongly in the Church; placed in reliable and responsible jobs.

These early Hibernians were men who were willing to give of themselves—their meager fortunes—for the benefit of others.

All this glorious tradition seems to fade away in the Hibernian of the 1970s, when his ample pocketbook becomes involved and he is asked to give of his abundance to lend a helping hand to his brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland.

"It's a bad time of the year."
"I can't afford to give."
"We just finished a drive at Church."

"I'm too busy."
"We're going about it the wrong way."

"I'm all tied up now, but there are others willing to help—ask them."

Samuel Beckett Awarded Noble Prize for Literature

DUBLIN—The Nobel Prize for Literature for 1969 has been awarded to the Irish writer, Samuel Beckett, for, in the words of the Swedish Academy, "his work which, adopting new forms for the novel and drama, acquires its elevation from the destitution of modern man."

Samuel Beckett was born in Dublin in 1906. He was educated at Portora Royal School and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied modern languages. He was lecturer in English in the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, and subsequently lecturer in French in Trinity College, a position which he resigned in 1932. After some years traveling in France and Germany he settled in France in 1937 where he has since resided.

His earlier writings were in English and were published mainly in London and Paris. Works in English include *Whoroscope* (1930), *Echo's Bones and Other Precipitates* (1935), an *Essay on Proust* (1931) and a volume of short stories, *More Pricks Than Kicks* (1934). In 1938 he published his first novel, *Murphy*, subsequently translated into French by the author. This was followed by a second novel, *Watt*, and some short stories.

The novel *Molloy* written in the period 1947-49, and

published in 1951, marked the author's transition from English to French as a means of expression. This was followed by *Malone Meurt* (1951), *L'Innommable* (1953) and *Comment C'est* (1961) which confirmed and enhanced his reputation as a novelist. He published a further volume of short stories *Nouvelles et Textes Pour Rien*, in 1955.

It was however his dramatic work, rather than his novels, which contributed most to Mr. Beckett's popular reputation. His first play *En Attendant Godot* (Waiting for Godot) was staged in Paris in 1953, was subsequently translated into 15 languages, and performed in more than 20 countries. *Fin de Partie* (Endgame) 1958, *La Dernière Bande* (Krapp's Last Tape) 1960, and *Oh, Les Beaux Jours* (Happy Days) 1962 established Mr. Beckett as a major and influential playwright. He has also written a number of radio plays.

Since the publication of *Comment C'est*, Mr. Beckett has published only a number of brief texts and some short, stark theatrical pieces. In 1959 he received a doctorate in literature, *honoris causa* from Dublin University. He is the third Irish writer to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. The others were William Butler Yeats (1923) and George Bernard Shaw (1925).

"Why do we need guidance from professional fund raisers? Let a member do it."

"I gave in the earlier collection."

Excuses come by the thousands. Why professionals? When we feel sick, we call on a physician. When we want to build a house, we need an architect and a contractor. When we want legal matters handled, we call on the lawyer.

Why not do these jobs ourselves? Because we are not qualified. We do not have the "know-how" so we seek the help of those who can guide us with their professional knowledge.

It has been pointed out that there are more than 325,000 gift envelopes for the Northern

Ireland Relief Fund in circulation throughout the country. The average gift to date—far too few of them—have ranged—between \$5 and \$6. What would happen if every one of the envelopes in the hands of the Hibernians were placed in the hands of prospective donors?

Let George do it! This has been the cry of the lazy in days gone by. Will it become the new password of Hibernianism?

Yes, we sing the songs of Ireland; we dance the dances; we sing the praises of Ireland's glorious past, and look to her prosperous future; we accept the accolades for the achievements of the Irish.

But, do the work? Who, me? Hell, no, I'm too busy!

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The Book Shelf

LAST ON THE MENU, by Sister Eleanor Quin, C.S.J., Prentice Hall. 182 pages. \$4.95.

Sister Eleanor Quin is the sort of nun who would be described by her friends among the laity in terms like, "Boy, isn't she a clip!"

She came to St. Michael's Novitiate in Englewood Cliffs, N. J., straight from a Madison Avenue copywriter's job, wearing a Vogue outfit in which she had just taken a nervous spill in the mud. To this day, notwithstanding the hard-potato diet in the convent, she confesses to a madness for pickled eggs, kegelhof and gefilte fish. She also comes from a betting family and confesses that she has never been able to squelch an innate hankering for the nags. Nor, one observes, has there been any squelching of her spirit of adventure and her doughty self-confidence.

Long before Pope John ("BPF" is her code for the pre-Vatican II days) Sister Eleanor (who was then known as Sister Vincent de Paul) was doing her thing, which is to function as "Sister Public Relations" for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark. This involves, among other diverse duties, filling endless speaking engagements mainly for the purpose of raising money for the orphanage, or the blind youngsters or the congregation's magazine of which she is now editor.

That is the source of the title of this autobiographical opus: at as many as 20 Communion breakfasts and other functions each week Sister Eleanor Quin is the *piece de resistance*, **Last on the Menu**. The personality, ideas and anecdotes that endear her to these audiences are the substance of her book.

Sister Eleanor's success as "Sister Public Relations" has been formidable in terms of dollars and cents. The three horse shows she mounted at St. Joseph's Village, Rockleigh, N. J., for example, brought in a cool \$100,000. But her "last on the menu" talks are not just concerned with the financial needs of the congregation. During the 15 years she's been a nun, the changes in the Church, and in what it means to be a sister, have been, as everyone knows but not all understand, many. Sister Eleanor Quin has her red hair done in a Mia Farrow cut now as she stands before audiences that range from Dutch Reformed ladies to truck drivers locals. And in the bright and breezy style in which she has written this book, she tells it like it is in the modern convent (and her congregation is among the most *avant garde*) and makes no bones about her approval of the change from what it used to be.

She may be exactly the right person for this job of explaining change to a wide audience. Her answers to the questions her listeners ask are flavored by her traditional training and spiced with a sense of excitement about the new ways opening up.

To a mother who'd like her daughter to enter the convent, she'll say: "The Lord knows we need her, but only if she feels fully committed and can

make the grade. There's so much to be done, and so little time to accomplish it."

She remembers an early talk she gave which prompted a Protestant listener to marvel that she never before knew nuns were human beings. And now to the "what's new in the convent?" query Sister Eleanor sums: "As real people, we're becoming more involved with the real world. And wherever we come, we come as friends." She adds:

"I tell you, renewal has us swinging, and I like it here."

—Anne Buckley

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NEW YORK — Newly appointed United States Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Thomas P. Melady and his wife, on February 11 published **HOUSE DIVIDED: Poverty, Race, Religion and the Family of Man** (Sheed & Ward, New York, \$5.50). Their book is a strongly felt and stark depiction of the rifts created in the human family by distortions of religion, by racism and, above all, by the grinding poverty of most human beings.

Previous to his appointment as ambassador, Dr. Melady was Professor of Afro-Asian Affairs at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N. J. He has travelled and studied widely in Africa and Asia and has published six books related to the Third World.

While the Meladys never shy away from the harshness of the facts they describe, they maintain confidence in man's ability to meet his problems and avoid the catastrophe that otherwise threatens. Their suggestions are concrete and imaginative. They point the direction toward a non-utopian but dramatic program for human survival.

Pottsville Division Elects Haley To Third Term

POTTSVILLE, Pa.—Brother Leo F. Haley of Pottsville was elected to his third consecutive term as president of J.F.K. Division No. 2 here.

Other officers elected are Edward Williams, St. Clair, vice president; Hugh J. McGowan, Port Carbon, recording secretary; Joseph M. Quirk, Pottsville, financial secretary; William J. Doran, Pottsville, treasurer; Lewis Burns, Port Carbon, marshal; John Jefferson, Pottsville, sentinel.

At the same meeting, plans were made to take part in the Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Parade in conjunction with the Schuylkill County Board.

Following the session, a Christmas party was held for division members, their wives and sweethearts. Miss Mary Margaret Guyeski of St. Clair, the A.O.H.-sponsored princess in the Winter Carnival queen contest, was a guest.



COUNTY PRESIDENT HONORED—The New York County Board honored its president John W. Duffy, past national editor, at its 133rd annual dinner-dance recently in the Hotel Commodore. Above, Brother Duffy receives a plaque from County Vice President Joseph Sullivan. Left to right are Judge Aloysius J. Melia; Charles Whalen, Irish consul general in New York City; Fr. Donal O'Callaghan, O.Carm., Msgr. John Barry, Brother Duffy, Brother Sullivan, Judge James J. Comerford, past national president; Brother Martin P. Dunne, county secretary and dinner chairman; James Kerwin, Irish consul general, San Francisco, and Eugene McKenna, president of the United Irish Counties Association of Greater New York.

On the Connecticut AOH Scene

By John Henry

Tipperary-born Governor John N. Dempsey created a mild shock in January with the announcement that he would retire from public life in 1971 after 35 years in public life. Gov. Dempsey's term expires in 1971. The very popular and personable Governor took over the leadership of Connecticut in 1961 when the then-Governor, Abraham Ribicoff, joined John F. Kennedy's Cabinet. At the completion of his term, Gov. Dempsey will have served for longer than any other governor in history.

After three highly successful years, Michael Devaney has stepped down as president of General Sheridan Division in Stamford. During his tenure, Brother Devaney supervised the birth of the now gigantic Stamford Feis. This, perhaps, more than anything else, was his biggest success but not his only one. We salute him on an excellent job and we also extend our very best wishes to Patrick Queally, his successor.

Mr. and Mrs. "Nace" O'Dowd of White Plains went to Ireland for the Christmas holidays. "Nace" is, of course, the famed Sligo footballer of yesteryear who thrilled many a football enthusiast. In recent years, Nace was perhaps best known for his almost flawless place kicking for Sligo at Gaelic Park, New York City. What the football Giants couldn't do with a man like Nace!!

Fairfield County President Terry McMahon was ailing over the Christmas holidays. I'm glad to report that the very popular Bridgeport man is now well again. Despite his illness, Terry saw to it that all the Divisions of the County were installed on time.

It was pretty much business as usual with Norwalk, Greenwich and Bridgeport at their annual elections of officers. All three presidents were elected to second terms. Sal Clancy of Norwalk, Bob Curley of Bridgeport and Dan O'Donoghue of Greenwich are the continuing presidents.

We extend our sincere sympathies to National Vice President Cornelius Collins of Waterbury on the death of his mother. Mrs. Mary Collins died January 8 in Ireland and was buried in Skibbereen, County Cork.

As mentioned briefly last issue, the Annual Stamford Feis will be held this year on Sunday, May 31. The Feis also moves its location to the Stamford Museum Grounds. The children will have the pleasure of going through the Animal Farm at no extra cost. Dan Murphy is once again the general chairman and his wife, Freida, is secretary. For information and/or syllabus, write to Mrs. Freida Murphy, A.O.H. Hall, Forest Street, Stamford, Conn.

The John Gillea Division of Danbury has elected Vincent Seery president for the coming year. J. Philip Gallagher remains as vice president. Brother Seery is a native of Dublin City and is the former recording secretary of the division. Brother Gallagher continues as the host of the excellent weekly radio program at 1:35 P. M. each Sunday.

Phil McGovern of Greenwich continues to be successful with his weekly program over WGCH, Greenwich. The program *The Irish Hour* is heard each Sunday between 7 and 8 p. m. Along with interesting chatter, Phil blends a

nice selection of music and includes the latest sports results from Ireland. This is a good show well worth a listen.

In a recent phone conversation with Brother Collins, he spoke of his future plans. In the immediate future, the national vice president announced he is a candidate for the national presidency. Con plans on conducting a vigorous campaign.

Having checked out the new presidents in Fairfield County, let's look at the position upstate. The new president of the Waterbury Division is James Sugrue who was installed by New Haven President John McGrath January 10. Brother McGrath on January 17 installed Gerald McKiernan as the new president of the New Haven Division. Finally, on January 24, John Fox was installed for his second term of office in Meriden.

The Greenwich A.O.H. will hold its annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance on Saturday, March 7, at the K of C Hall with the usual roast beef dinner being cooked and served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

State President Larry Neary has expressed complete dissatisfaction with the results of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. He is particularly disappointed with the contributions from the members. Larry told me that he was satisfied with the workers who tried very hard to raise the funds. He paid particular tribute to Ed McMahon of New Haven who did a trojan job.

An event of note we missed in the last edition was the birth of Kevin Michael Keegan of Norwalk. Kevin Michael is the son of Gerry and Mary

Keegan. Gerry and Mary are both prominent members of the Norwalk Division and Auxiliary. Kevin Michael's grandfather is John O'Donnell, a native of Sligo. John is a past state vice president and an honorary life member of the order.

On the ladies' side of the ledger we also notice considerable progress. In Bridgeport, Mrs. Albert Murphy was elected president for 1970. Mrs. Murphy is the wife of the popular State Secretary Al Murphy. In Norwalk, Mrs. Kathleen Henry was elected to her second term as president as was Mrs. Mary Daly of Stamford. The Stamford and Norwalk Auxiliaries held cake sales to benefit the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. Both auxiliaries made strong contributions to the fund.

Brother Neary reminds me that nominations for the 1970 recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal should be submitted. It is imperative that all states get their selections in to him at the earliest possible date.

January 11 was a sad day indeed for the Norwalk Division. Brother Christopher O'Herlihy died on that morning and with his passing came the end of an era. Chris was the oldest living member of the division and one of its most stalwart workers some years ago.

I regret to have to conclude on a sad note but I just heard of the death of Brother Pat Moriarity of Waterbury who was buried on Christmas Eve. Pat was a fervent and solid member of the Waterbury division and was treasurer of the building fund when they built their new hall. Until next time, God Bless.

Your Coat of Arms Unchanged In the Past Six Centuries

Brother Robert Vanston of Indianapolis has devoted his life to study of the coats of arms, particularly of Irish families through the ages. The following information on the origin of coats of arms, and the origins of the use of surnames is provided by Brother Vanston.

A symbol or sign may be an object which stands for an idea; so, too, a picture. Horses' tails, brazen serpents, scarves, statues, banners, animals in many guises, are only a few examples of those things which have been used to express men's devotion to each other, to the tribe, or to some large body.

Some of those symbols which are much in use in heraldry today were well known to men who lived even before history began. The swastika, despite its very unfortunate recent associations, is not only one of the oldest, but also one of the most interesting. A pattern made from it was found on a piece of bone, scratched by someone who roamed the Steppes of Asia some 10,000 years ago. English heralds used a three-legged form, now familiar as the 'arms' of the Isle of Man.

The idea of using a drawn symbol significantly seems to derive from the wish to express some merit or value. To belong to a certain clan or a particular cult was a cause for pride.

Later, in the Middle Ages, colors were thought to symbolize special virtues: in fact, the bishops laid down rules—white or silver for purity, green for faith, red for strength or sometimes passion, blue for love and truth, gold for honor, and so on.

Colors for clothing and war shields would be chosen carefully to express people's claims to such virtues. Parti-colored garments and shields became fashionable and certain people were known by the colors of their dress.

In those days the knight was most important in battle, for he was the rallying point for a group of men who wore his livery. As he was encased in armor, even his face hidden in a chassepot helmet, it was necessary that there should be some means of recognizing him, and that quickly. In this way Coats of Arms came into being.

Coats of Arms have not changed for the past six centuries. Names and spellings of names have changed considerably.

Surnames, as such, came into being in Ireland in the 10th Century and became widespread after the Norman French invasion and conquest of England by William the Conqueror around the year 1060. The defeated English were reduced to servitude and became the vassals of the conquerors and gradually, as the population increased, the former practice of identity by single names and then of ephemeral patronymics or nicknames became insufficiently definitive, hence the adoption of hereditary names.

For taxing purposes it was decreed that heads of families would henceforth be recorded by surname and the first English census was ordered by William in 1086, using Irish priests and clerics (monks) as scribes; they being the only ones schooled in the art of writing. Thus came into being the so called "Doomsday Book" containing names that were written as they sounded (phonetically) or as a derivative of a nickname, place name, occupational name, the name of the estate or land on which they toiled, or the name of the over-

lord to whom they were in servitude.

Personal names were used in Ireland before surnames evolved. If two or more people in one community bore the same personal name, some characteristic would be added to differentiate between them—tradenames, etc.

While your family's Coat of Arms confers no special rights they do keep alive designs and honors that might otherwise remain unnoticed. They are similar to a title and are regarded as being common to all those related or descended from the original grantee.

Letters

Dear Sir,

With full awareness of what could be involved, with exhaustive knowledge and with deep personal involvement, I wish to express my regret, indignation and flat contradiction of the pernicious charge made by Mr. E. J. Byrne of the New Jersey State Board, A.O.H. concerning Miss Bernadette Devlin, M. P., and the Irish Civil Rights struggle.

The charge came to my notice in the paper *Twin Circle* and has been given wide dissemination by it and, perhaps, by other newspapers and news media to the incalculable detriment of the pathetically weak Northern Nationalists. The utterance is deplorable above all by its inaccuracy, but no less by the fact that it should be made by a leader of an Irish society in the United States, and should be the precise weapon proffered by the Orange circus sent here in September to discredit Miss Devlin and her followers.

Miss Devlin herself has repeatedly denied this charge, and prominent figures with whom I am in touch likewise denounce it from the Six Counties as being entirely without substance. That there are individuals in the Civil Rights

movement with leftist leanings is not only probable but certain, but these clearly do not contaminate the whole body unless destructive allegations like Mr. Byrne's force it into the belief that all parties except the Marxists are against the crying need in the Six Counties for social reform.

Social reform and political unity must be advanced by everyone interested in the prosperity of Ireland; the Orange tyranny must be destroyed, the British must be urged to relinquish their occupation, and if anyone will lend the Irish Nationalists a hand in accomplishing these vital goals they are to be welcomed. Whoever is not against the Irish Nationalists is for them: they are that weak.

Your organization, Sir, could play an important role at this critical time. Unity in the struggle and unity in the support—these are the imperatives of the moment. For, as Irish history attests all too drearily, disunity and slander have wrecked nearly every effort of the past.

I trust, Sir, that the A.O.H. wishes unity. Then, in the name of this glorious cause, let us refrain from any word or deed that could cause disunity. Let us rather accomplish what has eluded the patriot dead for centuries, the accomplishment that alone can give Ireland peace: national integrity, freedom and justice for all.

Is mise, le meas,
(An t-Ath. Diarmuid O
Dochartaigh)
(Fr. Dermot O'Doherty)

P. S. Kindly transmit this protest to Mr. E. J. Byrne, and the implied urging that accompanies it that he withdraw his allegation and desist from further sabotage.

Fr. Dermot O'Doherty.

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Editor's Note: On December 1, 1969, President Michael L. Delahunty issued a statement which was sent to the major news wire services and to many individual newspapers, in which he declared that Mr. Byrne did not speak for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and that any statement made by Mr. Byrne was made in his own behalf only, and not in behalf of the order.



IN CHRISTMAS PARADE—Brother William J. Donovan of Lawrence, Mass., Essex County commissioner, rides in a 1929 Packard Twin Six Phaeton in the annual South Lawrence Associates Christmas Parade. The car is driven by George Alma of Marblehead, Mass., accompanied by Mrs. Alma. In the back seat with Brother Donovan (left) is Philip Hennessey, clerk of the Essex County Superior Court. Brother Donovan has extended an invitation in the name of Rev. James T. O'Reilly Division, Lawrence, to Art Carney, whose mother was a native of Lawrence, and Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Lawrence on March 15. The Packard will again be the center of attraction. The parade is one of three held in observance of St. Patrick's Day in the state—one in Boston on March 17, also Evacuation Day, a legal holiday commemorating the evacuation of the city by the British, and the other on March 15 in Holyoke. The Lawrence parade is A. O. H. - sponsored.

Five-State Regional Meeting Hosted by Detroit Division

DETROIT, Mich. — The Detroit Amalgamated Division No. 1 was host recently to a weekend regional meeting of representatives from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri.

The festivities got off to a rousing start on the Friday night with an icebreaker in the club hall, with arrangements being handled by the Rose Kennedy Division, Ladies Auxiliary.

The out-of-town guests included Brother John Sundling, Brother Denis Moriarty and Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, of Indiana; Brother and Mrs. James Kelly, Brother and Mrs. John Huswell and Brother Richard Ormond, national director, of Ohio; Brother and Mrs. Joseph Lanham and Brother and Mrs. J. Ray Barrett of Kentucky; Brother John Shaughnessy, Brother Vincent Walker, Brother Joseph Maloney, Brother Joseph Clark and Brother John M. "Jack" Keane, national liaison officer, all of Missouri.

At the business session the following day, Brother Sullivan was chosen chairman. The opening remarks were by brother William Byrne of Detroit. Brother Kelly of Ohio discussed the status of divisions and dues; Brother Keane of Missouri spoke on the financial picture on the national level and recommended a serious need for an increase in the national per capita tax to help support national programs, and Brother Ormond of Ohio outlined the aims and purposes of the A.O.H. in today's changing world.

Following a luncheon recess, the members were taken on a tour of Detroit's Civic Center and the convention area, Cobo Hall, by Brother William Finnin, who is director of the Civic Center.

Wives of the out-of-town members were entertained during the afternoon at a luncheon

at the Top of the Flame and a shopping trip to the sister-city of Windsor, Ontario.

For the men, it was back to business for the afternoon with discussions centering on the Freedom for All Ireland Committee of the national board, and the status of the campaign for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. Brother Ormond discussed conditions in Northern Ireland today and the events which led to the current plight.

A cocktail hour and banquet attended by 80 members and guests at the Pick Fort Shelby

Hotel climaxed the day's activities. Dinner speaker was Malcolm Dooley, brother of the late Dr. Tom Dooley, who spoke on the Dr. Tom Dooley Foundation.

On Sunday morning, the members participated in Mass at Detroit Catholic Central High School.

The major degrees of the order were exemplified for a class of 39 candidates in the afternoon by members of the Dayton, Ohio, degree team, headed by Brother Michael Coogan.

What's in a Name?

Names are not just labels. All of them have meaning, linking the bearer to his past.

Fr. Edmund J. Murray, C.S.C., one of the founders of the A.O.H. division in South Bend, Ind., and a professor of Irish history at the University of Notre Dame, is now completing his second volume on Irish history.

Fr. Murray also is compiling a list of Irish surnames, as he describes it, "From Aaelen to Zimmerman (believe it or not) the litany of Irish family names runs!"

A brief summary on the history of these names will appear in *The National Hibernian Digest* as a regular feature, thanks to Fr. Murray.

Following are his first two contributions. Watch for your family name, with its history, in subsequent editions.

Abbot: The modern genealogical Irish scholar Edward MacLysaght, who has published several volumes in recent years on Irish surnames, suggests that the name Abbot (there are more than a dozen Abbots listed in the current National Irish Phone Book), for centuries a common Anglo-Irish surname,

really is a derivative of Abraham. His authority is the earlier Woulfe. MacLysaght mentions that the name is found in ancient Church and government records dating back to the time of the Normans (12th and 13th Centuries).

Atkins: Originally an English name, as anyone can recall upon hearing reference to the English Tommy Atkins, a term of affection pinned on the English soldiers. The earliest appearance of the name in Ireland seems to have been the 1500's during the reign of the Tudors. There was a small section of confiscated Irish land in the 16th Century within the confines of County Meath called "Akinsacre," no doubt the name given to holding held by English planters. There are evidences also of 17th Century migrants from England to County Cork with the name Atkins, several of them living around Youghal and becoming successful business families. There is a close connection between Atkins (originally in English "Adkin") and the surname Adam or MacAdam.

Ballingeary Native**Los Angeles Archbishop Irish-Born Canon Lawyer**

LOS ANGELES — Archbishop Timothy Manning, the new leader of the more than 1,700,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, regards his new assignment as "an expression of the will of our heavenly Father."

The 60-year-old prelate succeeded automatically to the post January 21 when James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, 83, announced his retirement.

Archbishop Manning, who was named coadjutor archbishop with the right of succession last June, was a former Auxiliary Bishop in Los Angeles for 11 years.

On the notification of Cardinal McIntyre's retirement and his succession, Archbishop Manning said:

"We have nursed no ambition toward this position as an honor to be pursued. It is accepted as an expression of the will of our heavenly Father."

"We pledge to spend our lives and be spent in the fulfillment of that will, of loving those we serve even though we ourselves be loved less. We place ourselves as mendicants to be the charity of the prayers of those for whom we are anointed and commissioned, so that God's Name will be hallowed, His kingdom advanced, and His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

Archbishop Manning was born in Ballingearry, County Cork, November 15, 1909. Educated at Mungret College in Limerick, and at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., he was ordained June 13, 1934, in Los Angeles.

He studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome from 1935 to 1938, earning a doctorate in canon law. He was secretary to Archbishop John J. Cantwell in August 1946 when he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles.

When Pope Paul VI divided the Monterey-Fresno diocese into two separate sees, Archbishop Manning was named the first head of the Diocese of Fresno and was installed December 15, 1967.

Matthew Kelly Dies; Was IRA Veteran

QUEENS, N. Y. — The death took place on December 23, 1969, of Brother Matthew J. Kelly, 78-89 83rd Street, Glendale, at the age of 67.

Brother Kelly was a native of Gurteen, Donohill, County Tipperary, and served during the Civil War in Ireland as a member of the Fourth Battalion, Third Tipperary Brigade. He was imprisoned in Limerick, Kilmainham and Mountjoy Prisons, and also in the Tintown Prison Camp in 1922.

He came to the United States in 1925 and settled in Queens. He retired last year as a crew dispatcher for the New York Transit Authority, having been employed by the city since his arrival in 1925.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Johanna Kelly; three sons, Thomas, Philip and Denis, and a sister, Mrs. Mary O'Neill, in Ireland.



Archbishop Manning

Comerford Heads New York Parade Committee Again

NEW YORK — Judge James J. Comerford, past national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has been unanimously elected to another term as chairman of the 1970 St. Patrick's Day Parade here.

Re-elected with Brother Comerford to conduct the city's 208th annual tribute to St. Patrick were John W. Duffy, vice chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, recording secretary; Thomas B. Galligan, financial secretary; Francis P. Beirne, treasurer; John Clune, sergeant-at-arms, and Nicholas J. Farley, John P. Collins, and Vincent "Pat" Rogers, directors.

The parade, to be held on St. Patrick's Day up famed Fifth Avenue, is co-sponsored with the A.O.H. by Clan na Gael of Greater New York, Cumann na mBan Inc., Friends of Irish Freedom, Irish Republican Army Veterans, Emerald Societies of New York City, Irish County organizations and kindred Irish societies, and the United Irish Counties Association of Greater New York.

Following the meeting, the committee members saw the first showing of a special film on the parade prepared by Irish International Airlines. The 12-minute film, *The Big Parade*, was introduced by Carl O'Sughrue, public relations officer for Irish Airlines. A second Aer Lingus film, *Shamrocks Sky High*, also was shown.

Ireland Mourns Dan Breen; Patriot, Freedom Fighter

DUBLIN — The entire Irish nation mourned the death on December 27 of Dan Breen, patriot, freedom fighter in the anti-British battles after 1916 in Tipperary and Dublin, a founder of the Fianna Fail party and longtime member of the Dail.

Mr. Breen is credited with firing the first shot at Soloheadbeg January 21, 1919, when he held up armed police guarding ammunition. He subsequently

Ten New Divisions Formed; Finn Organizer for Three

The 1968-69 period was one of growth of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States, with 10 new divisions being organized.

Brother Timothy Finn, national organizer, was responsible for three of the new divisions, all in New York State.

The new divisions organized are:

Division 5, Rockland County, N. Y., Brother Finn.

Division 15, Nassau County, N. Y., organized by Brother Edward Kalbfleisch.

Division 1, Arlington County, Va., Brothers George Zahn, Charles B. Vaughan and Norman Wood.

Division 1, Oakland County, Mich., Brother George H. Lauster.

Division 1, Orange County, N. Y., Brother Finn.

Division 1, Delaware County, Pa., Brother Joseph E. Montgomery.

Division 1, Camden County, N. J., Brother William F. Clisham Jr.

Division 1, Warren County, N. Y., Brothers L. Patrick Jones, Edward Duane and John P. Higgins.

Division 6, New York Coun-

ty, N. Y., Brother James Cameron.

Division 1, Ulster County, N. Y., Brother Finn.

All assistant national organizers and state organizers are urged to redouble their efforts to have all new divisions set up before the national convention in August.

Members with relatives, friends or other contacts in areas where there are no

A.O.H. units are urged to send their names to the national organizer or the national secretary so that they may be contacted to help in forming new divisions in their communities.

Organization is the work of every Hibernian, who should be zealous for the increase in membership both in his own division, and in areas where the possibility of new divisions shows itself.

Judging in March to Choose Recipient of Kennedy Medal

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — February 20 is the deadline for all State Boards to meet on their nomination for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, awarded each year by the National Board to an Irishman in recognition of his contribution to Irish cultural development, as well as performing outstanding public service.

Brother Lawrence Neary, national chairman, has sent to every state, county and division president, the time schedule and criteria for nominating candidates for the highest recognition of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Last year's recipient, it will

be recalled, was Col. James McDivitt, U. S. astronaut and member of the A.O.H. The first John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal was presented to Brother James A. Farley, former Postmaster General of the United States and currently serving as chairman of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund campaign. Brother Joseph Brennan, past national treasurer, of New Jersey, also has been honored.

On receiving all nominations from state presidents, Brother Neary will meet with his committee prior to March 10 to ballot on all candidates for the honor. Announcement will be made within one week of the decision of the committee.

Serving on the national committee are Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president; Brother Cornelius Collins, national vice president; Brother J. William Reagan, national treasurer; Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, and the following appointees of the chairman: Brother John K. Henry of Norwalk, Brother Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan of Jersey City, N. J., past national president, and Brother Michael Coogan, Dayton, O.

The candidate, to be chosen to receive the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, must receive a majority vote of the committee. In the event of no majority, a run-off will be held between the two top candidates. In the event of a tie vote, the two will be named co-recipients, to be equally honored.

Sen. Kennedy Will Join In Historian's Debates

DUBLIN — Senator Edward Kennedy is to pay a brief visit to Ireland at the beginning of March. He has been invited to address the bi-centennial meeting of Trinity College Historical Society March 3.

The Senator's office in Washington confirmed that he has accepted the invitation, but said that his travel arrangements were not yet completed.

The visitors will also include Prof. Andreas Papandreou, the exiled Greek leader, who will take part in a debate on an international theme.

The major events will begin March 3 with an opening address, followed by a debate March 4. On March 6 there will be another debate by eminent Irishmen on a theme of Irish interest.

Senator Kennedy is one of a number of prominent guests



Senator Kennedy

who have been invited to Dublin to take part in a week-long series of debates, celebrating the bicentenary of the Historical Society.

Aer Lingus Offers Bargain Holiday

By way of a Springtime "Special", Irish International Airlines is offering an eight-day tour of Ireland for only \$255.

And, like most special buys, this one is available for a limited time only—on fixed departure dates from January 30 through February 28 and for groups of 15 people or more.

Included in the \$255 package is round trip economy air fare (from New York) first class hotel accommodations throughout, Irish breakfast every day and a car with unlimited mileage.

To help you choose an itinerary, the airline will supply a list of hotels in 25 major cities and towns in Ireland.

In Memoriam

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Brother Thomas E. Barrett
Div. 34, Homestead, Pa.
Mayor, Homestead, Pa.;
former member State
House of Representatives
and State Senate.

Died November 17, 1969

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Miss Veronica Ann Adams
Ladies Auxiliary, Omaha, Neb.
May 11, 1969

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Brother Matthew J. Kelly
Glendale, N. Y.
December 23, 1969

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Brother Patrick Moriarty
Waterbury, Conn.
December, 1969

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Brother Christopher O'Herlihy
Norwalk, Conn.
January 11, 1970

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Sister Anna M. Carroll
Vice President, LA,
Division 5, Trenton, N. J.
January 16, 1970

Hyland Heads N. Y. Div. 3

NEW YORK — Edward P. Hyland was installed January 14 as president of Division 3, New York County, at the regular monthly meeting.

Other officers inducted are William P. McCooe, vice president; Michael A. McGarry, recording secretary; Frank M. Brady, financial secretary; Michael Cusack, treasurer; Aloysius I. Melia, chairman of grievance committee; Thomas Lynch, marshal; Joseph J. O'Reilly, sentinel; William Burke, junior past president, and James M. Grundy, Michael J. Keane and Michael Carty, trustees.



NAMED CHAIRMAN — Brother George R. Reilly, past national president, has been named chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, the state's tax commission. Brother Reilly, a former Digest editor, recently visited Ireland, England and Rome, and participated in a general audience of Pope Paul VI. For the 30th consecutive year, Brother Reilly has been named chairman for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco, sponsored by the United Irish Societies.



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From the National President

On the Progress of the Relief Fund

49 Divisions in Country Aid Needy in Northern Ireland

"This is probably my most important communication with our order since I became president. It concerns the Northern Ireland Relief Fund." With this statement, Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, opened a letter to all officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, reporting on the status of the Fund as of February 20 last.

As of that date, a total of \$70,493.95 had been received at Newark, N. J., and only slightly more than half of that amount from the divisions across the country. Some \$30,747.35 came in from special gifts directly to the Fidelity Union Trust Company, and not through any division.

Of the 242 divisions in 27 states, Brother Delahunty reported, only 49 had reported gifts and sent in any money.

With this article is a report by states of the reports received and the amounts received from the various divisions.

To "reaffirm our confidence and determination for ultimate success," Brother Delahunty wrote to the order's leadership, a telephone conference was held among the members of the national board, each of whom accepted regional responsibility to supervise the continuation of the fund drive.

A breakdown of the areas of responsibility accepted by the members of the national board includes: **California:** Edward F. Callanan; **Connecticut:** Lawrence Neary; **Delaware:** George A. Zahn; **Illinois:** Stephen T. O'Malley; **Indiana:** Richard Ormond; **Kentucky:** Brother Ormond; **Kansas:** J. Frank O'Connor; **Maryland:** George Zahn; **Massachusetts:** Walter O'Leary and Daniel Herlihy; **Michigan:** Brother Ormond; **Minnesota:** Brother O'Connor; **Missouri:** John M. "Jack" Keane; **Montreal, Quebec:** John D. Rooney; **Montana:** Brother Callanan; **Maine:** Cornelius Collins and Brothers O'Leary and Herlihy; **Nebraska:** Brother O'Connor; **New Hampshire:** Brothers Collins, O'Leary and Herlihy; **New Jersey:** Michael L. Delahunty, Harold J. Cass, John M. Leahy; **New York:** Timothy Finn, Michael Gray, Michael J. Lennon, J. William Reagan; **Ohio:** Brother Ormond; **Pennsylvania:** Thomas Gibson and Joseph A. Roche; **Rhode Island:** Brothers Collins, O'Leary and Herlihy; **Texas:** Brother Keane; **Vermont:** Brothers Collins, O'Leary and Herlihy; **Virginia:** Brother Zahn; **Wisconsin:** Brother O'Malley, and **Washington, D. C.,** Brother Zahn.

The home addresses of each
(Continued on page 4)

Winners Named In National Essay Contest

BALDWIN, Md. — Brother Joseph A. Roche, national historian, has announced the names of the winners in the national essay contest, recently completed.

Judges in the three competitions were a group of School Sisters of Notre Dame of St. Pius X School, Baltimore, under the chairmanship of Sister Robertine Griffen, S.S.N.D.

In competition No. 1, open to elementary school pupils who wrote 1,000 to 1,200-word essays on **Patrick Henry Pearse, Irish Patriot**, first prize, a gold medal and \$100 United States Savings Bond, was awarded to John Grant of Alexandria, Va.; second prize, silver medal and \$50 savings bond, Hugh F. McGough, Pittsburgh, Pa.; third prize, bronze medal and \$25 bond, Loretta Studer, Indianapolis, Ind.

Competition No. 2, on **The**
(Continued on page 2)



PLAN DINNER — The Kings County (N. Y.) Boards, AOH and LA, will honor Brother John F. Geoghan (above) at a testimonial dinner-dance in the Fall, in recognition of his 43 years of membership and activity in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Brother John F. Curry of Division 35, Flatbush, and Sister Lillian Wilkening, president of Division 17, LA, are serving as co-chairmen of the event. Brother Geoghan has served as division president, county president, state and national secretary.



St. Patrick, Patron of the Irish

State Boards in N. J. Honor Patron at Mass

NEWARK, N. J. — The annual Mass in honor of St. Patrick, sponsored by the New Jersey State Boards, AOH and LA, was offered on St. Patrick's Day at 10 a.m. in St. Rose of Lima Church, Orange and Gray Streets, with our national chaplain, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, presiding.

Msgr. John T. Lawlor, state chaplain and deputy national chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass.

In his announcement of the annual spiritual observance of St. Patrick's Day, Msgr. Lawlor stated:

"This Mass has probably by now earned the distinction of a tradition and we hope that it will be honored as such by all our members. It is rather un-

fortunate that seemingly far more importance is attached to dinners, dances and beauty contests as a means of honoring our Patron Saint than a spiritual function which certainly emphasizes our whole basic relationship with St. Patrick.

"He was neither our discoverer nor our physical progenitor; he didn't lead our forebears as a conquering hero. His claim to our affection and reverence is as an apostle of the Gospel of Christ, nothing more or nothing less.

"If we are to really show a proper awareness of this unique relationship, it should be demonstrated by an event where we exemplify our loyalty to, and practice of, the Faith he gave us. Anything else, while giving us the opportunity to socialize, is really irrelevant."

Digest Becomes Member Of Catholic Press Assn.

At the meeting on January 16 of the board of directors of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, the application of **The National Hibernian Digest** for membership in the association was approved.

A letter from James A. Doyle, executive director of the association made up of Catholic newspapers, magazines, general publishers, welcomed the Digest to membership and offered the services of the New York office.

The Catholic Press Association keeps a watch on legislation which will affect the tax status of non-profit organizations; postal regulations affecting the costs of mailing; provides information and hints on soliciting advertising, increasing circulation, improving the publication in many ways through the exchange of experiences of editors, circulation and advertising managers.

In addition, the Digest will be listed in the **Catholic Press Directory** for 1970-71, to be published later in the year.

"I am writing to welcome you officially to the Catholic Press Association as an active publication member," wrote Mr. Doyle. Our board of directors approved your membership at a meeting in New York on 16 January, 1970.

"I hope you'll let us know we can be of special help. We look forward to being of service to you and your publication."

Another step upward for the **National Hibernian Digest!**

Human Rights Recommendations

DUBLIN—In the course of its January session the Consultative Assembly, which is the parliamentary organ of the Council of Europe, unanimously passed a recommendation which, among other things, recommended that an additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights be drafted covering the prohibition of discrimination in the fields of national and local elections and in the fields of housing and access to employment.

The recommendation springs from an initiative taken by the Irish delegation and others at the September, 1969, session of the assembly.

The relevant paragraph of the recommendation asks that the committee of ministers:

(1) instruct the Committee of Experts on Human Rights to draft an additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights which would secure the equal treatment of persons in the enforcement of the law and prohibit discrimination in the exercise of the following rights:

- (a) the right to participate with equal voting rights in national and local elections based on the fair delineation of electoral boundaries;
- (b) the right of access to employment, particularly in central and local

government services, in state and semi-state companies and public bodies financed wholly or partly out of central or local government funds, and in private industries partly financed or subsidized by state or local bodies;

- (c) the right to the equitable allocation of dwellings and of resources required to provide dwellings wholly or partly financed out of public funds;
- (d) the right of access to the public service.

(2) submit the draft protocol to the assembly for its opinion before signature by member governments.

1972 Convention In Dublin?

NEW YORK — Recent inquiries by the Irish Tourist Board indicate that the City of Dublin would like to entertain the 1972 biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, according to Brother Timothy P. Finn, national organizer.

Maurice Dunne of the Irish Tourist Board here, is preparing a presentation to the August convention in Indianapolis, with a special package program for the trip.

Kilkenny Castle Is Turned Over To Government

KILKENNY, Ireland — A tribute to "the faith and perseverance of the people of Kilkenny" was paid recently by Noel Lemass, parliamentary secretary to the Irish Minister for Finance, when, on behalf of the Commissioner of Public Works, he accepted the deeds of Kilkenny Castle from its Restoration and Development Society. The castle had been made over to the society by Lord Ormonde for a nominal payment of £50, and since then it already has been partly restored.

Mr. Lemass said: "Having survived intact for so many centuries, it would have been unthinkable that it would be allowed to moulder away and become another ruined relic of the past.



Joseph Meehan

Meehan Opens Law Offices In New Jersey

LONG BRANCH, N. J. — Brother Joseph Meehan, past president of Division No. 4 here, and now serving as Monmouth County president and as a state director, has announced the opening of his own law offices in this Shore city.

Recently appointed an assistant prosecutor in Monmouth County, Brother Meehan had been associated with the law firm of Potter and Gagliano in Long Branch since his graduation from New York University School of Law in 1966. He also is a former member of the faculty of St. Rose School, Belmar.

While at NYU, Brother Meehan was the recipient of the University Remission Grant and the Herbert H. Hirschorn Award. He also holds a baccalaureate degree from Middlebury College, Vermont, where he achieved the dean's list and received the Middlebury Scholar Award and Erwin Travelli Award.

In addition to his offices with the A.O.H., Brother Meehan is an officer of the Greater Long Branch Jaycees, and holds membership in Southern Monmouth Community Center, Shore Athletic Club, St. Rose Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus Council 335, and the Christopher Columbus Club.

Professionally, he is a member of the New Jersey and Monmouth County Bar Associations, American Trial Lawyers Association and the Monmouth County Legal Aid Society.



INSTALLATION-INITIATION—Initiation of new members, followed by installation of officers and a dance and buffet highlighted the closing day of January for the members of Rev. James T. O'Reilly Division in Lawrence, Mass. The event was attended by state and county officers with Essex County President John J. McCarthy officiating at the installation. It was the fourth exemplification of the Shamrock Degree held by the division in recent months, with a reported increase of some 300 members, the largest in Massachusetts. New members gather around their officers and honored guests, seated, left to right, Brother William J. Donovan, county vice president; Brother Edward F. White, division financial secretary; Brother Martin M. Fitzgerald, recording secretary; Brother McCarthy, Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, J.C.D., division and county chaplain; Brother Thomas J. Lane, former Member of Congress and a councillor to the Massachusetts governor; Brother John J. Buckley, former mayor of the City of Lawrence, division vice president; Brother Joseph F. Devan, treasurer; Brother Thomas Burke, chairman of the grievance committee; Brother Kevin McCarthy, sentinel, and Brother Francis A. Calnan, state president. The division sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance March 14 in St. Mary's Auditorium, Lawrence. Tom Kelley's Orchestra played. The annual St. Patrick's Day parade was held Sunday, March 15.

A Chapter in Irish History

DANIEL O'CONNELL --- 1775-1848

Relating to his successful struggle for Catholic Emancipation and his unsuccessful struggle for repeal of the union with Britain in the 1840's.

Daniel O'Connell was born in 1775, the son of a small landlord in County Kerry. He was one of the first Catholics to enter the legal profession after Catholics were permitted to do so, in 1792, and he was called to the bar in 1798.

He quickly became one of Ireland's most successful barristers, and soon began to pursue a career in politics as well as practicing at the bar. From 1814 until 1847, when he died, he was considered the most prominent politician in Ireland.

Although Daniel O'Connell's career was long and well packed, we will read about two of the most important fights he waged.

O'Connell firmly believed in Catholic Emancipation and he began his struggle by forming the Catholic Association in 1823.

Until this time, say from about the 1790's, Catholics could vote in the parliamentary elections, maintain schools and join the professions. But they could not sit in Parliament, he judges, colonels in the army, captains in the navy or be ministers in the Government or hold any except the most junior offices in the Civil Service.

An important difference between the Catholic Association and previous attempts at Catholic organization is that rather than being confined to a clique of well-to-do Catholics, it was aimed at a mass membership which was to be secured in two ways.

First, the Catholic clergy were called upon to give aid. Previously the clergy had not played much part in the Catholic movement. Distributed as they were all over the country, and being trusted by their people, they were ideally situated to be local agitators.

Secondly, the association formed what was called the Catholic Rent. The subscription was a penny a month, so low that even the poorest could

pay and as a result, thousands joined the association and the pennies of the poor soon amounted to a larger income than the previous associations had received from the subscriptions of the rich.

The psychological effect was just as important as the income, for to pay a subscription to a movement increases one's interest and as a result of the Catholic Rent, many thousands of Catholics from all walks of life were identified with the association. Some observers noticed a change in the morale and corporate spirit of the Catholic body.

A general election occurred in 1826. Catholics couldn't sit in Parliament but they had the vote and formed a majority of the electorate in most of the Irish counties. The voters were mostly tenant farmers and had generally voted for the nominee favored by their landlord.

As a result, in many counties, those opposed to Catholic Emancipation were voted back to Parliament by a largely Catholic electorate.

The Catholic Association put a stop to this by persuading the voters to vote according to their religious beliefs and not because of the landlord's wishes.

In the general elections of 1826, four counties — Waterford, Westmeath, Louth and Monaghan — voted out sitting members who were in opposition to Catholic claims and replaced them with new members who, of course, were Protestant, but nonetheless sympathetic to Catholic Emancipation. This was due to the organizing power of O'Connell and the association.

Money was provided by the Catholic Rent and the clergy canvassed the electors and led them to the polls. After the election, any voter who was victimized by his landlord was helped from the funds of the Catholic Association.

In the famous Clare election of 1828 the association won a spectacular triumph. Even though O'Connell, being Catholic, couldn't sit in Parliament, there was no law which prohibited him from becoming a candidate, and it was decided that he would run against a resident landlord who had been a member for 10 years.

He was regarded highly among his tenants and was himself friendly to Catholic Emancipation. He had taken office in a government which was opposed to Catholic claims and the association was bound by resolution to oppose any member of such a government. Accordingly, O'Connell ran against Vesey Fitzgerald and won the election 2,057 to 982.

At this time the Duke of Wellington was the head of the British Government and the most important member of that government was Sir Robert Peel. Both of these men opposed Catholic Emancipation, but neither was immovable in this matter.

O'Connell said he wanted freedom, but by peaceful means. However, with the large number of Catholics in the police and army, the Government wasn't sure it could count on the loyalty of its forces if a confrontation came about.

Another consideration which weighed with Wellington and Peel, even if they wished to pursue a policy of holding down the Catholics, was that they couldn't be sure if they would be supported by a majority in Parliament. The House of Commons voted a slight majority in favor of emancipation, but the House of Lords carried a majority against it.

Not having much choice, Wellington and Peel introduced the Catholic Emancipation Bill in the parliamentary session of 1829 and only a minority contested it.

On the 13th of April, 1829,

the Catholic Emancipation Act became law.

True, Catholics were still barred from the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland and from the Lord Chancellors of England and Ireland, but they could be MPs, Cabinet members, judges, generals and admirals.

Even though the number of Catholics interested in any of these positions was limited, it did much for the morale of all to have this stigma of inequality removed.

This victory left O'Connell as the hero of the Irish people. For 12 years after the Emancipation Act he used his influence to support the Liberal Party feeling this was in Ireland's best interests.

In 1841 the Liberals lost out in a general election and the Conservatives returned to power. Their Prime Minister was Sir Robert Peel, the man who was for so long opposed to Catholic Emancipation and who gave in only when it was no longer possible to do otherwise.

O'Connell had always hoped to restore to Ireland her own parliament and now that her enemies were back in power he felt there was no sense in delaying.

He began the campaign for the repeal of the union between Ireland and Great Britain. O'Connell, of course, had the people of Ireland behind him.

He founded a Repeal Association which was run similar to the Catholic Association. He collected Repeal Rent, which yielded much more than the Catholic Rent had ever done, and he secured the help of the Catholic clergy whom he was able to use as local organizers.

O'Connell organized meetings which were called "monster" meetings because of the size of the crowds who attended. He felt that by organizing these tremendous meetings that the demonstrations of the will of the Irish people would itself be enough to ensure the conversion of the British Parliament to repeal.

But O'Connell in the House of Commons had only a handful of supporters, about 20 members, and Liberals as well as Conservatives were united against him. He had no support to speak of in the House of Lords. His opposition was great in numbers and so was their determination.

O'Connell did all in his power to fight for repeal until his death in 1847, but long before this it was clear that he had failed.

Daniel O'Connell did more than anyone else in his lifetime to arouse the political consciousness of the Irish Catholic people.

Joseph A. Roche

National Historian

Essay Contest Winners Named

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Life and Works of St. Patrick, was open to high school students in grades nine to 12. Winner of first place was David Falkner, Indianapolis; second, James Ferry, Indianapolis, and third, James Graham, Louisville, Ky.

Two winners were selected in Competition No. 3, open to members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and adult friends, as well as college and

university students. The topic for discussion in a 2,000- to 2,500-word dissertation was **Comparison and Significance of the Literatures of Ireland; Gaelic and Early Ireland, as Opposed to Modern and the English Language.** The judges chose the work of Jerome F. Hogan, 818 Lincoln Street, Elmira, N. Y., for the first prize medal and bond. Second prize went to Thomas F. Murphy, 91-32 114th Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.



DELAHUNTY IN VISIT — Brother Michael L. Delahanty, national president, attended the installation of officers of the Binghamton, N. Y. Division, at the same time accepting a check from the new president for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. Seated are Mayor Alfred Libous of Binghamton, left, and Mayor James McCabe of the Village of Johnson City. Standing, left to right, are Brother Timothy P. Finn, national organizer, Brother Delahanty, and Brother Richard Savage, newly installed president in Binghamton.

Finn To Organizers

Provide Leadership in Drive For Funds to Relieve Needy

ORANGEBURG, N. Y. — Brother Timothy P. Finn, national organizer, has issued a call to all organizers across the nation to serve as a source of inspiration to the membership at large in seeking gifts for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund.

In a statement issued to organizers on all levels, Brother Finn called for the exemplification of the leadership expected of those men who assume the post of organizer. His statement follows:

"We are at present engaged in a do-or-die effort to raise funds for the suffering people of Northern Ireland. In many areas interest is exceedingly high. It is hoped that a spirit of competition will arise so that the utmost will be achieved in all areas.

"The Northern Ireland Relief Fund has provided a national feeling which has been lacking for decades. The desire to actively engage in the drive on the part of non-members will be increased by locally publicizing the drive.

"As organizers it is incumbent that you provide the leadership and inspiration for all members in your immediate areas. Where some who should be leading have either failed or have refused to provide that leadership in behalf of the 20,000 homeless men, women and children in Northern Ireland, the organizers should take up the task of leading in this act of Christian Charity.

"The prestige of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is at stake, as is the ability or desire of the Irish in America to achieve this goal. We must prove to all that we have a progressive and constructive organization.

"Brothers, I cannot stress enough how vital the next few months are to the future of the A.O.H. Your efforts in this project will bring you in contact with many, thus the opportunity of increasing our membership also will result. It is you, the organizer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, whom our national president has asked to make this goal a reality."

To the general membership, Brother Finn called for action rather than words to bolster the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. He urged the membership to support the campaign to create a wave of green — dollars — which will sweep across the Atlantic.

"We who boast and sing of Irish traditions," Brother Finn declared, "are now being challenged — not on the battlefield, but in our Christian Charity.

"There has been no call to arms; just a simple appeal to share a minute portion of the fortunes bestowed upon us. Is there one among us who now would sing of Mother Machree,

knowing that today her home may be a shack or a tent, or one of deep sorrow and want?

"In the weeks ahead, as we approach St. Patrick's Day, will you sing of Kevin Barry, of Sean South; will you proclaim to the world how Irish you are, and boast of the heroes of Ireland's history?

"Will you speak of the Rising of 1916 and march proudly on the glorious feast day? Will you do all of these things and still give nothing!!! Which of these descriptions fits you best, or are you part of all of them?

"Well, lads and lassies, put down that glass; silence the tongue, and dig — dig deeply into that pocket and put the green where it belongs.

"Support the Northern Ireland Relief Fund and create a gigantic green wave that will cross the Atlantic. A green wave that will carry a message which will be heard a million times!

"Yes, brothers and sisters in need, we have heard your cries for help, and we are heeding your appeals to us of the same race! The Green Wave is coming over!!"

Warnock Succeeds Fay As Irish Ambassador

DUBLIN — William Warnock, Ireland's Ambassador to Canada since 1967, has been appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States. Ireland's most recent Ambassador in the Washington post, William P. Fay, died last September.

The announcement of his appointment, along with other diplomatic changes, was made

recently by the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Warnock will be replaced in Canada by Joseph F. Shields, who has been serving as Ambassador to the Holy See. Mr. Shields has represented Ireland in Boston, Washington, New York, the United Nations, Italy and Turkey.

O'Donnell Leads New York Parade Honoring Patron Saint of Irish

NEW YORK — John 'Kerry' O'Donnell, K.S.G., prominent New York businessman and leader of the Gaelic Athletic Association in New York, was installed March 3 as grand marshal of the 1970 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Brother O'Donnell led some 120,000 marchers up famed Fifth Avenue on St. Patrick's Day. Brother James J. Comerford, past national president, served as chairman of the parade committee.

Nine members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were elected by the 293 delegates to the parade committee among 11 aides to the grand marshal.

Aides from among the Ancient Order of Hibernians delegates are Brother Patrick J. Thompson, Patrick J. O'Leary, John F. Curry, Patrick J. Curran, Michael J. Gormley, James Feeley, Joseph F. Price, John J. Farrelly and Raymond J. Sheridan. Also chosen as aides are Matthew P. Higgins of the United Irish Counties Association, and James Barney Fergu-



John 'Kerry' O'Donnell

son of the Emerald Societies.

For more than 40 years, Brother O'Donnell has been associated with the GAA of New York, as member, officer and president. A well known restaurateur, Brother O'Donnell has retained Gaelic Park in New York City, home of Irish games in the area, hosting local and Irish teams.

His philanthropic work in behalf of the missions and of innumerable missionaries seeking aid was recognized by Pope Paul VI in 1969, when he named Brother O'Donnell a Knight of St. Gregory the Great.

A native of Tralee, County Kerry, Brother O'Donnell is the father of eight children.

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N. J. Convention June 4-6 In Atlantic City Hotel

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Sheraton-Deauville Hotel and Motor Inn will be the scene June 4-5-6, of the biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary of New Jersey.

Brother Robert J. Fastow, state vice president, and candidate for the office of state president, is serving as general chairman of a large committee planning the event. Sister Anita L. Brennan, LA state president, is chairlady.

Registration fee for the convention will be \$20, including an ice breaker for Thursday evening, June 4; a Communion breakfast June 5, and the convention banquet for Saturday night, June 6. The two retiring state presidents are honored at the opening night icebreaker.

Mrs. John T. Lawler, state chaplain, will offer a Mass on Friday morning, opening the convention, followed by the breakfast. Permission has been received from Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden for the Mass to be offered in the hotel.

Business meetings will get under way at 1 p.m. on Friday, continuing during Saturday.

A Mass for all deceased members will be offered on Saturday morning, and the banquet that night will conclude the convention activities.

The Child

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands." —Abraham Lincoln

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Relief Fund

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of the above national officers may be found in the listing of national officers which appears in each edition of the Digest. If division officers have failed to do anything on the Fund drive, interested individual members are invited to contact any of the above for assistance in getting the program under way.

Brother Delahunty pointed out to the state, county and division officers that there are more than 300,000 envelopes and flyers distributed across the nation under the Pyramid System, as explained in the January-February edition of the Digest.

"No division, county or state received an excess of materials," the National President emphasized. "Unless all of these envelopes are in the trunks of cars or destroyed, this system should give us close to the \$1 million goal—without the church collections."

Continuing to address the elected leaders of the order, Brother Delahunty wrote: "Therefore it is incumbent upon you to motivate your men into action and to pursue the return of these envelopes. Materials that have been given to members should be followed up by a personal visit or at least a telephone call to request their immediate return."

"There is a responsibility on the part of all to return these envelopes. These materials cost money, and if the men who accepted them are apathetic and do not care to do something for our brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland—please ship the materials back to the campaign office!"

"There are many people of good will who would accept the responsibility of visiting 10 of their friends to receive their gifts for this noble and worthy cause. Our results to date confirm the fact that the only way of raising money is person-to-person."

The National President announced that the Ordinaries of the Archdioceses of Newark, New York and Chicago, and the Dioceses of Providence, Trenton and Brooklyn have given their blessing to the campaign and have granted permission for the membership of the AOH to seek cooperation of the individual pastors in their dioceses to hold collections in their respective churches.

"It is most important that the pastors in these areas be visited personally by the membership. The parishes reported in those areas total 1,818!" Parishes where collections already have been taken up have brought in excellent results, Brother Delahunty pointed out.

"Let's be realistic," he went on, "the Irish in America have

built the Catholic Church in America. Each year collections are conducted for any number of worthy causes, such as relief in Biafra, the Italian Flood Committee. If they can do it so can we! If only a small percentage of the pastors visited give their approval, the returns will be substantial. But they must be visited and asked to participate!"

At a recent special meeting with our national chaplain, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, S.T.D., of Newark, N. J., it was agreed that an intensified effort should be made to secure major gifts of \$1,000 or more. Brother Delahunty asked that the officers and members across the nation submit names of prospective donors in a position to give in such amounts. They will be specially contacted.

Listing the statistics in the campaign to date, Brother Delahunty pointed out:

1) that of the 242 divisions in the United States, only 49 have reported gifts;

2) divisions which have forwarded money, have withheld substantial portions to maintain a bank account, rather than retaining only a nominal sum;

3) eighty percent of the divisions in the country have not reported at all. Most of these divisions have raised money which should be forwarded to the Archbishop at once;

4) the total amount reported, that is, forwarded to the Archbishop at the Fidelity Union Trust Company, is \$70,493.95, despite the known fact that there is much more unreported.

The National President concluded:

"At this time, as we approach St. Patrick's Day, we call upon every Hibernian to examine himself as far as his cooperation in the drive for funds is concerned. Have you given your share? Have you worked to alleviate the suffering in Northern Ireland by seeking aid from friends and relatives? Just what have you done? This is a job for every Hibernian!"

"I, and the members of the national board, call upon all elected officers on all levels to exercise that leadership for which they were elected. We call upon every member of the order to support the Northern Ireland Relief Fund campaign."

"Let every member re-read the pledge of the order which he took on being admitted to the Shamrock Degree. Read it carefully, for the principles therein are truly ideals difficult to achieve, but ideals, which if Hibernianism is to survive in letter and spirit, must be the goal of every Hibernian."

"We cannot fail! It is up to every individual to make this campaign a success."

For the information of division, county and state officers, all checks and donations should be sent to:

Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, S.T.D.
Northern Ireland Relief Fund
Fidelity Union Trust Company
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Newark, N. J. 07101

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Letters

Editor:

The November - December, 1969, issue of the *National Hibernian Digest* has a photograph showing the Massachusetts Major Degree Team in uniform.

It has been my understanding that the Major Degree of our order is a secret ritual, and an admonition to those who receive the Major Degree given during the ceremony.

The lessons to be learned by the candidates can be a pleasure and made much more impressive because they do not know what is going to be said and done. Further, if they do not know in advance the identity of the members of the team conferring the Major Degree, the interest and attention of the candidates is much keener.

Therefore, the publication of the photograph of the Major Degree Team seems to violate the spirit of secrecy which is so essential to the successful and complete fulfillment of the very wonderful lessons of the Major Degree.

It is also suggested that a comprehensive review of the Major Degree and its exemplification be undertaken, to expand and make more uniform the practices and procedures under which they operate. Further, careful consideration should be given to a revision and up-dating of the ritual itself, to make it more meaningful to our membership in this, the latter one-third of the 20th Century.

Fraternally,
Timothy J. Driscoll
Bronx, N. Y.

NIRF Report

State	Divisions	Reporting	To Date	Total
California	10	1	\$ 342.50	\$ 342.50
Connecticut	13	6	14,500.00	14,400.00
Delaware	1	0		
Illinois	14	1	529.00	529.00
Indiana	5	1	300.00	300.00
Kentucky	2	0		
Kansas	2	0		
Maryland	7	5	1,505.00	1,505.00
Massachusetts	22	5	1,528.07	1,728.07
			S. G. 200.00	
Michigan	5	0		
Minnesota	2	0	S. G. 500.00	500.00
Missouri	1	1	744.18	824.18
			S. G. 80.00	
Montreal	1	0		
Montana	1	0		
Maine	1	0		
Nebraska	1	0		
New Hampshire	3	0		
New Jersey	19	9	8,078.00	13,236.35
			S. G. 5,158.35	
New York	77	13	10,500.85	19,294.85
			S. G. 8,794.00	
Ohio	9	0	S. G. 15,000.00	15,000.00
Pennsylvania	31	2	612.00	
			S. G. 1,000.00	1,612.00
Rhode Island	8	1	122.00	122.00
Texas	2	0		
Vermont	1	0		
Virginia	2	0		
Wisconsin	1	0		
Dist. of Col.	1	0	S. G. 1,000.00	1,000.00
Totals	242	49	\$39,746.60	
			S. G. \$30,747.35	\$70,493.95

S.G.—Special Gifts include donations of the hierarchy, organizations and individuals not members of the order, sent directly to Archbishop Boland.

ACTION in Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa. — "Are You a March 17th Irishman?" was the title of a two-column advertisement placed in the February 12 edition of *The Catholic Light*, newspaper of the Diocese of Scranton, by the AOH in Lackawanna County.

The "ad," over the signature of Brother Thomas P. Coyne, county president, calls attention to the plight of the 20,000 homeless in Northern Ireland, and to the work of the AOH in attempting to alleviate their suffering.

Following is the text of the advertisement which reaches directly to the heart of the problem and calls for ACTION to alleviate it.

"Any one, regardless of race, color or creed, can celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Those of us of Irish descent do not have a patent on it! However, many of us are indifferent to Ireland's problems, which exist 365 days of the year. Right now this very day, 20,000 of our people, mostly women and children, are homeless and hungry in Northern Ireland because of the continuing riots and burning there.

"If you have not already contributed to Northern Ireland Relief, please do so NOW! Make your check payable to: Northern Ireland Relief Fund, and mail to: Northern Ireland Relief Fund, P.O. Box 93, Scranton, Pa. 18501.

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THOMAS P. COYNE, President
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Scranton-Lackawanna County

Georgian Court College Sponsors Irish Speakers

LAKEWOOD, N. J. — The Court Players, drama society at Georgian Court College, sponsored a lecture March 9 in the Little Theater by Michael O hAodha, author, playwright and director, who discussed the Irish drama, *From O'Casey to Brendan Behan to Samuel Beckett*.

Mr. O hAodha's lecture was one of a series in the United States sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute.

He has written, directed and produced plays in English and Irish for the BBC and RTE, the Irish national communications network. He is assistant controller of programming for RTE and a director of the Abbey Theater in Dublin.

The Marybelle Kelly Lecture Series presented Senator Michael Yeats of the Irish Senate, son of poet William Butler Yeats, March 2, in the Casino on campus. The lecture topic was Yeats, the Public Man.

Senator Yeats discussed his father's early associations with the Irish Revolutionary Movement and his friendship with the old Fenian, John O'Leary. His work in the Irish Literary Revival and the founding of the Abbey Theater are related to the condition of Ireland in the early days of the 20th Century, and his attitude toward the 1916 Rising also was discussed, as was the elder Yeats' role as a senator in the first independent Irish Parliament.

Falls Church AOH Tops 100 Members

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Col. John Fitzgerald Division, organized December 1, 1968, with 42 members, has now passed the 100 mark in membership—100 active members, according to reports from the division. As witness this fact, meetings are attended by some 35 to 40 members each month.

Not satisfied with its own growth, the division members are now looking to branch out, and plans are being made to form another division in northern Virginia in the near future. President Edward V. Ryan

reports a profit of some \$700 from a recent dance held for the benefit of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund.

For St. Patrick's Day, a drawing with the prize of two round trips to Ireland is planned, Brother George A. Zahn, national director, Washington, D. C., reports.

Officers of the division serving with Brother Ryan are Frederick E. Sheridan, vice president; Peter B. Sheridan Sr., recording secretary; John H. Price, financial secretary, and John Kelly, treasurer.

What's In A Name?

By FATHER EDMUND MURRAY, C.S.C.

COSTELLO: The root meaning of the word is "swift-footed," and according to John Rooney in his *Genealogical History of Irish Names*, the family descends from the Spanish King Milesius whose son, Ir, allegedly settled in Ulster about 1300 B.C. Edward MacLysaght, the modern authority on the origins of Irish names, associates the name Costello with early Anglo-Normans of the 12th Century (Mac Oisdealbh), son of Oisdealbh. In modern times the name of J. A. Costello is significant, this Costello having been the Fine Gael Taoiseach or Prime Minister of Ireland's Republic from 1947 to 1951.

HARTIGAN: Originally from a Dalcassian sept O hArtagdin — ("descendant of the artist"), whose princes ruled in Munster at the time of Brian Boru, High King in the 11th Century. The Hartigans were very well known all throughout southern Ireland and their patriotism and determination to expel foreign invaders have been well established. One of the outstanding military leaders against the Normans in fact at the time of the Battle of Clontarf (1014) was Dunlaing O hArtagdin. There is an anglicized form of the name also, i.e., Hartican.



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To Disband AF Pipers

NEW YORK — In a recent letter to the editor of **The Irish Echo**, Irish-American newspaper here, Brother Peter B. Sheridan Jr., secretary and historian of Col. John Fitzgerald Division of Northern Virginia, called attention to the planned disbanding of the United States Air Force Pipe Band.

Brother Sheridan's letter, which follows, is a call to action by all members of the AOH.

"Dear Sir:

"Last week it was revealed in the Washington (D. C.) papers that the United States Air Force Pipe Band is to be abolished as of June 30. The reason given was that this was part of a general cutback in Air Force spending in Washington. In other words, economy.

"This eleven-man unit is the one which played at the funeral of President Kennedy. Organized in 1949, they have been piping around the world ever

since and have been generally acknowledged to be one of the best pipe bands in the United States. New Yorkers had an opportunity recently to judge for themselves since the Pipe Band was the one unit specifically requested for the Apollo 11 ticker tape parade in New York.

"Scottish-American groups around the country are launching a letter writing campaign to prevent the elimination of this fine band. Since the pipes are as much an Irish as a Scottish heritage we would like to see the Irish groups respond as well. Letters can be written to Senators and Representatives. Whatever is done must be done quickly since the band has been ordered not to play after April 1."

Eoin O'Mahony Dies in Dublin

DUBLIN—The well-known barrister, Knight of Malta and genealogical expert, Eoin O'Mahony, died suddenly February 15. He became ill while visiting the home of a relative in Dublin.

Born in Cork in 1904 and known affectionately as "The Pope," he was a member of the Irish and English Bars, a lecturer, broadcaster and writer.

One time Fianna Fail county councilor in Cork, Chevalier of the Royal Stuart Society, triple gold medalist at Trinity College Historical Society, he was also President of the Law Society at King's Inns.

He turned his attention to such causes as the release of wartime Irish political prisoners from British jails, the defense of Republicans and the campaign for release of Breton prisoners.

He was twice a candidate for the office of President with the plea to have it removed from the political arena.

Joseph Greene Dies; Held Office in N. Y.

FLUSHING, N. Y.—Brother Joseph J. Greene died in Flushing Hospital January 23, after a short illness. He was a native of Belcoo, County Fermanagh.

Active in Irish circles since coming to New York in the late Twenties, he was a member of Division 9, AOH for 40 years and served as division president for eight years. He was also president of the Queens County Board and state vice president.

An active member of the Fermanagh Men's Association, he served as its president for many terms. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Michael's Parish and the Olympia Council of Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the First Fridays.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary Piggoett, Mrs. Helen Rottersman and Miss Teresa Greene, and four brothers: Vincent and Thomas of New York, Francis in England and Philip in Ireland. He was predeceased by another brother, Patrick.

Interment took place in Calvary Cemetery on January 27 following Requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church.



KENNEDY DIVISION INSTALLATION — Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, officiated January 16 at the installation of officers of John F. Kennedy Division 9, New York County, in ceremonies held in the American Legion Hall, Broadway and 215th Street, Manhattan. Seated left to right are Harold Cass, national chairman of Catholic Action; Brother Delahunty, Christopher Cameron, president of Division 9; John Duffy, president, New York County Board, and Michael Finneran, past president and trustee of Division 9. Standing, left to right are Robert McLoughlin, financial secretary; Michael Murphy, vice president; Nicholas Farley, county trustee; Timothy Harnett, president, Division 5, New York County, and state organizer; Timothy Finn, national organizer; Dennis Winters for John Dunleavy, marshal; Stanley White, chairman of the grievance committee; Michael C. Gray of New York, legal counsel to the National President; Desmond Mahon, recording secretary, and John O'Grady, president, Rockland County Board. Not present for the photograph was Terrence Connaughton, division treasurer. Other trustees are John Lawe and Hugh McManus.

Excavation May Uncover Relics Of Cork Secret Jewish Community

CORK, Ireland—A 30-year search by a Cork alderman for a secret Jewish community may be answered within the next few days when a graveyard reputed to exist beneath an old Cork pork factory will be opened.

Alderman Gerald Goldberg, solicitor, has applied to Cork City Manager Walter McEvilly to dig up the foundations beneath the old Lunhams factory at Kemp street, "I hope to find the vital clues about a 17th Century Jewish community which came to Cork, I believe, as Marranos Jews, who had been expelled from Portugal," he said.

Alderman Goldberg said that the description Marranos was an epithet ("swine") applied to Jews who had been converted to Catholicism but who had secretly continued to practice Judaism.

Alderman Goldberg is in the course of completing a long work of writing of the Jews in Cork (the majority are descended from Lithuanian Jews) and he learned that there was a tradition that there was an old Jewish community in Cork when he was a boy.

In the course of his search, Alderman Goldberg discovered a deed which gave him the first clue to the identity of the community and for the past 30 years his search to solve the riddle has taken him to Holland, England and Bermuda.

Impetus to this research was provided when his brother-in-law, Bernard Shillman, discovered a letter in the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in London written by a man named Jacob de Porto in 1745, replying to the Portuguese and Spanish Jews in London, in the course of which Jacob wrote: "I had nothing to do with the community in Dublin, only with that in Cork."

"My subsequent research led me to discover that in 1690 a Marranos Jew, who called himself Isaiah Pereira, arrived in

Cork with a pass from the Williamite commander to bring 28 bakers to the city of Cork to bake bread for the army there. "I am satisfied that Pereira was an undercover agent, that his real name was not Pereira and that the bakers were Marranos Jews", Alderman Goldberg added.

Alderman Goldberg said that the Cork City Manager was extremely sympathetic to his request to dig up the graveyard with a team of excavators and students helpers. He has spent a considerable amount of money and has travelled thousands of miles to try to unravel the riddle.

N. Y. Auxiliary Prepares Scrapbook on Hibernians

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — The New York State Board, Ladies Auxiliary, is preparing an entry in the national scrapbook contest to be held during the national convention in Indianapolis, Ind., in August.

Mrs. Bernice Foy is chairman of this project, and is seeking newspaper clippings, reports and photographs of auxiliary events in New York State during the past year.

All entries should be submitted by June 15 to Mrs. Bernice Foy, c/o Hibernian Home, 733 State Street, Schenectady, N. Y. 12307.

Auxiliarywise

Dear Sisters,
The Feast of the great St. Patrick draws near and we plan affairs in his honor. Through St. Patrick let us thank God for the wonderful gift of faith set deep in our hearts.

Our activities and celebrations honoring Brigid and Patrick should recognize this gift exemplifying Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Let us look forward to a growth in our order as the new decade of the Seventies begins. May our work be a rededication to Christ's Church in this changing world and a renewal of our allegiance to His Holiness Paul VI.

My best wishes for a blessed and happy St. Patrick's Day.

MARY L. KING
National President

Money isn't everything! You see people with diamonds, big cars, furs—do you think they're really happy? You're darned right they are!

Suffolk County Auxiliary Marks St. Brigid's Feast

BAY SHORE, N. Y. — The Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary observed the Feast of St. Brigid, patroness of the auxiliary, February 1 at a special celebration.

The activities opened with Mass in St. Patrick's Church celebrated by Fr. John McGuire, county chaplain. A hot buffet supper was held in St. Patrick's School auditorium.

The supper consisted of Irish recipes. Irish imports, including biscuits, cheese, jams, chocolates and fruit cakes were available for the members and their families. Another feature of the buffet was homemade trifle and soda bread.

St. Brigid's Crosses were sold to those desiring them.

Mrs. Jean McLoughlin, president of Division 3, Smithtown, was chairman.



BACKED FOR OFFICE—The New Jersey State Board, Ladies Auxiliary, has endorsed the candidacy of Sister Margaret Rust above of Burlington, state junior past president and national chairman of Catholic Action for the office of national treasurer in the August elections. As a national officer, Sister Rust has been serving as treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary collections for relief in Northern Ireland.

In Memoriam

Brother John Clune
Division 29
New York City

Brother Thomas H. Jenkins
Division 1
Scranton, Pa.

Brother Joseph J. Greene
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Connecticut Scene

The annual Greenwich A.O.H. St. Patrick's dinner dance was held Saturday, March 7 at the K. of C. Hall. Pete Bellew's Orchestra provided music for dancing.

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Two Communion breakfasts of note took place March 15. The Bridgeport A.O.H. Breakfast was held on that day with Mass being offered at St. Peter's Church and breakfast at Journey's Inn. Past President and State Representative James McLoughlin was chairman.

Mike Murray was chairman of the Stamford Breakfast, also on March 15. The Mass in Stamford was in St. Brigid's Church and breakfast followed at the A.O.H. Hall. Speaker for the breakfast was Stamfordite Tom Feeney, who is Vice President of the White Tower Corp.

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Another Stamford event of note is the annual Feis to be held Sunday, May 31, at the Stamford Museum. Once again Danny Murphy is the general chairman.

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Danbury's annual St. Patrick's dance was held Friday, March 13. Dan Ryan and Jim Leonard were co-chairmen of the gala event. The Bobby Gardiner Orchestra provided the music for dancing.

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Brother William Tobin was chairman of the Norwalk St. Patrick's dance Saturday, March 14 at Artom Manor with Hal Lindy's Orchestra providing the music.

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The newly formed A.O.H. Social Club of Fairfield County held its first dance February 21 at the A.O.H. Hall on Forrest Street, Stamford. Joe Nellany and his Sligo Aces provided the dance music.

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The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by the Irish Societies of New Haven, was held in the Elm City on Sunday, March 15.

New London Irish celebrated March 14 at a semi-formal ball sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Division 2, A.O.H., at the Mohican Hotel.

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Robert Eagan was chairman of the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Ball of the Fr. McKeon Division, New Haven, March 14 at the West Haven State Armory.

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Up Danbury way, Danny Ryan keeps us informed of division happenings. Danny reminds me that the Danbury radio program **Musical Sounds of Ireland** is heard each Sunday at 1 p. m. The host is Phil Gallagher, division vice president, and he is assisted by Paul Burns of Danbury. Danbury's St. Patrick's Dance is on Friday, March 13, and the co-chairmen are Tom Leonard, Galway, and Danny Ryan, Tipperary.

Past Presidents Cited by AOH In Salem, Mass.

SALEM, Mass. — Division 18 of Salem held its annual past presidents' dance in the AOH Hall recently, honoring the division's former leaders.

Rings were presented to Henry Bresnahan, Owen Fallon, James Hogan, Daniel Hourihan, Raymond Morton, Edward Rogers, Lawrence Slavin, Frank Weeloch, William Weeloch and John Varina for their service to the division and to Hibernianism.

A pin also was presented to Mrs. Lillian O'Grady, past president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Irish step dancers, sponsored by the division, made their debut at the affair. The dancing program is part of the division's work in the promotion of Irish culture.



Sean Connery and Richard Harris in a scene from "The Molly Maguires."

Betrayal from Within

The Molly Maguires Come to the Screen

Ten men were sent to the gallows by the State of Pennsylvania in 1877, ending a bloody and little known chapter in American history. The men, all Irish Catholics, were members of the Molly Maguires, a secret organization formed by the victims of prejudice and unfair labor practices to combat the predominantly Welsh and English mine owners and their Coal and Iron Police.

The "Mollies" tried with fists and guns and dynamite to bring change where words and reason and good faith had failed.

Reviews of the Paramount film, released in January, have been mixed from across the nation, depending on the points of view on history of the various reviewers.

In Indianapolis, the managers of the local Paramount theater scheduled a special pre-

view performance of the film, inviting among others, Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary of the AOH.

In a letter to the President of Paramount Pictures, Brother Sullivan wrote that the average person attending the movie "Will not have a true understanding of the picture, unless you have a forward giving the historical background, showing that a miner's working shift was 16 hours; that young boys went to work at the age of eight to 10; the story of the company store; that the 'Mollies' were the forerunners of the union, and the fact that your picture is fiction, based on a historical fact . . . As fiction is a good picture; historically, it missed the boat."

Writing in *The Irish Echo*, February 21, Patrick Campbell told his readers:

"**The Molly Maguires** . . . is a movie with several ingredients in it which could have made it a great production, but it has a basic weakness which cancels out all its good points and makes it a somewhat less than average Hollywood pot-boiler."

The strength of the movie, Mr. Campbell wrote, "lies in the first rate performances turned in by Richard Harris, Sean Connery and Samantha Eggar, and the excellent camera work which catches all the degradation and desolation of a Pennsylvania mining town."

The basic weakness, he judged, was the script.

"Writer Walter Bernstein assumes that all moviegoers know the issues behind the rise and fall of the Molly Maguires and so does not bother to explain these issues on the screen."

The *National Hibernian Digest* invited Fr. Edmund J. Murray, C.S.C., Ph.D., of the University of Notre Dame, a historian specializing in Irish history, to give his evaluation of the film.

Unfortunately, Fr. Murray had not seen the picture at that time, but he did promise his reactions after he does.

Nonetheless, Fr. Murray did reflect on the book, *The Molly Maguires*, by Wayne G.

Broehl, pointing out that while the author "appears to have done a fairly objective job, and his notes and bibliographical material demonstrate honest research," there were "historical inaccuracies and omissions."

Mr. Broehl, a Dartmouth College teacher in the School of Business Administration, Fr. Murray wrote, consulted authorities in Labor as well as in Ireland (where he spent a year in research) "but I do not know if he consulted the AOH. He does refer in several places throughout the volume to O'Dea's *History of the Hibernians* as well as to James Bergin's history of the AOH, in addition to other sources."

Fr. Murray continued:

"Oscar Handin in his *The Americans* (Atlantic, Little, Brown, 1963), speaking of the control the (mine) owners had over the miners and their lives says: . . . Generally, a single enterprise dominated the community. Its employees, once settled, were immobilized. Their jobs, the houses they rented, even the churches in which they worshipped belonged to the company, and they were held to a rigid discipline established by an impersonal, remote organization. The only form of protest left to them—such violence as the Molly Maguires spread in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields in the 1870s—did not long challenge the corporation's ability to control its labor force as it wished . . . (p. 273)."

Another writer, in *Motion Picture Exhibitor*, a magazine for theater operators, wrote, in contrast to Mr. Campbell's opinion, "Walter Bernstein deserves high praise for his script, seemingly a labor of love."

The same writer, however, also is high in his praise for the "strong performances" of the top stars, as well as several in lesser roles.

His dollar-and-cents evaluation, however, also deserves mention.

"**The Molly Maguires**," he wrote, "probably is one of the most controversial and radical films in Hollywood history. But it is a film which would have wide appeal—among kids and

their parents, union men and intellectuals, historians and shop keepers. The industrialization of America and the abuses and reactions that the process entailed have rarely been dealt with in American films, certainly not with the detail of *The Molly Maguires*. . . . Then, too, "Molly" adopts a political stance that is ambivalent enough to please opposite ends of the political spectrum.

"Its stance of condoning violence by the oppressed as a last resort will connect with the campus 'political activists' and possibly with ghetto revolutionaries. The picture's controversial reception should be fascinating to watch."

The picture was filmed on location in Eckley, Pa., and several neighboring communities, and now a group of far-sighted businessmen of Hazleton have undertaken a project, with the assistance of Paramount, which will make the village a permanent "anthracite museum." Paramount left the original set intact, and has contributed a large amount toward acquisition costs.

Governor Schaeffer of Pennsylvania attended the world premiere of the film in Eckley.

(Rated M for mature audiences by the Motion Picture Association of America, and A-II (adults and adolescents) by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures.)

Flushing Division Holds 60th Ball

FLUSHING, N. Y. — Division 9 held its 60th annual ball March 14, at St. Michael's Church Hall. President Joseph MacDonald appointed Brother Patrick Marron general chairman. Heading the entertainment committee were Brothers Andy Feehan and William Taylor while Brother William Langrock, Patrick Stanton and George Reilly chaired the ticket, door and publicity committees, respectively.



AID NORTHERN IRELAND NEEDY — Rockland County Board shipped 19 cartons of clothing to the Irish Red Cross for distribution to the refugees from Northern Ireland, and where possible, the victims of the strife in Northern Ireland. The clothing was donated by AOH members and their friends throughout the county. Irish International Airlines provided free cargo space for the relief materials. Donations of cash may be sent to the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, Box 135, Orangeburg, N. Y. Above, left to right, Brothers Patrick Purcell, James Flannigan and John O'Grady load the relief clothing for shipment to Kennedy International Airport. Brother James Carey was chairman of the program.

IN NEW YORK STATE

The Tom Dooley Choraliers—Their Music and Songs

CAMILLUS, N. Y. — The Tom Dooley Choraliers, founded in 1962 by Dr. Tom Dooley Division 1 here, as a means of promoting Irish culture, already has completed more than 100 public appearances.

Currently there are thirty men in the chorus, singing a capella, the songs of Ireland and America, but not the Irish-American music.

Director-arranger for the group, which is not limited to Hibernians, is Michael E. Pinkasewicz. While the majority of the members are members of Division 1, the only requirement for membership is a liking for music — especially Irish music — and a willingness to join others in singing it.

The Choraliers have participated in all manner of affairs — social, civic and religious — across New York State. At the request of the Irish Ambassador to the United States, the Tom Dooley Choraliers appeared at the New York's World Fair in 1965 where their performance was put on video tape for subsequent viewing in Ireland. In 1967 they also appeared at the Canadian Expo '67 in Montreal by invitation.

Singing Ireland's songs presented special problems which the Choraliers had to overcome:

(1) Irish music still adheres to the true ballad style; each song tells a story. It was necessary to abridge certain songs and yet retain the sense of the theme, which has been done.

(2) By tradition, Irish music is the domain of the soloist and very few choral arrangements of Irish music are to be found. Director Pinkasewicz has made all the musical arrangements used by the Tom Dooley Choraliers.

Within the Tom Dooley Choraliers is a smaller group known as "Dooley's Flying Column." Accompanied by accordion and guitar, the "flying Column" sings well over a hundred of the folk songs of Ireland and America.

The Choraliers have chosen a repertoire of the songs of Ireland that runs the gamut of emotions the Irish reflect best in their music . . . love, humor, ethnic pride, resistance to oppression. The chorus eschews so-called "Irish-American" music for a number of obvious reasons.

For the most part, Ireland's music is true folk music. Most of the songs were composed by people who were not musicians. They were, in fact, quite well-known for a variety of other reasons . . . clergymen, journalists, politicians, soldiers, etc. So many of the songs relate to specific events or persons that they can be easily dated. That they were spontaneous and contemporary helps explain the strong emotions and convictions found in the lyrics.

No country's music has lyrics more poignant than those of Ireland whether telling of the past glories of Ireland, her sufferings under oppression, her lost children or the heartfelt laments of those who were exiled from her.

Another unique feature of the Tom Dooley Choraliers is

Awards Presentation Set by Christophers

NEW YORK — Awards for outstanding books, television programs and movies were presented by the Christophers February 27 in ceremonies at the Christopher Center here.

the short narration given before each selection, telling the significance of the song and its place in Ireland's history.

Following is a list of the songs in the repertoire:

Irish Songs: Amhran na bFiann (in Gaelic) (Irish National Anthem); Bendemeer's Stream, Boys of Wexford, Castle of Dromore, Come Back to Erin, Danny Boy, Courage of Tom Dooley, Down by the Glenside, God Save Ireland, Harp that Once Through Tara's Halls, Irish Blessing.

American Songs: America the Beautiful, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Shenandoah, Stars and Stripes Forever, Tumbling Tumbleweeds, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Religious Songs: Come By Here, My Lord, (Spiritual); Hail, Glorious St. Patrick, Holy, Holy, Holy, Kol Slaven, (Slavonic Hymn).

International Songs: Havah Nagileh (Israeli), Mnohavah Lyeetah (Ukrainian), O, Susana (German), Valsugana (Tryolean Italian), Yashu, Yashu (Polish).

Christmas Songs: Adeste Fideles.. (English and Latin), Angels We Have Heard on High, Christmas Rose (Gesu Bambino), It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, O Tannenbaum (English and German), Silent Night, Holy Night.



TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS — The Tom Dooley Choraliers, a male chorus organized in 1962 by Dr. Tom Dooley Division No. 1, Camillus, N. Y., have more than 100 public appearances to date, presenting one of the few choral offerings of Irish and American folk music. Members of the group above, front row, are Edward Cowan, Daniel McQuiston, Sean Corbett, William Cloonan, Jon Holtsbery, George Keep, Jack Mulholland, Robert Gabor, and Director Michael Pinkasewicz. Rear, left to right, are Robert Doyle, Jack Reagan, Philip Murray, Michael Gannon, William Halpin, William Brisson, William Nor-moyle, John Cuff, James Salanger, William Cianciola, Charles Schaffer and John Donehue. Not present for the picture were the following members: John Dillon, Jack Skahen, Thomas Shanahan, Bruce Campbell, William Ryan, John and Michael Lynch.

Division 29 Honors Finn As 'Irishman of the Year'

NEW YORK — Brother Timothy P. Finn, national organizer and a past president of Lt. Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, New York County, was honored as the Irishman of the Year at a testimonial March 13 in the Hotel Roosevelt here, by members of the division.

A member of the New York Police Department, Brother Finn will join with such illustrious personages as the late Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; Brother Malcolm Wilson, lieutenant governor of New York,

and Brother Robert F. Wagner, former mayor of New York, among the previous recipients of the honor.

In announcing the honor for Brother Finn, the division cited his activities in the AOH, including serving as a delegate to the New York City Police Department Emerald Society, of which he is a member; delegate to the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee; past president of the division; past state organizer; now national organizer and a regional director for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund.

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Convention Registrations

The Convention Committee in Indianapolis has announced rates for accommodations in the Indianapolis Hilton Hotel, scene of the national convention to be held August 3-6. For the convenience and guidance of those who will be attending the convention, we reproduce the reservations card here. Those desiring to make early reservations may use this form, addressing it to:

The Indianapolis Hilton
Meridian and Ohio Streets
Indianapolis, Ind. 46224

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All reservations will be held until 6 p.m. unless a later arrival time is noted. Reservations must be received two weeks prior to opening date of convention.

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If rate selected is not available, the next most available rate will be assigned.



PLAN NEWARK, N. J. PARADE — Brother Thomas P. Giblin, 23, of Raymond V. Ryan Division 3, general chairman, gets a few pointers from 96-year-old Brother Joseph M. "Pop" Brennan, past national treasurer, on the planning of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Newark, N. J. March 15. Grand Marshal was Brother Martin J. Loftus, Newark attorney and former state counsel, AOH, while Mrs. Beatrice Lydon of Nutley, N. J., was deputy grand marshal. The parade was reviewed by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, national AOH chaplain, and other dignitaries on the steps of St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark. Some 35,000 marchers were on hand to honor St. Patrick.

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Support H.R. 10618

AOH-Backed Immigration Bill Approved by Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, D. C. —

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, in executive session on May 21, approved H. R. 10618, as amended, to redistribute unused quota numbers over the next four years.

The bill was introduced by Congressman Peter W. Rodino and former Congressman William T. Cahill (now Governor of New Jersey) with 23 other co-sponsors.

The efforts of Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, and the AOH national immigration committee, Congressman Rodino succeeded in getting the approval of his colleagues on the subcommittee on the bill. It is now before the full Judiciary Committee, awaiting release to the floor of the House for a vote.

Brother Delahunty, in a letter to all national officers called for their immediate efforts to contact every member of Congress and the United States Senate, insisting that they support H.R. 10618.

He also urged that Congressman Emanuel Celler, of New York, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, be contacted personally by each national officer and by every Hibernian, calling for immediate action toward releasing H.R. 10618 for a vote in the House.

"... Please take care of the aforementioned immediately," wrote Brother Delahunty, "since there are presently at-

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Brother Reagan Named National HNS Officer



Thomas V. Reagan

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Thomas V. Reagan, a past national officer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, has been elected national secretary of the newly organized National Holy Name Society.

The constitutional convention of the national HNS unit was held January 31-February 1 in New Orleans with delegates from throughout the nation participating.

Brother Reagan served the AOH as a national director and deputy national organizer.

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, has announced the registration fee for delegates to the 75th biennial convention will be \$35. Delegates and guests registering in advance may do so for \$30, covering all activities of the convention.

Pre-registered delegates and guests will receive completed registrations kits, including name badges and all other information on arrival at the hotel. There will be no waiting.

State, county, and division delegates are urged to pre-register by sending their check for \$30 for each delegate to:

National Convention Committee, AOH
PO Box 55334
Indianapolis, Ind. 46205

Please give full name, title, city and state.

Head Committee



James Welsh



Mrs. James Sullivan

INDIANAPOLIS — The 75th biennial national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary will convene August 3 to 6 in this center of Midwestern activity, known as the Crossroads of America.

Delegates will assemble in the new Indianapolis Hilton Hotel, and the large committee of members of Kevin Barry Division in Indianapolis has planned a busy week with plenty of free time for entertainment as well as time for the many and complex problems to be discussed for the advancement of Hibernianism in America.

Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, in issuing the official call of the convention, also has announced that the committee has tentative plans for a change in the old format of the convention, as well as entertainment for the delegates and their families.

Brother James C. Welch, convention general chairman announced there will be an "early bird" party on Sunday night (August 2) for those delegates on hand early for the convention.

Registrations will be held on each day of the convention, closing at 10 a. m. on Thursday, August 6, in preparation for election of new national officers.

Businesswise, the committee has set a tight schedule, leaving open ends however, so that no business will have to be cut short.

Socially, the hotel will offer ample recreational facilities for delegates' families with swimming pools highlighting the early August activities.

The opening Mass of the convention will take place in the hotel at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, August 4, followed by a breakfast. The official business meetings of the convention will get under way at 12 Noon on that day, continuing through the afternoon.

The social committee has planned for an open night on Tuesday, at which time the major degrees of the order will be exemplified.

At 7 p. m. the Chaplains' Institute and dinner will be held.

Business will resume for the delegates at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, August 5, adjourning for the day at 2:45 p. m.

The afternoon will be given over to Hoosier Day — a bus trip to the Elks Country Club for a picnic, swimming, games, refreshments, entertainment, an Indiana chicken dinner, corn on the cob, etc. Brother John Sundling is chairman.

For racing buffs, there will (Continued on Page 4)

OFFICIAL CALL

1970 National Convention Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary

Office of the National Secretary
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 1, 1970

TO: The Officers and Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Ladies Auxiliary.

In accordance with our National Constitution, Article VII, Section 1, which reads in parts: "A National Convention shall be held in every even-numbered year, convening on the first Tuesday of August at 12 o'clock Noon," it becomes our duty to call the accredited delegates of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and its Ladies Auxiliary, to attend the 75th Biennial National Convention which will convene at the Hilton Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday, August 4, 1970, at 12 o'clock Noon.

The opening Mass will be at 9 a. m., Tuesday, August 4, 1970.

The constitutional provision for representation to this Convention is as follows:

Article VIII, Section three—Delegates: It shall be composed of the following delegates: National officers; without expense to the National Board, past national presidents in good standing, state, district and provincial officers (except directors), county presidents.

However, each county shall also be entitled to an additional delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof in excess of the first 100 members, based on the paid-up per capita reported December 31 preceding. In counties where only one division exists, the division president will be the delegate.

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New Divisions In New York

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Brother James R. Sullivan, national secretary, reports two new divisions organized April 3 in New York State.

St. Columille Division No. 4, Richmond County (Staten Island) was organized by Brothers Phillip McCusker and William J. Barrett.

Officers are Brother Albert A. Donahue, president; Brother John J. Reilly, vice president; Brother Cornelius Whyte, recording secretary; Brother John McGaughey, financial secretary, and Brother Morgan Patrick Doyle, treasurer.

On Long Island, Division No. 5, Nassau County, was organized by Brother Edward J. Kalbfleisch and Brother James Cummings. Brother Henry F. Bullock is president; Brother Patrick J. Harrington, vice president; Brother David Henshaw, recording secretary; Brother Richard T. Bullock, financial secretary, and Brother James Ryder, treasurer.

A most hearty welcome to the new Hibernians.



RELIEF FUND AIDED—Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, received a check for \$4,600 from the Schenectady Hibernians of John F. Kennedy Division No. 1, for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund at the division's annual breakfast in March. The check included \$500 raised by the LA members. Left to right, above, are Brother Eugene T. McAuliffe, division fund chairman; Brother Michael Lennon, national chairman, freedom for all Ireland; Brother Timothy Finn national organizer; Brother Delahunty, Brother John Dunn, New York state president; Brother Jack H. McCauley, division president. Brother Delahunty expressed his gratitude to the Schenectady Hibernians for a job well done. The fund has passed the \$110,000 mark.

Abortion Is Murder!

Abortion is a heinous crime. Abortion is murder. The slaughter of the innocents for the convenience of others.

A nation-wide program with its sole purpose as securing the "right" of any woman to have a living child murdered for her convenience is now under way.

Legislators are being pressured by emotional groups pointing out that unwanted children are the bane of the world today. It is the poor who have too many children, and because of their ignorance of their unwillingness to resort to the use of contraceptive device or chemicals, they are overpopulating the world.

In this day of enlightened medical advance — in the era in man's history when science has advanced more than in all of recorded time we are told that it is good medicine to kill one human being because of possible danger to another.

The pro-abortionists began their program modestly. They sought "liberalization" of the laws which prohibit aborting a fetus except to save the very life of the mother.

They pointed out that sometimes the "mental and physical health" of the mother is threatened by the continued pregnancy; and for this they sought legalized abortion. They make no specific definition of how badly threatened the "mental or physical health" must be, and because of this undefined spectrum, psychiatric reasons form the greatest basis for legalized abortions where the law has been relaxed. Few, if any of the women aborted have been found to be under psychiatric care for any period after the abortion.

Then we heard of the "thalidomide baby," the badly deformed child — the handicapped child — the child whose mother contracted rubella (German measles) during the first trimester of pregnancy. This should be another reason for abortion: the possibility — not even a probability — that the child might be deformed to a greater or lesser degree.

Well, science came up with a rubella vaccine, which in a short time, if properly used, will eliminate that reason.

We could list many great men and women in the past, and living today, who have overcome handicaps to become great world leaders in their chosen professions.

The over-emotional case of the young (or maybe not so young) girl who is the victim of rape or incest has been placed before the legislators as another reason to permit abortion.

In most states, if not in all, the law permits medical procedures which will guarantee that the girl — the bona fide rape victim — will not become pregnant. New Jersey law permits any physician to flush out the uterus within the first week after the alleged rape to preclude any possibility of implantation.

Veteran police officers and other enforcement officers point out that the incidence of pregnancy resulting from rape is very, very low. The pro-abortionists would be ready to relieve the rape "victim" who

remembers the rape only after she discovers she is pregnant.

If this provision is to be placed in the proposed laws, then let the same law require — demand — the prosecution of the rapist for certainly a crime has been committed and should be punished.

Then there is the unwed girl or young woman who becomes pregnant, and wants to rid herself of the responsibility and inconvenience of bearing the child. The pro-abortionists would permit her an abortion on demand — with no limitation.

In the case where the very life of the mother is threatened by a pregnancy, moralists have agreed that abortion would be permissible on the grounds that the child is then an aggressor, threatening life, and one has a right to self defense.

Medical science is capable, and it has been proven in many reputable institutions, of caring for the mother-to-be with a heart ailment or with another disease, which, albeit, is aggravated by the pregnancy, but not to the point of threat to the mother's life.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, through Brother Harold R. Cass, national chairman of Catholic Action, has prepared a letter for all legislators in states where the question of setting aside the stringent abortion laws is being raised.

It points out that there is without question a human life involved, with the most basic of all rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, being threatened without due process.

These same pro-abortionists will be found in the forefront of the fighters to end capital punishment for convicted criminals and can see no incongruity in their stand that an innocent child should be slaughtered for the convenience of another.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians calls upon all of its members to join in the fight to protect innocent human life in the form of an unborn child. This is not a Catholic fight, it is a battle in which men and women of all faiths have joined; people who believe that human life is sacred and not to be toyed with.

Several states, including New York, have passed "liberalized" abortion laws, which virtually erased any prohibition from the books. Others have left wide enough loopholes in the law that there is virtually abortion on demand with no restrictions. New York's, for instance, does not even require that the woman be a resident of the state.

Ironically, New York legislators were taken in by the smooth talk of the pro-abortionists. Mrs. Constance Cook, the member of the General Assembly who succeeded in getting the law through, after its initial defeat, was reported in the New York Times to have pointed out that her efforts were to bring the abortion case into the aseptic conditions of a hospital with a qualified physician doing the butchery.

On the same page of the Times, Dr. Alan Guttmacher,

high priest of the pro-abortionists in the United States, was quoted as saying that the New York hospitals were not prepared for the large number of abortions which will tax their facilities.

He added that hospitalization is not necessary, and that a loft or a store-front shop would suffice. He also was quoted as saying that a physician was not necessary, and lay persons could, with very little training, take care of routine abortions!

This, after the cry of the pro-abortionists that the poor must resort to quacks (usually licensed physicians working clandestinely for the quick buck); or untrained persons to have a desired abortion in some unsanitary hotel room or back alley!

The cover is now off. The pro-abortionists have publicly stated that they are willing to accept the compromise liberalization, but their ultimate goal is abortion on demand. No one but the woman and her physician should be considered. The father has no rights!

Check in those countries and those states where abortion has been liberalized. In England it is a public scandal. Chartered flights bringing the "patients" from the continent and from the United States for a weekend of fun and murder!

Under the law in New York, it will become a commuter's paradise for abortion.

Note, too, that none of the laws which have been liberalized have made any provision for funds to take care of the poor people for which the pro-abortionists showed so much compassion in proposing the law. They still have to resort to the "back alley" abortionist at cut rates, for no physician will have the time to take care of non-paying customers, and abortion is a cash-on-the-barrelhead proposition.

Remember abortion is nothing less than murder. If we can permit the slaughter of an innocent, unborn child for the convenience of others, how safe will be the incurably ill, the aged, the senile, even the young who are seriously handicapped by accident after birth?

Note also that in England and in California, in the wake of the liberalization of abortion laws so as to permit the murder of unborn children, bills were introduced (defeated to date, thank God) to permit euthanasia — so-called mercy killing.

Where will it end?

In Memoriam

Fr. John P. Reidy
Indianapolis, Ind.

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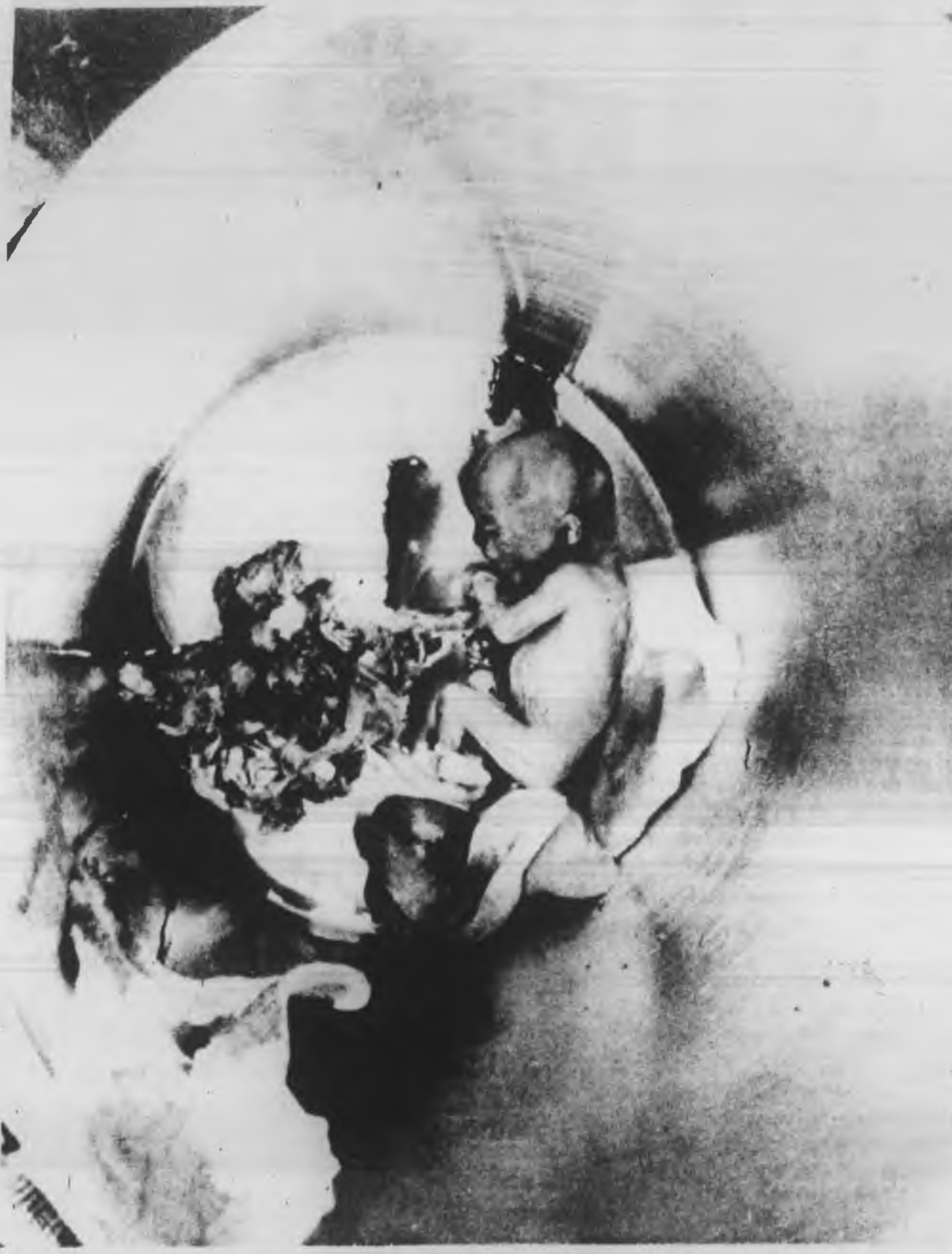
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Msgr. William A. O'Mara
Scranton, Pa.

Not a Human Being?



Guerin, Mrs. Baurenschaub Head Hibernian Units in Baltimore

BALTIMORE — The annual city convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary was held April 12 in the Penn Hotel, Towson, climaxed in the evening with a dinner.

Brother R. Emmett Guerin was chosen city president; Brother Gerald Fogarty, vice president; Brother Martin K. Braden, recording secretary; Brother Lawrence Smith, financial secretary, and Brother J. Robert Tweedy, treasurer.

On the distaff side, Sister Margaret Baurenschaub was named president; Sister Clare Gunter, vice president; Sister Estell Beaner, recording

secretary; Sister Esther Wagner, treasurer; Sister Laura Melia, historian; Sister May Barrett, mistress-at-arms; Sister Dorothy Caskey, chairman of Catholic Action; Sister E. Hegarty, chairman of missions, and Sister Margaret Murphy, sentinel.

At the banquet, Jerry Curran of the Maryland House of Delegates served as toastmaster, with Robert Tweedy speaking on the Easter Rebellion in Ireland.

State Attorney Charles E. Moylan was the principal speaker, discussing the exploits of a relative of his, John Moylan, who led a flying column during the rebellion, and later

became minister for education in the government of Eamonn De Valera.

N. Y. Winners Announced For Essays

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — New York State Board, Ladies Auxiliary announces the winners on the national, state and county levels for the 1970 Irish history essay contest sponsored by the auxiliary:

Eileen McAuliffe, a ninth grade student of Mohonosen High School, Schenectady, was awarded second prize on the national contest, first prize on the New York State contest and first prize for the Schenectady County contest for her essay in the high school category entitled *Ireland's Struggle for Freedom — 1916 to the Present Time*, according to Mrs. Dorothy Foy, state historian.

Mary Jean Razewski, a senior at Notre Dame High School, Schenectady, was awarded second prize on the state contest for the same titled essay.

In the elementary category, Maureen McElligott, St. Eugene's School, Yonkers, received first prize on the state award and Anne Marie O'Reilly of St. Eugene's School received fourth prize on the national level and second prize on the state level.

Bro. Reagan Named

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He was the first chairman of Catholic Action, having originated that office in the AOH. He also served as national historian, in addition to holding office on the division, county and state levels in Minnesota.

In addition, Brother Reagan is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Irish American Cultural Society, and has been active in the Minnesota National Guard.

He has also served the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul in many capacities, in fund raising, the annual Rosary processions and other ceremonial events. He has been active in the management of a Catholic children's camp in northern

Wisconsin, and currently serves as finance and administration chairman of St. Luke's Parish Council in St. Paul.

On March 17, 1960, Brother Reagan received the *Archbishop Brady Distinguished Service Award* medal at a St. Patrick's Day dinner in his honor.

He has served well in the Holy Name Society for many years, including the past 14 years as a chairman and officer, including president, of the Archdiocesan Union. He is currently an archdiocesan trustee. He spearheaded the revision of the archdiocesan HNS constitution, and in 1969, was chairman of the midwestern regional constitutional convention of the Holy Name Society in St. Paul.

J. F. Kennedy Memorial Medal To Archbishop Thomas Boland

Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, S.T.D., LL.D., national chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has been selected as the 1970 recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Announcement of the choice was made by Brother Lawrence Neary of Connecticut, chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Committee, after polling of members of the National Board.

His Excellency, who also served as national chaplain during the tenure of Brother Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan as national president, accepted the post for the second time at the invitation of Brother Michael L. Delahunty.



Archbishop Boland

and office to the task of raising funds for the relief of suffering in Northern Ireland.

Not only did the Archbishop become the honorary national chairman, but he is taking an active part in the campaign, soliciting aid among his fellow bishops, and personally overseeing the distribution of the funds which have been received.

Presentation of the coveted gold medal will be made at the National Convention banquet in Indianapolis by Brother Delahunty.

Missouri Hibernians March In St. Louis Parade

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Cardinal Glennon Division No. 2 participated as an organization in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown St. Louis on March 17.

The Hibernians participated in liaison with the AOH County Board; Division No. 1; the local Sons of the Easter Rebellion organization, and the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis.

In lieu of holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance, the Division asked that contributions be sent to the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, Box 1514, Main Post Office, St. Louis Mo. 63188.

Contributions, tax deductible, will be forwarded to national campaign headquarters.

Newly-elected officers of Division 2 include: Russell Murphy, president; James O'Leary, vice president; Harold Collins, treasurer; Michael J. Meehan, financial secretary; Barry Walsh, recording secretary; Jack Leonard, chairman of the

standing committee; Danny Devery, sentinel, and Vince Walker, sergeant-at-arms.

Suffolk County Breakfast Hears Past Historian

BRENTWOOD, N. Y. — Fr. Virgil Patrick Powers, chaplain of the Suffolk County Board, celebrated the annual Memorial Mass of the board April 5 in St. Anne's Church here, prior to the annual breakfast.

The breakfast was held in the Hauppauge Country Club, with Aloysius J. Melia, past state historian, as guest speaker.

Other guests included Past National President James J. Comeford; John Thornton, state vice president; Timothy Ryan, state secretary; John Reynolds, state treasurer; Peter Bulfin, county president; Mrs. Mary Collins, state auxiliary president; Mrs. Margaret McAllister, state vice president; Mrs. Susan Daly, county president, and Fr. John A. McGuire, county auxiliary chaplain.

An honor guard was formed by the color guard of the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band of Division No. 2, Babylon. Brother Reynolds was chairman.

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AID FOR NORTHERN IRELAND—Sister Margaret Rust, national chairman of Catholic Action for the Ladies Auxiliary, presents a check for \$10,000 to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, national chaplain, in behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, of which His Excellency is honorary national chairman. Looking on are Michael L. Delahunty, national president, and Msgr. John T. Lawlor, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Orange, N. J., deputy national chaplain.

Bishop Offers Mass for AOH In Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn was celebrant of the annual Mass of Kings County Board, AOH and Ladies Auxiliary, March 22 in St. James Pro-Cathedral.

A breakfast followed the Mass in the Hotel Granada. Principal speakers were Brother Donald Sullivan, O.S. F. Ph.D., president of St. Francis College, and Fr. Edward Lodge Curran, Ph.D., well known in Hibernian circles.

Mrs. Helen Fazio and County President William Hulton arranged the breakfast.

Frustration is when you have ulcers and still aren't a success. Liguorian

For the information of division, county and state officers, all checks and donations should be sent to:

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Convention Hotel Registration

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The Indianapolis Hilton
Meridian and Ohio Streets
Indianapolis, Ind. 46224

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RELAXING AFTER THE LONG MARCH—Past State President Timothy Barrett of California, State Legislator Leo McCarthy, a member of Division 5, and Past National Editor George Reilly along with two Irish Air Lines hostesses who paraded with the Hibernians in San Francisco on St. Patrick's Day, relax after the parade next to the AOH float with its imposing statue of St. Patrick.



MONUMENT CIRCLE — The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Monument Circle, the city's most famous landmark, is internationally renowned as one of the world's architectural and sculptural achievements. It was designed to commemorate the valor of Indiana's military men in all wars prior to World War I. Construction of the monument began in 1887 and was completed in 1901. It is 284 feet high from street level to the top of the 38-foot Victory statue. A glass enclosed balcony at the top of the monument, 231 feet above the ground, affords a panoramic view of downtown Indianapolis. Its classic proportions and spectacular sculpture are fitting tribute to Indiana's warriors and a source of pride and inspiration to all Hoosiers.

August Convention Program

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be an optional side trip to the famed Indianapolis 500 track, with an opportunity to make a special lap for those interested. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway will issue a written testimonial that you have completed the lap on the two-and-a-half-mile oval.

Buses will return from the picnic grounds at 8 p. m.

After a good night's rest, business sessions will get under way again at 9 a. m. on Thursday, August 6, and through the afternoon as needed. To accommodate additional business which may be brought up, the committee has tentatively scheduled another business meeting on Friday, August 7, at 10 a. m. immediately prior to the official meeting of the new national board.

The convention banquet is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p. m. to be highlighted by the presentation of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal to our national chaplain, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, by National President Michael L. Delahunty.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Digest, we offer highlights of sightseeing opportunities in and around Indianapolis, places of interest for the entire family.

It is hoped that the delegates will make this a family convention, bringing along the children. The hotel is accommodating as far as facilities for

children are concerned, and there will be ample opportunities for the family to enjoy the city's many places of interest while the delegates are at work.

The Hilton policy of no charge for children sharing the

room with their parents will be in effect. There will be special prices for children for the Wednesday afternoon picnic.

Plan now to be with us August 3-6 in Indianapolis!

Glens Falls Div. Marches In Albany St. Patrick's Day

GLENS FALLS, N. Y. — The newly reorganized Division 1, AOH, participated more than 100 strong in the 20th annual St. Patrick's Day parade March 14 in Albany.

Brother Thomas J. Spellacy, parade marshal for the division, announced Brother Francis X. Riley, Jr. of Division 1, was named an aide to the grand marshal, James B. O'Brien.

The color guard for the Glens Falls contingent was provided by Glens Falls Memorial Detachment No. 2, Marine Corps League, which volunteered its services.

Joining with the Hibernians were members of the Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires in the annual tribute to St. Patrick.

The division's annual corporate Communion and breakfast were held March 22. Members and their guests received Holy Communion at Mass in St. Mary's Church, af-

ter which the breakfast was served in the Queensbury Hotel. Brother Richard T. Cronin was general chairman. Co-chairmen were Brothers Edward Butler, Raymond Mahoney and Martin Breen. Brother John P. Higgins was honorary chairman.

Nov. 13 Dinner Honors Geoghan

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — The Kings County Board will sponsor a testimonial dinner honoring John F. Geoghan, past national secretary, November 13, at the Cotillion Terrace here.

Brother Geoghan will be cited for his 43 years in Hibernianism. John Curry, 1276 Albany Avenue, and Mrs. Lillian E. Wilkening, 4312 Avenue M, are co-chairmen of the event.

Indianapolis, Indiana— Crossroads of America

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The 75th biennial national convention of Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Ladies Auxiliary will welcome delegates on August 3 through 6 to the "Crossroads of America." Situated in the heart of the Midwest, Indianapolis offers a history of milestones and progress that have earned its title as one of America's leading cities.

One hundred and fifty years ago Indianapolis was a lone cabin in a virgin forest. Today it is a growing metropolitan center of more than 1,000,000 people—a highly diversified and vitally important industrial center in the midst of a vast, rich agricultural area.

Flair for Living

Residents and visitors are never more than a few minutes from one of the country's finest park systems with spacious picnic areas, swimming pools, tennis courts, hiking and riding trails and nine municipal golf courses. Many country clubs and private recreational facilities also dot the landscape, as do numerous bowling centers, gymnasiums, theaters and night clubs.

Of interest are the World War Memorial, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the State Fair, Starlight Musicals, the "500" Festival, Indianapolis Children's Zoo, and Clowes Memorial Hall—home of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and host to many Broadway musicals, touring opera and repertory companies and world famous entertainers.

The various water resources surrounding the city provide fishing, sailing, boating, and skating. The growing numbers of beautiful homes and apartments testify to the tastes and pride of the city's inhabitants.

Eager to Learn

The Hoosier Capital boasts educational and cultural resources with strong appeal to both new and established residents.

Within the city-county area there are more than 200 public and parochial grade schools, more than 40 secondary schools, including the Indiana Schools for the Blind and Deaf, plus a wealth of trade, business and technical schools.

Some of the city's most outstanding features are Butler University, Indiana Central, Lincoln and Marian Colleges and their unusually large numbers of both undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, Indiana University's Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Law are located in Indianapolis. Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis offers baccalaureate degrees in a growing number of fields as well as graduate degrees in business, science, engineering and humanities.

Cultural assets include the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Oldfields Museum of Decorative Arts, the Herron School of Art, the Indiana State Museum, Jordan School of Dance and Music, Children's Mu-

seum, Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement and Museum and the Museum of Indian Heritage. Complementing these are many historical landmarks and a year-around fare of visiting lecturers, artists, and important exhibits.

Stretching Its Legs

Indianapolis is a kaleidoscope of activity. New hotels, theaters, shopping centers, and apartments are springing up across the metropolitan area. New schools, churches, hospitals, and homes signify a prosperous and rewarding life for the people of Indianapolis.

Especially noteworthy is Weir Cook Municipal Airport, where a continuing expansion program has made it one of the most attractive and convenient jet terminals in the United States.

Indianapolis has more Interstate Highways converging on it than any other United States City. The Interstate Highway network enables travelers to have non-stop access to any major point in the country. The Inner Belt and Outer Belt I-465 connect with I-69 leading to Detroit and Canada, I-70 to both coasts, I-74 to the Great Plains and the Ohio Valley, and I-65 to the Great Lakes and Gulf.

City With Plans

Looking ahead, we find countless ideas, plans, and target dates for new office buildings, schools, hospitals, apartments, and recreational facilities.

A mammoth Convention Center and new main Post Office are now under construction in the heart of the city. In addition, plans are finalized for a new Federal Office Building, the Holcomb Research Institute at Butler University, and the Indianapolis Research Institute.

Other projects include completion of the Eagle Creek recreation facilities, and Inner and Outer Belt Interstate highways to ease traffic through and around Indianapolis.

City With Talent

This city's most valuable resource is the skill of its men and women in all walks of life . . . every trade, science, and profession, from medicine to manufacturing boasts talented, dedicated workers exploring, experimenting, and creating . . . contributing to progress in Commerce, Education and Industry.

Indianapolis is also one of the most important insurance centers in the nation with the home office of 71 insurance companies inside the city.

City With Spirit

Indianapolis is competition. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the site of the world's most spectacular sporting event—the Memorial Day 500-Mile Automobile Race. Every year hundreds of thousands witness and participate in the "500" Festival activities and parade leading to the May 30 Classic.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds hosts championship automobile and harness racing while Indianapolis Raceway Park is the home of the Yankee "300" and the National Hot Rod Association Drag Racing championships.

Professional athletic teams include the Indiana baseball team of the American Association, the Capitols of the Continental Football League, and the newest sports addition, the Pacers—Eastern champs of the American Basketball Association. In addition, Hinkle Fieldhouse hosts the finals of the nation's most famous high school spectacle, the Indiana State High School Basketball Championship. Indianapolis is truly a sports fan's paradise.

City With Heart

This is a city vitally concerned with satisfying its citizens' needs and desires. Bring Indianapolis and Marion County under a single local government to provide more effective and efficient public service and administration has been a long sought goal. The adult education program features maximum utilization of the city's educational facilities and promises valuable extension programs and training for citizens of all ages and interests. The Public Parks provide summer enjoyment for many with twilight concerts.

But the city's most ambitious efforts are its youth programs. These carefully planned and capably staffed projects promise to ease the growing pains of many urban youngsters by channeling their energies and interests to constructive outlets.

Indianapolis spares no effort in providing the opportunities, tools, and encouragement for everyone to enjoy health, happiness, and prosperity.


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HERO CHAPLAIN HONORED — The Dewitt (N. Y.) Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians has been renamed in memory of Fr. Michael Quealy, an Army chaplain, killed in action in Vietnam last November 11, while ministering to the wounded under fire. The hero-priest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Quealy Sr., his sister, Miss Terese Quealy, attended a banquet at which time the official change in the division name was made. Left to right, above, are James McHale, division president; Mr. Quealy, Mrs. Quealy, Fr. Richard J. Kunz, division chaplain; John McElroy, chairman of the standing committee; Fr. Vincent J. Kilpatrick, St. Michael's Church, Syracuse, who served with Fr. Quealy in Vietnam, toastmaster, and Miss Quealy. Personal letters to the priest's parents were received from President Richard M. Nixon, Rear Adm. James W. Kelly, chairman of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board; Bishop Walter J. Foery of Syracuse, and Congressman James Hanley of Syracuse.

Call of the Convention

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Credentials—Section 6. At least twenty (20) days prior to the National Convention, the state, district, provincial and county secretary of each respective jurisdiction shall forward to the national secretary a list of the duly elected delegates and alternates from each respective jurisdiction which shall be the official list for the use of the committee on credentials and for the proceedings in the convention.

Alternates — Section 15. Each jurisdiction may elect alternates for each officer or delegate entitled to a seat in the convention.

Registration of Delegates and Guests — Section 19. No delegate or alternate to any convention shall be permitted to register unless he has properly identified himself with his current paid-up traveling and dues card issued by the national board, or other proof of identification. Visitors, upon proper identification, shall be entitled to register as guests and to receive guest badges.

Seating of Delegates — Section 20. Delegates will occupy seats in a section reserved exclusively for them while the convention is in session.

Credentials will be made out in the name of the respective delegate or alternate through the national secretary's office. Originals will be filed with the credentials committee and the duplicate sent to forwarded to each jurisdiction only after provisions of Section 6, Article VIII of the national constitution, cited above, have been complied with. Forms for proper listing of delegates and alternates will be furnished the state secretaries.

Committee assignments. It is recommended that all jurisdictions see that members are assigned to committees, especially those committees in which they are concerned or have special interests. To in-

crease the tempo of the convention and to keep a tight schedule, our national president plans to make all committee assignments immediately after the convening of the convention. To accomplish this, it is necessary that members recommended for committees be filed with the national secretary on or before July 20. Forms for this purpose will be furnished the state secretaries.

Amendments to National Constitution. All jurisdictions are requested to file any proposed changes in our national constitution at least thirty (30) days before the National Convention. Proposed amendments should be mailed to John M. Keane, Chairman, Constitutional Ritual and Progress Committee, 7648 Grant Haven Drive, Affton, Mo. 63123.

The Constitutional Committee will present these proposed amendments to the convention if the committee reports favorably on the proposed amendments.

If a proposed amendment has been rejected by the committee, it does not preclude any delegate from making a direct presentation and appeal to the convention.

Good of the Order and New Business. This national board proposes that ample time be given for free discussion of the good of the order and new business. The 1970s will provide a big challenge to all organizations. Let us be prepared!

Voting Machine. The national board is attempting to rent a voting machine for the election of officers. If we have a voting machine, delegates will be called on by states to vote. Immediately after the last state or province votes, machines will be opened, under proper supervision, and the results announced. Officers can then be installed promptly.

Each state, district, province, county and division is strongly urged to make a special effort to be represented by the delegates and alternates to which it is entitled. Additional members are also encouraged to attend as guests.

It is our sincere wish that the convention in Indianapolis be not only large but a truly representative and progressive one.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

THE NATIONAL BOARD

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Connecticut News

By JOHN HENRY

Convention excitement is all over Connecticut as we approach the national convention in Indianapolis. The New Haven County convention was held at Waterbury May 17. The following Sunday, May 24, the Fairfield County convention was held at Danbury with George Hope as convention chairman. The state convention will be held at Stamford on the week end of June 27-28 and will begin with Mass in St. John's Church on Atlantic Street.

Chairman Mike Devaney is leaving no stone unturned to make this a successful event. The initial Saturday business will be held at the Stamford Hibernian Hall on Forrest Street. The state banquet will follow on Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, Darien, where the Sunday business will also be held.

State Vice President Gerry Travers was chairman of the first state dance held in Meriden May 30. Music was provided by Eileen O'Shea and her orchestra. This affair is destined to become an annual event with the state vice president as chairman. All divisions were represented at the dance.

The Stamford Feis was, once again, a great success. Held May 31, at the Stamford Museum with a fine crowd attending, another record was set with the number of contestants taking part. A new and pleasant feature this year was the appearance of a group called The Flying Column who could be favorably compared with the Clancy Brothers. This quartette is part of the famed

Tom Dooley Singers from Syracuse. Division President Patrick Queally can be quite proud of his committee and particularly of the feis general chairman, Danny Murphy, who has done a beautiful job over the past few years.

Norwalk Hibernians once again participated in that city's Memorial Day parade, creating a good impression with their green-jacketed honor guard. As usual, the New York Gaelic Pipe Band led the way with the mighty Bruce Cameron Altschuler commanding the pipes. The Mulkerin School of Irish Dancers marched right behind the band in their colorful costumes and finally, the ever-increasing general body of the membership. Many Hibernians from neighboring towns joined with Norwalk in making the contingent the best group in the parade.

A most welcome arrival to Connecticut in April was Mrs. Ryan of Roscrea, County Tipperary. Mrs. Ryan arrived for a vacation which she spent with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ryan of Bethel. The Ryan Family of Tipperary is well known in that area for their contribution to the Republican cause. We certainly hope Mrs. Ryan fully enjoyed her visit.

Former Congressman Donald Irwin (Bridgeport Division member) was guest speaker at the Greenwich Division's Communion breakfast on Sunday, May 10. The highly successful event was very well attended. Mass was offered at St. Mary's Church and breakfast was served at the K of C Hall on Putnam Avenue. Noel McGovern of Cavan was a very efficient M.C.

National Vice President Cornelius Collins is keeping very busy touring divisions in the New England area. Con is interested in enlarging Hibernian membership in the upper New England States such as New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. He also is working toward his election as national president at our Indianapolis convention.

June will be **Baseball Month** for Norwalk and Bridgeport. On Sunday, June 24 the Norwalk division is sponsoring a bus to Shea Stadium to see the Atlanta Braves take on the World Champion New York Mets. Walter McCarthy is chairman of this first time trip for the division.

The Bridgeport division is also planning a trip to Shea Stadium but, at this writing, the date is not set. The division planned for either the Friday night game with Atlanta on June 12 or a game with the St. Louis Cardinals. Either way, Chairman Bud McDougall was assured of a full bus load.

The well-known Dublin soprano, Marie McEntegart, has reopened her voice classes at the Stamford Hibernian Hall. Classes are held each Tuesday night at 7:30. Marie gives special attention to children interested in feis competition.

The Danbury division held its annual Communion breakfast May 17. The Mass was offered at St. Joseph's Church and breakfast was at the Lakeview Restaurant. Bob Dyer was chairman.

HERE & THERE: Congratulations to Martin and Kathleen Walsh who moved into a new home in Glenbrook in April. Sal and Marie Clancy and family of Norwalk will visit Ireland in July and August. They are both Limerick natives. Sherry and June Powers of Westport spent two happy weeks in Ireland in May and June. It was the first trip for both. Mike and Mary Lou Walsh and Harold McCabe of Norwalk are travelling to Germany in July for the choir festival. Their sons are members of the Norwalk Little Singers. Sean McCarthy and Patrick Harrigan are also members of the Choir. Nellie White of Greenwich is feeling fine again and thinking of an Irish trip.

Until next time, God Bless.

Major Degrees Honor McDivitt At Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Major Degrees will be exemplified for a class of candidates during the national convention, the committee has announced.

The class will honor Col. James A. McDivitt, astronaut and 1969 winner of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, the highest honor which can be conferred by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Col. McDivitt has indicated to the committee that he and his family will participate in the convention, and he also has been invited to take the Major Degrees with the class.

All members who have not received these degrees may take them with this class on Tuesday, August 4, in the Indianapolis Hilton Hotel.

A politician who had changed his views rather radically was congratulated by a colleague who said, "I'm glad you've seen the light."

"I didn't see the light," came the terse reply, "I felt the heat."

Doctor to patient: "Let me put it this way—the softness of your muscles is exceeded only by the hardness of your arteries." —Medical Tribune

Ohio Backs Sister Judge For Office

LORAIN, O. — Sister Maryellen Lindway, state president of the Ladies Auxiliary in Ohio, has announced the endorsement by the state board of Sister Margaret Judge, national director-organizer, for the office of national secretary at the national convention in August.

Sister Judge served four years as state president of Ohio, and in 1959, organized the Akron Junior Auxiliary division, and serves as director at this time. She has held chairmanships of many committees on the state and national levels, Sister Lindway points out, and "has been instrumental in their success."

In a letter sent by Sister Lindway to all officers and members of the auxiliary, she wrote: "We are asking your support and consideration for our candidate for national secretary at our next national convention."

Full Weekend Marks St. Patrick's Feast in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary of the nation's capital honored St. Patrick during a busy weekend of activities, beginning on March 15, when a large delegation visited the grave of President John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery.

Brother George Zahn, national director, and district officers placed the memorial wreath of the national board at the grave of our former brother.

The group then proceeded to the gravesite of George Washington Parke Custis, adopted son of George Washington, who spent his life trying to help Ireland in her fight for freedom.

In compliance with his expressed hope found in his personal papers, the Hibernians planted shamrocks on the grave, an annual custom. Mr. Custis, as a boy, knew many of Washington's Irish friends, and as he matured, he wrote new sets of lyrics to many of Thomas Moore's melodies in behalf of Irish freedom.

He was a frequent speaker for the cause of Ireland, and newspaper accounts in this city show that in 40 years he only missed once in publicly celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

After the visit to the graves, the delegation visited the Custis-Lee Mansion where a special musical program was presented by artists dressed in Colonial costumes. Many of Moore's songs were featured.

St. Patrick's Day began with Mass in historic St. Patrick's Church, at which His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, past national chaplain, was principal celebrant. A special

section was reserved for the large delegation of Hibernians, and also in attendance were members of the Cabinet and of Congress.

Also participating was Mr. William Warnock, Ireland's new Ambassador to the United States, and his family.

Mr. Warnock had formally presented his credentials to President Richard M. Nixon

that same morning, and expressed his joy at being able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Irish — his first day as ambassador.

That same evening the annual banquet and dance were held in the Mayflower Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Warnock were honored guests. Speaker was Senator Edward Conroy of Maryland.



SHAMROCKS PLANTED—Mrs. Robert Costello, District of Columbia board president, ladies auxiliary, looks on as Brother George A. Zahn, national director, and Gen. William Flood, past district board president, plant shamrocks March 15 on the grave of George Washington Parke Custis, adopted son of George Washington and an outspoken friend of Ireland.



DECORATE KENNEDY GRAVE—Brother George A. Zahn, national director, and Gen. William Flood, past president of the District of Columbia Board, place a wreath in behalf of the national board on the grave of President John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery March 15. AOH and auxiliary officers participated in the ceremony.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The pages of Irish History are enriched with the names of thousands of patriotic Irishmen who made the supreme sacrifice in a long and bitter struggle to regain the freedom and independence of their native land.

Many of them bravely fell in combat and others unflinchingly faced the firing squad or the hangman's noose. Like Terence MacSweeney, some perished in English prisons and like Michael O'Dwyer, others died in foreign lands as a result of deportation and enforced exile.

It is to the credit of the Irish people that hundreds of them are immortalized in song, recitation and story and that the Irish countryside is adorned with crosses, plaques and monuments to honor and perpetuate the names and memories of modern heroes.

It is therefore lamentable and regrettable that a young Irishman who was executed under the most tragic circumstances is forgotten by the Irish people and completely ignored by a succession of Irish Governments. Kevin Barry, the "lad of 18 summers" who met his death "high upon the gallows tree on November 1, 1920, is rightfully enshrined in the hearts of all true Irish men and women.

But how about the young man of 22 who fell before a firing squad in Dagshai prison in far off India in the morning following Kevin Barry's execution? Pvt. James J. Daly of the Connaught Rangers, a farm laborer from Tynellpass, County Westmeath, deserves the crown of Irish patriotic "cannonization."

He was the leader of a group of the Connaught Rangers — an English regiment then serving in India — who mutinied when they learned of the atrocities perpetrated by the Black and Tans back home in their native land. Those men, even though soldiers of fortune in the English Army, were still Irish patriots. Far away from his friends and his homeland, denied the privileges, the courtesies and the last requests usually accorded condemned men, English muskets and the wrath and fear of the English Government terminated his earthly career. To intimidate and strike terror into the hearts of his countrymen, the only witnesses to his execution, were the 60 men who joined him in the mutiny.

It is not inappropriate to remind those who either listen to or read this message that the English generals in the Curragh of Kildare who threatened to mutiny in 1915

if Home Rule was granted to Ireland against the wishes of the six counties of Ulster were not even reprimanded.

The last sentence of the last letter written by James Daly to his widowed mother was "God bless Ireland and also, all those at home."

It is believed he was not buried in quick lime. His body, shrouded in the clothes in which he died, was placed in a coffin which was laid in grave No. 340 in Dagshai cemetery in the Province of Punjab, India.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of his execution, I hope the Ancient Order of Hibernians in their State and National Conventions will make, not token, but serious demands upon the Irish Government to have his body returned to Ireland so that in death he can be joined with O'Donovan Rossa, Roger Casement, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Albert and the two most recent martyrs to die in English prisons, Peter Barnes and James McCormick, who were hanged in Winson Green jail in England on Ash Wednesday, 1940.

Patrick Hogan

Past National President Stamford, Conn.

Editor's Note: The above letter was sent by Brother Hogan to all state presidents, requesting action at state conventions.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE—The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., was the scene of the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet and dance of the District Board, at which Senator Edward T. Conroy of Maryland was the principal speaker. Left to right above are Brother George Zahn, national director; Brother Charles Vaughn, board president; Mrs. Robert Costello, president, district board, LA; Mrs. William Warnock, wife of the Irish Ambassador; Mr. Warnock; Brother Michael J. Dowd, past national president, and Senator Conroy.

'Scoil Eanna' Presented to Ireland

RATHFARNHAM — Scoil Eanna, the school for boys founded by Patrick Pearse, became the property of the Irish nation at a ceremony April 23 when President de Valera accepted the keys of the building from the trustees.

Speaking in Irish at the ceremony, Prime Minister John Lynch, T. D., said that Senator Margaret Pearse had bequeathed the buildings and

land to the nation to be maintained as a memorial to Patrick and William Pearse, and to their endeavors for the freedom of Ireland and the Irish language.

The Taoiseach, paying tribute to the dedication of the trustees, announced that part of the house would be preserved as it was when the Pearse brothers had lived there, and the rest would be converted into a museum where historical relics and items associated with the Pearse brothers already in the possession of the State could be displayed in a setting worthy of them.

President de Valera, accepting the keys from the trustees, expressed his joy in accepting the keys on behalf of the nation and said that great debt of gratitude was owed to the Pearse family.



CONGRATULATIONS—Brother Michael Delahunty, national president, congratulates Brother Edward J. Broderick (left), president of Division No. 3, the Bronx, N. Y., during his recent official visit to the division. At right is Brother Michael J. Murphy, chairman of the standing committee. Brother Broderick, who also is Bronx County vice president, has during his tenure with the division, seen the membership double, thanks to his guidance and the work of his dedicated officers. Brother Delahunty pointed out that Brother Broderick is known to have arranged employment for innumerable Irishmen and women, as has Brother Murphy, through the division. This, the national president declared, is the true practice of the basic tenets of the order, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Immigration Bill Is Approved

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tempts under way to undermine said bill because our good organization is responsible for the legislation."

Groups supporting similar legislation have been attempting to push the other bills, all of which are now dead in the Subcommittee. We are publishing with this story, a list of all members of the entire Judiciary Committee. They may be addressed at the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

H.R. 10618, as amended to extend its longevity from two to four years, would provide that national quota visa numbers not used between January 1, 1966, and June 30, 1968, as determined by the Secretary of State, be transferred to an "immigration pool."

Twenty-five percent of the visa numbers from the pool would be available cumulatively during each of four fiscal years, beginning July 1, 1970, to persons from those countries in which national quota visa numbers remained unused on June 30, 1968.

It may be pointed out that by June 30, 1968, some 70,000 authorized national quota visa numbers had not been used.

The total number of visas to be issued under this bill shall not exceed the total national quota visa numbers authorized for those unused by natives from such countries.

Such visas are to be issued only to immigrants under certain categories, including immediate relatives of American citizens, or the preference classes and the non-preference of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, or "because of the unavailability of a certification by the Secretary of Labor under Section 212 (a) (14)."

Brother Delahunty and the AOH national immigration committee have pointed out that H.R. 10618 is the only bill which will come to the House for a vote. It is a just

bill, in that it does not revert to the old status quo of unjust quotas which the 1965 legislation sought to overcome, and in so doing, swung the pendulum of justice away entirely from the Irish and other northern European nationals seeking entry into the United States.

In addition, it will give us of the AOH, the only nationwide Irish American organization in the United States, and other groups interested primarily in the welfare of the immigrant, four years to work for permanent legislation bringing justice for all in the field of immigration.

The House Committee On the Judiciary

Following are the members of the House Judiciary Committee in the present Congress. The Rodino-Cahill Bill (H.R. 10618) on immigration is now before this entire committee. Each member is urged to write to the committee members, particularly those from his own area, urging that the bill be voted out of committee favorably and brought to the floor of the House for a vote. Address all at Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20515.

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Hon. John Dowdy, Texas
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Hon. Wiley Mayne, Iowa

Charles Oxtan's

Hollywood Report

The following review of the film *Tropic of Cancer*, described by Mr. Oxtan as "the most obscene motion picture ever released by a major film company (Paramount) in the entire history of Hollywood," is reprinted with permission of *The Monitor*, newspaper of the Diocese of Trenton.

Mr. Oxtan's column appears in Catholic newspapers across the country, and he has been dedicated over the years to supporting all that is good in films and bringing what is bad to the attention of his readers as well.

A seasoned reviewer, he has seen just about everything permitted on the screen, but in connection with this review, he pointed out "If the American public does not act to prevent this film's exhibition, we can forget all the other problems that confront us—the Vietnam War, civil rights, campus anarchy, poverty and pollution. Important as these are, they will be as nothing if our moral backbone is broken beyond hope of repair."

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The shock value of hearing an occasional obscenity on the screen or seeing film dissolves of nudity and sexual intercourse, seems to have had so little impact on the mass of American moviegoers that now—as this report will delineate—the absolute ultimate in motion picture depravity has been reached with the release by Paramount Pictures of the film version of Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*.

When the book rights were first assigned to the screen, there was much speculation as to how it would be handled—how far the adapters would go in following the text of Miller's sexual odyssey in Paris as a young man.

Previously, there had been so much of an outcry when the book itself appeared in print that many book stores and dealers refused to handle it. In the face of successive decisions of the United States Supreme Court, however, expanding the guidelines as to what could be considered obscene and what could not, the end result was inevitable.

Since the bulk of the American citizenry made no concerted outcry against offensive books which, in the High Court's dicta, conformed to current community standards of morality and had some "redeeming" social significance, the way was cleared for "permissiveness" to the most nauseous degree.

Some years ago when Cardinal Spellman of New York made national headlines by publicly condemning the film, *Baby Doll*, there were protests in some quarters that he was overstepping his authority, trampling on the right of free speech and invading "artistic" environs where he had no right to be. Remembering the theme and treatment of *Baby Doll*, what appears now on the screen in Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* makes the earlier film seem almost like a morality play.

From the moment the Miller sexual odyssey gets under way with him cadging money from his friends in order to meet his wife, then arriving from America, the picture moves from one sexual experience to another. Miller's wife Mona (Ellen Burstyn) is no less eager than he to head for the nearest hotel, in this case a cheap lodging but all Miller can afford.

The passionate exchange which follows is terminated only when Miller discovers his wife's hair crawling with bedbugs. An enforced switch to better accommodations fails to soothe her feelings and, in one flash of anger, Mona is gone.

The voice-over narrative, which runs throughout the film to bridge the action, then gives brief mention to Miller's misery at his loss. But the depression lasts only long enough for him to win from his friends the promise that each will provide him one meal a week to enable him to live.

Instead of being grateful, however, Miller proceeds to alienate his benefactors by his outrageous conduct; in one instance at the dinner table—via both verbal and visual by-play—he leaves no doubt that between him and his host's wife adultery is the name of the game.

With his sole means of support gone, Miller in desperation takes a job as English instructor in a boy's school in Dijon. The post, not up to his expectations, nevertheless gives him a chance to further display his pathological obsession with sex.

In the fleeting shots we see of him in the classroom, he does nothing else but graphically depict the sex habits and organs of animals while his pupils listen delightedly. At night, he is shown dreaming of his late host's wife—the culprit at the dinner table—and the voice-over narrative goes once more into shocking detail, using terms never heard outside the gutter.

The interlude finally comes to a close when Miller (Rip Torn) receives a wire from Fillmore (James Callahan) an American embassy employee in Paris, offering him the job as guide to a visitor from India who has been sent to France in search of disciples for his particular cult.

From this point on the sex and frontal nudity proliferate. There is a trip to a Paris brothel, with the madames openly displaying their wares in what must be a new low in vulgarity, and Miller briefing Indian guest in brothel "protocol."

Other sexual adventures follow, with Miller also helping a friend write love letters to a "rich, cultured lady"—a sequence that, in its shocking dialogue, debauches the very idea of a legitimate male-female relationship. Here the characters indulge in a "stream of consciousness," expressing their innermost thoughts in four-letter words repeated and repeated like the babblings of sexual psychopaths.

Rushing to its climax, the film swings back to pick up Miller's friend Fillmore who now wants to marry his current flame on the grounds he has given her venereal disease—the term used is gutter crudity—and gotten her supposedly pregnant as well.

Miller, with mock seriousness, advises Fillmore to pay off his passion flower and leave for America while he, Miller, will arrange the financial settlement and tidy up the loose ends. Fillmore, whose conduct has cost him his job at the embassy, accepts the offer, hands over a sizable amount of cash, and departs tearfully from the railroad station en route to a ship connection which will take him to the United States.

Miller, as expected, proceeds to keep the money for himself. Film's end finds him cruising Paris in a taxi, expounding on the beauty of the River Seine and the city in general, expressing a "poet's love" for his surroundings that sounds like nothing so much as a blasphemy in view of all that has transpired before.

To repeat, no words here could adequately describe the filth that passes on the screen for entertainment. Some readers may think this an exaggeration produced by sudden shock. It is NOT. Days after seeing the film, the nausea persists.

And to reiterate what was written earlier in this piece: if the American movie-going public accepts this without protests (and the preview audience laughed and applauded this cinematic monstrosity); if church and civic and fraternal groups make no outcry against it—then they had better accept the fact that film degeneracy has reached a point of no return.

All the problems which face us today—the Vietnam war, poverty, pollution, campus anarchy, race riots—all will be as nothing when—not if—our moral fibre has been completely eroded.

Here—if America ever is to take a stand to save itself—is the time for national counter-action. Here, also, might be the time to let an actor such as James Callahan—the witty press secretary in the CBS TV series, *The Governor and J. J.* (a family-type show, by the way)—know what the public thinks of his accepting the role of a sexual adventurer only slightly less odious than Miller himself.

This is no time to tread water or split hairs about "artistic license." Paramount's *Tropic of Cancer* is not just some cheap import of the caliber of *I Am Curious—Yellow*, but a major theatrical release. It is not entertainment a God-fearing people should tolerate. It is the screen sunk to the depths of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yes, and worse!

What will America's answer be? What must it be if we, as a bastion of hope in a world gone mad with materialism and totalitarian aggression, are to survive?

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In Northern Ireland

\$100,000 AOH Gift Launches Aid Program

ARMAGH, Northern Ireland—Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, in behalf of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and Ladies Auxiliary, presented a check for \$100,000, realized by the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, to the officials of the Northern Ireland Resurgence Trust (Corporation).

Appropriately, the presentation, bringing the total sent to Northern Ireland to date to \$110,000, was made on July 4, American Independence Day, which commemorates the break of the United States of America from British rule.

Mr. John Hume, M.P., chairman of the Trust, set up under the auspices of the National Board, AOH, accepted the check in behalf of the victims of social conditions in Northern Ireland.

The new Trust was set up in fulfillment of the need for a properly organized body to accept and administer the funds for social and economic development of the underprivileged areas, particularly those in which the people have suffered as a result of the rioting and burnings of the past year.

The moneys will be used to provide self-help programs of home building and the establishment of factories and businesses to employ those who have been denied the right to a decent home and a decent job.

A bright spark in this program is Fr. Austin Eustace of Dungannon, who serves as a trustee of the new Trust.

Other trustees are Tom Tonaty of Belfast; James Kennedy, Belfast; Frank McManus, M.P., Fermanagh & South Tyrone; John C. O'Hare, Newry, County Down, and Patrick A. Duffy, Dungannon lawyer, who serves as secretary.

The funds of the Trust have been deposited in the National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Belfast.

The trustees will concentrate on getting sufficient funds to permit the Trust to carry out its objectives, (1) the promotion and assistance of self-help enterprises; (2) setting up of industrial attraction units, and (3) promotion of indigenous industries.

Brother Delahunty's whirlwind weekend trip to Ireland came at a time when violence was again flaring in the North.

Three times on the road trip into Northern Ireland, Brother Delahunty was stopped and his car and person searched for weapons. The first came at the border; later on the road, and the last time at the entrance to Armagh.

While in Armagh, he paid a courtesy call on William

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\$100,000 PRESENTATION—Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, presents a check for \$100,000 realized from the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, to Mr. John Hume, M.P., chairman of the newly formed Northern Ireland Resurgence Trust, to be used for the relief of the poor in Northern Ireland. At left is John C. O'Hare of Newry, and at right, Fr. Austin Eustace of Dungannon, trustees of the corporation.

AOH Statement

Supports Rodino Immigration Bill

At the invitation of Congressman Michael Feighan, chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration of the House Judiciary Committee, Brother Michael J. Delahunty, national president, presented a statement in behalf of the entire order in reference to the bills now under study to alleviate the inequities detrimental to would-be Irish immigrants under the Immigration Act of 1965.

Brother Delahunty had requested permission to appear before the subcommittee last Fall, and was assured that the order would be heard at a subsequent hearing.

In the meantime, however, the subcommittee members voted out favorably HR 10618, the Cahill-Rodino Bill which had had the backing of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Congressman Peter W. Rodino, who with former Congressman William T. Cahill, now Governor of New Jersey, introduced the measure, notified Brother Delahunty of the subcommittee's action, adding that all other bills on the immigration question will die in the committee for lack of support.

The following statement was provided by Brother Delahunty in behalf of the AOH, to be included in the minutes of the hearings. Since HR 10618 has been reprinted out, there is no need for further hearings.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., the oldest and only nation-wide organization of American Irish, has been anxious to appear before Subcommittee No. 1, Immigration and Nationality House Committee on the Judiciary, on the subject of Irish immigration.

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, their relatives and friends, would be severely prejudiced if hearings were adjourned without sufficient opportunity for the order to voice our feelings with respect to possible changes in the immigration laws.

Upon learning that Subcommittee No. 1 would hold a hearing on December 10, 1969, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, immediately sent a telegram to the committee requesting an opportunity to be heard. An invitation was extended to us; however, its lateness did not allow our witness to rearrange his schedule. The chairman of Subcommittee No. 1, the Honorable Michael A.

Feighan, stated prior to the adjournment of the December 10, 1969, hearings on "The Effect of the Act of October 3, 1965 on Immigration from Ireland and Northern Europe" that further hearings would begin as soon as possible in 1970 and at that time the national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians would be given an opportunity to offer testimony to the committee.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians welcomes the call of the Committee on the Judiciary to contribute a statement on our position regarding legislation to alleviate the plight of Irish immigrants to the United States. We submit this statement in support of H.R.

10618, as amended, by the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., with the request that it be incorporated in the record of the December 10, 1969, hearings.

Before the Ancient Order of Hibernians endorsed H.R. 10618, a survey was made throughout the United States to check the attitude of our members on H.R. 10618, and we found no adverse reaction.

Our National Chairman of Immigration, J. Frank O'Connor, carefully reviewed all aspects of H.R. 10618, as introduced, and suggested several amendments which would make more visa numbers available than envisaged under the

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Dublin Bids As Convention Site in 1972

Dublin, in a history-making move, is bidding for the 1972 national convention. In recent years Dublin has grown into one of the best known sites for international conventions in Europe and has attracted many conventions and international meetings in recent years.

Now the P. V. Doyle Hotel Group in conjunction with both C.I.E. (Ireland's National Transport Company) and Douglas-Ferguson International Tours, the New York Tour Company, will offer Dublin as the site of the next national convention.

They will offer the New Burlington Hotel which is at present being built to handle just such events by the P. V. Doyle group of hotels who already own four first class hotels in Dublin. In all, Dublin can offer 2,106 first class double rooms with bath throughout the city in hotels located within a short distance of the Burlington which upon completion will have 450 double rooms with bath.

Convention arrangements being offered include two general meeting rooms for up to 500 people in each, 38 special committee rooms with room for up to 40 people in each, for use, if required, a third general meeting room for up to 900 people, numerous small hospitality rooms or suites for the use of state and other delegations as well as a President's Suite, national secretary's office and a press room. They feel that they can offer the best catered convention in Hibernian history as well as an occasion and vacation that no member will ever forget.

Calls on Congress Leaders To End Partition of Ireland

JACKSON, Mich. — Brother Philip C. Kelly of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee, has requested a meeting with Congressional leaders for representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and other Irish-American organizations interested in ending the unnatural partition of Ireland.

In a letter to Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, Speaker of the House, Brother Kelly called for this meeting, to be called by Mr. McCormack, with other

interested legislators, to discuss possible legislative action toward ending partition.

"Our entrance into World War I on the side of England was procured by English representation that they were fighting for freedom for small nations," Brother Kelly wrote, "that they" would not bring freedom to small nations and omit Ireland.

"But as records in our State Department show, England has released her hold on 32 former dependencies since World War II. But Ireland is still not free.

"Our AOH slogan, based upon the Irish immigrants' enlistment in large numbers in our War for Independence, contributing far beyond their proportion to the population, and helping us win freedom from the same oppressor is, 'America's debt to Ireland, incurred in 1776, is long past due!'"

"Not only the AOH, but all Irish-American associations, are vitally concerned with the age-old oppression, brought to a new crisis now, and I would

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Arrive in U. S.

As we prepared the final pages of this edition, Brother Michael L. Delahunty, national president, informed us that Mr. John Hume, M.P., and Fr. Austin Eustace of the Northern Ireland Resurgence Trust have arrived in the United States and will attend the National Convention.

Zahn Conducts Campaign For Bills on Immigration

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Brother George A. Zahn, national director, undertook a campaign of writing to more than 60 members of the Con-



Danny Shane

Convention Entertainer

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Shane, popular vocalist in the midwestern area, is one of the featured performers to be engaged to entertain delegates to the Ancient Order of Hibernians Convention at the Indianapolis Hilton Hotel.

Danny has gained prominence through his expert rendition of Irish songs, although his repertoire includes pop, standards and show tunes.

He began his professional singing career at the age of 12, and has appeared on radio and television throughout the country. His engagements number appearances in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Miami, Fla., Windsor Ontario, Canada, Phoenix, Ariz., and in clubs in New York and Pennsylvania.

Brother Thomas Murray Dies; Served 12 Years on Board

BOSTON — Thomas H. Murray, an outstanding and dedicated Hibernian for many years, died peacefully June 18, 1970, at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., following a brief illness.

Prior to his retirement as sales manager for the Ames Safety Envelope Co., five years ago, he was a life-long resident of Brighton, Mass., where he was born 70 years ago.

Brother Murray held numerous positions of distinction in Hibernian circles which began when he was elected president of Division 14, Suffolk County, Boston. Later he served as the state treasurer.

Past National President George R. Reilly appointed him chairman of the constitutional and ritual committee following the Atlantic City National Convention in 1950, when he was elected a national director. Past National Presidents Michael J. Dowd and P. Frank Kean reappointed him to this position during their terms.

Born in Brighton, Mass., in May, 1900, Brother Murray was a past grand knight of Brighton Council 121, Knights of Columbus, and was an ac-

gress and the United States Senate soliciting their support of legislation to alleviate the inequities resulting in Irish immigration under the 1965 Immigration Act.

Some 40 favorable replies were received by Brother Zahn, a reflection of what one member can do.

In his letter to the legislators, Brother Zahn simply pointed out that the restrictions imposed by the law, fully effective in 1968, reduced Irish immigration from more than 7,000 per year to far below 1,000.

There are several bills before Congress, being studied in the House Judiciary Committee, and public hearings have been held, at which representatives of the national board presented the views of the AOH, as well as other interested groups.

(HR10618 has since been approved by the immigration subcommittee and now is before the Judiciary Committee.)

Representative Michael A. Feighan of Ohio, who has been chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality of the House Committee on the Judiciary, was defeated in the recent Ohio primary election, after serving 28 years in Congress.

This will put Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr. of New Jersey, ranking member of the committee after Mr. Feighan, in line for the subcommittee chairmanship, a vital post. Mr. Rodino has been working with the National Board on legislation to relieve the hardships imposed on Irish immigration under the 1965 law.

tive member of the St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Name Societies.

Msgr. Matthew P. Stapleton, Pastor of St. Columbkil's Church, was the celebrant at the Mass June 22, preached the eulogy and recited committal prayers in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

Surviving are his widow, Margaret, of St. Petersburg; a son, Robert, of Burlington, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Welch of Brighton and seven grandchildren.

An honor guard was assembled to pay tribute to the memory of Brother Murray during the burial service. These included Past National Presidents Kean and Walter J. O'Leary, Suffolk County President John C. Mullaney, Dr. Frank J. Fleming, Judge John J. Sullivan, Representative John F. Melia, Joseph J. McManus, George P. Kane, Capt. Frank Ryan, Frank Shea, Robert Meade and Thomas C. O'Brien.

Always leave them with a smile on your face. It makes everyone wonder what you've been doing!



GIFT OF APPRECIATION—Mr. John Hume, M. P., presents an inscribed silver tray to Brother Michael L. Delahunty, as a token of appreciation for the gift of \$100,000 from the AOH in America, for the relief of suffering in Northern Ireland.

Presidential Candidate

Finn Calls for Change, Purpose For Hibernianism in America

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Addressing the New York State convention here, Brother Timothy P. Finn, national organizer and a candidate for the office of national president, called upon Hibernians to face the need of the order, a two-fold need—change and purpose.

"It is the nature of things to change," Brother Finn told the delegates, adding that one must meet this challenge and adapt to it.

"It has been painfully obvious that, whatever moral and social influence our order has had, it has been in the control of too few and for too long a time. They have resisted change and our order is losing a purposeful existence."

Pointing out that the AOH is the only national organization of Irish men and women, he said that there is little image across the nation, because "the order itself, and the men who have guided it are confused in their goals, vague in focus and lacking in positive effort. Our voice, when it is heard at all, is dim and weak; our reaction to issues is slow, our reflexes asleep. We sound uncertain, hesitant—yes—... we sound old... that public image was brought about by resistance to change and changing times."

Turning to the purpose of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Brother Finn asked: "Are we simply a student club on Irish history? Do we band together and meet only to listen to the tales of deeds, however heroic? Is this our purpose? If either of those thoughts reflects our purpose, our voice, old, weak and dim, will command no one to listen."

Without "purposeful pilots" to chart the course, Brother Finn pointed out membership has declined over the past 50 years, with the first increase being recorded during the past two years.

"How did the legislation get

through Congress a few years ago virtually cutting off immigration, without the full power of our order being brought to bear in the opposition?"

"Now new light is being shed on the persecution of Catholics in Northern Ireland. Why have not we, as Americans, made ourselves heard in Washington on that subject?"

"Thomas Jefferson said, 'A generation holds all the rights and powers their predecessors once held and may change their laws and institutions to suit themselves.'"

"This generation has this chance. Make no mistake, it is a golden chance. This order can have change, can have a new and stronger purpose. The last two years have shown a big step in that direction. Let us not falter. 'Not to go forward is to fall back.'"

Brother Finn is a past president of Lt. Patrick Walsh Division of New York County and has received the unanimous endorsement of his division. Brother Joseph Giblin, past state president and past national director, his campaign manager, also reports the endorsement of the New York County convention, as well as the State convention, the latter by almost 3-1.

In a resolution endorsing Brother Finn, Lt. Walsh Division pointed to his personal zeal as division president, state organizer, and for the past two years, national organizer.

Among these are the organization of four new divisions, with others pending; served as a regional director for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund and liaison with fund raising organizations. Brother Finn, the resolution adds, served as co-chairman for the national board dinner in Newark, N. J., in 1969; directed much of the public relations work of the national board and gathered news for the *National Hibernian Digest* throughout New

York State, in addition to submitting his own material as organizer.

Brother Finn also obtained space in New York City for a national headquarters at no cost to the order, served as master of ceremonies at the state AOH pilgrimage to Havrestraw, and "most important, he has been available to help a brother in need, as many can vouch for."

As a candidate for the office of national president, in addition to continuing and improving upon the active and progressive current programs of the order, Brother Finn, a New York City detective sergeant, also proposes the following program for the AOH in America:

1. Creation of a national employment committee to seek and foster employment opportunities for members;
2. Encourage active participation by the order in community activities on a year-round basis, particularly in the observance of national holidays including Flag Day, July 4, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Honor America Day and the like;
3. Creation of a national legislative committee to keep the membership advised of legislation pending which may affect our people or our principles;
4. Establishment of divisions and activities in colleges and giving an annual award to an outstanding collegian in the academic field;
5. Establishment of a permanent office to serve as national headquarters;
6. Continuing and expanding the work to achieve a free and united Ireland and a strong Irish-American community, in cooperation with all other interested organizations and individuals.

AOH Presents \$100,000 Gift

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Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, who expressed his personal thanks and also spoke in behalf of the oppressed people of Northern Ireland, in thanks to the Hibernians in the United States.

The \$110,000 sent thus far by the U. S. Hibernians, Brother Delahunty said, represents the largest donation raised by any organization in the United States and delivered to Northern Ireland.

Brother Delahunty points out that the work in behalf of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, monies from which will be channeled into the Northern Ireland Resurgence Trust, must continue. The drive under the auspices of the AOH in America will not end until the needs of the people have been met in terms of decent housing, job opportunities and other basic requirements for a full and productive life.

He also expressed his thanks to the firm of Busatti and McCaffrey which has been working these long months toward the success of the fund drive.



Mrs. Mercedes R. Scofield

Mrs. Scofield President Of Ohio LA

DAYTON—Mrs. Mercedes R. Scofield, past state treasurer and state vice president, was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary at the 57th biennial state convention held here June 20.

Sister Scofield, also a past president and now treasurer of Division 2, Cleveland, is a member of St. Patrick's Altar-Rosary Society and the West Side Irish American Club.

She has been a delegate to the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee and is a parade guarantor. Each year she serves on the St. Patrick's Day banquet committee.

Sister Scofield, a widow, is the mother of two daughters, Delanie Clare and Sharon Patricia Scofield.

Sister Scofield has been employed 15 years by Lincoln Savings and Loan Company, where she is head teller at the main office. She resides at 4378 Metropolitan Drive, Cleveland.

A Man of Action In Northern Ireland

Dungannon's first introduction to Drogheda-born Fr. Austin Eustace was 25 years ago when he arrived straight from Maynooth College to fill the roles of organist in the parish and part-time science teacher in St. Patrick's Academy.

In the light of Fr. Eustace's recent work in the industrial field it is worth recording that four years previously, at the age of 20, when he had just graduated with an honors degree in science, he had turned down a very attractive travelling student scholarship in industrial research in favor of his theological studies for the priesthood.



Fr. Austin Eustace

During his years in Dungannon Fr. Eustace has been intimately associated with the cultural and social life of the district. He is founder, musical director and producer of Dungannon Musical Society.

As champion and protagonist of the underprivileged nationalist people of the North, Fr. Eustace has very few peers. His statistical surveys of the discrimination practiced by various local government departments, particularly in the spheres of housing and employment, played an invaluable role in convincing the world at large and Westminster in particular of the urgent need for reform in the six counties of Northern Ireland.

In particular, his open letter of last August to Brian Faulkner, Northern Minister of Development, won the acclaim of thousands including many at government level both in Dublin and London.

But it is as a man of action that Fr. Eustace is seen at his best. About 18 months ago he called together a specially chosen group of his parishioners and told them that he thought the Church was not doing enough for the underprivileged people of the North and asked them to become foundation members of the Tyrone Development Association, an 'ad hoc' committee specifically dedicated to helping people to build their own homes and the provision of employment through industrial development in the area.

Since then the Tyrone Development Association has met

twice monthly with Fr. Eustace as chairman. What it has achieved to date is in no small measure due to the drive and the inspiration of its chairman.

The first project tackled by the association was the provision of new homes on a "do it yourself" basis and later this summer thirty-six very proud and satisfied families will be living in the homes that their men folk have provided for them with the help, drive and financial accommodation arranged by the association. Further similar schemes are already in the pipeline.

With the housing successfully launched, Fr. Eustace turned the attention of the association toward the unemployment problem. Detailed feasibility studies were carried out, market surveys etc. and eventually it was decided that the first industrial project would be the manufacture of lead crystal glass.

At present a new factory is in the course of construction and a training school is in operation in temporary premises for trainee glass cutters. A public investment company has been formed to look after the finances of this and future industrial development.

The registered name of this company is The Tyrone Investment Corporation for Industrial Development, and Fr. Eustace makes no secret of the fact that the future of the industrial development of the area is intimately connected with support and confidence accorded to the investment corporation.

Kelly Moves For Action On Partition

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like to ask you if a meeting, in Washington, with you and other members of the Congress to be selected by you, to which representatives of all these groups were invited, could be arranged in the near future, to explore what our Government will do to perform its part in getting the British Government to release its hold on Ireland."

Reporting on his research on Congressional action since 1948, Brother Kelly, in a letter to Brother Michael J. Lennon of Schenectady, N. Y., national chairman, Freedom for All Ireland Committee, said at every session of Congress, petitions, statements, addresses, remarks, letters and resolutions have been presented by various organizations, including the American Federation of Labor, The Upholsters International Union, the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, the United Irish Societies of Western Pennsylvania, the Boston City Council, United Irish Counties Association, the Massachusetts Legislature, Citizens of New York, Citizens of California and the Irish Legation.

"Twenty years of fragmented efforts to get action through the Congress have produced absolutely nothing. It is clear that individual efforts of persons and organizations, well intentioned as these may be, have not and will not end the Partition of Ireland. The people govern through their elected representatives, but only when the mass of people demonstrate their determination to have action on the matter in issue.

And the best time for getting action is in an election year, which is this year.

What ever became of that little, old white-haired grandmother of yesteryear?

Only her hairdresser knows.

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Confucius Say: "Driver who take one for the road, usually has trooper for chaser."

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It isn't buying on time that's difficult, it's paying on time.



PRESENTS U. S. FLAG—Congressman Mario Biaggi of the 24th District, New York, presents an American Flag to James J. Murphy, president of Division 5, Bronx County, N. J. The presentation of the Flag, which had been flown over the Capitol Building in Washington on St. Patrick's Day, was made in the Congressman's New York office.

Rodino Immigration Bill

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original bill and for a longer period of time.

The suggested amendments when presented to the Honorable Peter W. Rodino were readily accepted by him and became the basis of H.R. 10618, as amended, would return to those countries which were unable to use all of their national origin quota numbers during the period January 1, 1966, to January 30, 1968, the amount of numbers which remained unused.

At the end of fiscal year 1968, the total amount of visa numbers remaining unused for the periods in the bill amounted to approximately 77,000 numbers. The numbers would be made available to eligible aliens during a four-year period beginning July 1, 1970, 25 percent per year, with a provision for "fall-down" of numbers unused in each year to the succeeding year.

The numbers to be returned as specified above, would be made available to aliens who were natives of such countries and who were unable to obtain an immigrant visa (1) because of the oversubscription of visa numbers by natives of the country or area to which they were chargeable for visa purposes; or (2) because they were unable to obtain a labor certification as required by section 212(a)(14) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Thus, this proposal would have the effect of making section 212(a)(14) inapplicable to aliens applying for visas under the provisions of the bill.

Ever since the Act of October 3, 1965, became effective, the immigrant visa process has been built around the labor certification provisions of section 212(a)(14) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. Entitlement to immigrant classification is established by meeting the requirement of that section and priority dates for purposes of registration on waiting lists are

determined by the date that requirement is met.

Since the majority of the beneficiaries of this bill will be aliens to whom the provisions of section 212(a)(14) are made inapplicable, and since the bill requires that available visas be issued in the chronological order in which applicants register for immigration, we feel that the Department of State should establish a criterion for registration so that an order of priority can be determined as of the date of the first indication of an intention of the alien to immigrate.

The total visas through the general law and the special visas that could become available through the enactment of H.R. 10618, would be more than sufficient to meet the anticipated immigration of 5,000 annually.

We are cognizant that unemployment is a problem today and immigration without labor certification could be the basis for criticism. However, we hasten to point out that the average Irish immigrant, although lacking in close family relationships in the United States, is blessed with relatives—aunts, uncles, cousins—and Irish community spirit which will assist him in adjusting into the community and earning a livelihood. We have no fear or apprehension that enactment of H.R. 10618 will in any way adversely affect employment opportunities in the United States.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit our position to the committee. We strongly urge that H.R. 10618 be approved as soon as possible. The precipitous drop-off in Irish immigration, caused by section 212(a)(14) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Act of October 3, 1965, must be ameliorated. We look in that direction and trust that the members of the committee will join with us in approving legislation to give the Irish a fair

chance to reestablish a pattern of immigration to the United States.

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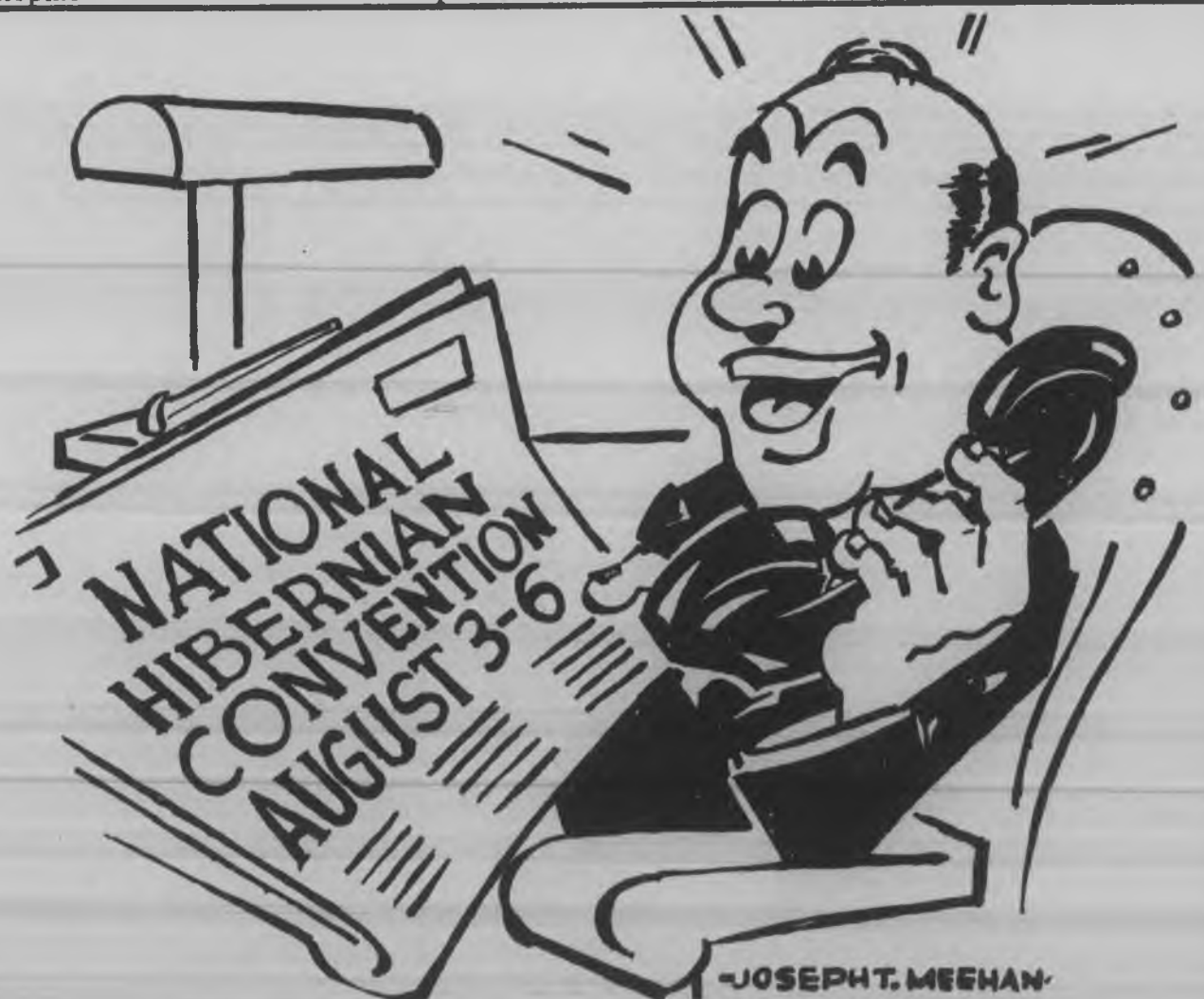
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—JOSEPH T. MEEHAN—

Start of the '70's

That's true!

Hibernianism in the United States and Canada stands at the threshold of a brand new decade, and we who are the delegates to the biennial national convention have the responsibility of seeing to it that progress becomes the byword for the decade.

Elsewhere in this edition is a copy of an open letter which should have been read at all meetings, down to the division level. It is the assessment of Hibernianism by our national secretary, Brother James R. Sullivan.

The national secretary, above all others, has his fingers on the pulse of the organization. He is the man in the know. He is the one to whom all of us report.

Because of this fact, and with two full years behind him at the administrative helm of the organization, Brother Sullivan has painted a somewhat bleak picture of Hibernianism. His outlook is not as bleak, however, because he tells us what we must do to avert the disaster which is possible.

Many of our members feel that we must work faster to update the organization. Drastic changes in policy, programs and in attitudes of members are needed.

Suggestions have been made that our Constitution be completely revised. There is no more time for amendments, for minor changes. The time, some feel, is now for a complete revision. A complete rewriting of the Constitution is required.

It would be impossible to take on such a task at a regular national convention, and the recommendation is being made that the national president appoint a special committee and call a special national convention in about one year, to discuss and work on a new Constitution.

The recommendations made include a shortening of the Constitution by eliminating the repetitious matter, the superfluous matter, and that which over the years has been weighed down with amendment upon amendment.

There will no doubt be some shockers among the programs to be proposed, but the same thing happened at Vatican II. When we read of some of the changes being wrought by the Fathers of the Council, we doubted seriously if these things ever would come to pass. But many of them have come to pass, and others are being programmed for inclusion in the liturgy, the teachings of the Church, and in the proposals for true Christian living.

Likewise, for Hibernianism, there must be an opening of the windows and a critical evaluation of the entire workings. We have a noble past, with many accomplishments. We have the promise of a more noble future, but there must be new approaches, new ideas.

Updating is the first prerequisite for a new Hibernianism. Rituals, agendas, programs, all need study. For instance, we now have only a few beneficial divisions. In the beginning, this was one of the prime reasons for existence—taking care of our sick, the families of deceased, the needy among us. Today, the need is not there as it was a century and a half ago, and it gives us a new opportunity to labor in different fields where we are needed now!

A recommendation has been heard from several sources that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America become an organization for Irish men and women. That the Ladies Auxiliary no longer be held as an auxiliary, but that the members be welcomed to membership in the AOH, provided they meet the requirements for membership. This would require changes on both sides—only Irish or Irish-Americans are now eligible for membership in the AOH, while wives of members may join the auxiliary.

Our national secretary has received a query as to why we limit our membership to Catholics only, asking why Irish men who are not Catholics are not admitted to membership. These advocates point out that some of the greatest and most prominent leaders in Ireland's fight for freedom over the centuries have been non-Catholics.

The ritual work of the order also has been questioned, and suggestions for its complete revision are being made in some quarters. If the recommendation to have men and women members in the AOH is discussed seriously, then this suggestion also would be appropos.

All things considered, we must take on those programs and ideals which will appeal to young men. The day of the need for a social club for men—and for women—is past. The family room—the six-pack—the color TV at home—the automobile for quick travel—these have made a club superfluous.

Men and women, however, are ready and willing to lend their aid to programs for the betterment of their fellow man, for the improvement of their own community—and community need not mean only the local scene, but the national and the world scene.

The National Hibernian Digest is not recommending these things for immediate action, but is presenting them now as food for thought for all delegates to the convention, and for every member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Any person, organization or thing which ceases to grow and progress, has already begun to die. We must find the key to continued growth and prosperity, and ultimately to a flourishing AOH.

President's Message

This will be the last article that I will write as the President of our beloved order, for when most of you read this I will have finished my two-year term.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your cooperation and support during my term of office. I trust that I have lived up to the confidence that was placed in me and that our order has benefited somewhat from the direction it has taken during my presidency.

I must especially thank the National Board who worked unanimously to insure the success of all programs we initiated, even though there were occasions when outside pressures would have them do otherwise, but true to the principles of our order, they practiced and put into effect its basic tenets of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

We have had some successes and some failures over the past two years, but it would seem to me that our successes outnumbered our failures, and this is readily borne out by all who studied our efforts on behalf of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, now the Northern Ireland Resurgents Trust.

The amendment to the Immigration Act of 1965, which has been discussed in detail by our worthy editor.

Our increased membership, which can be attributed to making our order better known to our American brethren.

Our nation-wide press and TV conference in which we were the first to bring to the attention of all Americans the plight of our suffering brethren in Northeast Ireland.

With regard to the Trust, I had the rare opportunity to represent all of you in the City of Dungannon on July 4, 1970, in the presentation of \$100,000 to John Hume, chairman of this fund, and other trustees. Needless to say, the news of the event created considerable interest all over the country, and most people see it as the beginning of something that could be a tremendous impact on Ireland, both north and south.

\$100,000 may seem like a meager sum, but it should be known that it was the largest donation by any one group and will provide a tremendous "flip" to those involved in this struggle for civil rights.

The time for this donation was also opportune because the Local Ministry of Commerce is making grants of 60 percent available on all capital expenditures of buildings and plants, and it would indeed be a tragedy if the Catholic community were unable to avail of these grants through inability to raise 40 percent.

It is important to see this kind of development in the

context of the political scene as well, for there has always been a majority of Catholics in the north at school age level. However, through discrimination at local government level and studied and calculated unemployment in the Nationalist areas, the emigration rate of Catholic children between ages 15 to 25, ranges from 30 percent to 45 percent with the result that the overall population never changes much from Unionist 67 percent—Nationalists 33 percent.

It should also be noted that in spite of this massive enforced emigration of the Nationalists, the Catholic unemployment rates range from 20 percent to 27 percent.

Your donation therefore, to this worthy Trust will make the provisions of employment and better social conditions for the Nationalist minority a top priority in their campaign for civil rights, and if they can be successful in keeping their young people at home, housing them and making available decent jobs, then there would be a natural majority of the population in one generation and the abolition of partition could at long last be realized.

I might also mention that on my visit to Ireland I met with His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway, honorary chairman of this Trust, and he wished to convey to all or Brother and Sister Hibernians his humble thanks for their generosity in this hour of need. I also visited some housing projects which are now in course of construction as a result of the efforts of members of this Trust, and will insure decent housing in the better class areas for the Nationalists minority.

I can only report that my visit was worthwhile and that I have at last seen the effectiveness of programs that will eventually provide equality for our long suffering brethren and insure the elimination of that evil, partition.

I ask you all to continue this good work and keep the funds flowing to this worthy Trust for there is still much to be done before success is achieved.

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Col. Walsh Retires After 44 Years In Military Service; Headed AOH

CINCINNATI, O. — Col. James P. Walsh, this city's oldest active reservist, retired March 31 after 44 years of

military service which started with the Citizens Military Training Corps at Fort Thomas, Ky., in 1926.

At the outbreak of World War II, Col. Walsh was a first lieutenant and ultimately was promoted to lieutenant colonel, serving in Berlin as chief of the manpower division of the Office of Military Government, Germany.

Col. Walsh is a past president of St. Patrick's Division No. 1, Cincinnati; past chairman of Irish Freedom League; past president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; honorary grand marshal of the 1969 St. Patrick's Day parade, and a member of the Irish-American Club, the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, and the Order of Alhambra.



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Fr. Peyton Guest Speaker For Indianapolis Breakfast

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More than 1,200 persons, including Mayor Richard G. Lugar of Indianapolis, attended the breakfast which followed the traditional corporate Communion at Mass, and the march from St. Mary's Church.

A dance was held in the afternoon in the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Hall.

Fr. Peyton, who left his native County Mayo at the age of 19 to come to America discussed his personal mission as a priest to promote family prayer and family unity and "make God and the Saints a reality to the cornerstone of society—the family—through prayer."



MAYO-BORN Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., communicates love of Mary's Rosary to an intent audience of Latin American children during one of his recent nation-wide crusades for family prayer. When accused of "angelism" because he asks the naked and the hungry to pray, he replies: "The shortest step to justice is prayer." For the past 28 years he has devoted his life to promoting Mary's own prayer, the Rosary, in fulfillment of a promise to Our Lady.

Honoring Mother Ancient Tradition Among Nations

President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed the national observance of the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914. But America was not the first nation to honor mothers.

Centuries ago, the ancient Greeks held a festival each spring for Rhea, the mother of the gods. Early Christians honored Mary on the fourth Sunday before Easter, when children placed flowers on the altars of churches where they had been baptized and gave small gifts to the mothers.

"Mothering Day" is the second largest gift-giving holiday in Great Britain. The observance originated in early England when servants and apprentices eagerly awaited the day when they could "go-a-mothering" and take along bunches of primroses as gifts.

The first Mother's Day in the United States took place in 1907 as an unofficial celebration started by Miss Anna M. Jarvis, whose idea it was to honor all American mothers with a special day. The celebration quickly spread throughout the country and to many other parts of the world.

Miss Jarvis also named the carnation as the official Mother's Day flower and thus continued the tradition of giving flowers to mother on her day.

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What's In A Name?

By FATHER EDMUND MURRAY, C.S.C.

There is a story, perhaps apocryphal, about a young lad who went to Confession, and among other picaresques, told the confessor, "I called someone a nigger". The clergyman is said to have drawn the curtain aside and said "I'm a nigger; look at me; what's wrong with that?"

That clergyman was a Boston priest who later became the second Bishop of Portland, Me.

One of the greatest glories of Ireland — and of the Church — always has been the great contributions made by the clergy and religious who have fanned out from Ireland, armed with the Cross, to carry on the Crusade for Christ.

Bishop Healy was not a native-born Irishman but his father was. As a young man early in the 19th Century young Healy landed in the New World and made his way to the South where he bought a small piece of land along the Ocmulgee River in Georgia. He gradually increased his holdings until he eventually owned a plantation of more than 1,500 acres with more than 50 slaves.

He fell in love with and married one of his slaves who was half his age and they had ten children, the eldest being James Augustine, the future Bishop of Portland. Another son became a famous sea captain, three other sons became priests, one of them becoming the Jesuit President of Georgetown College in 1873.

Two daughters became nuns. Father Alexander Healy was to become a renowned canon law-

yer and theologian to Bishop Williams of Boston whom he accompanied to Vatican Council I.

The Healys, like so many prominent Irishmen, were descendants of King Milesius of Spain, whose sons, the four princes Heremon, Ir, Heber and Ith, were to settle and rule Ireland, according to some historians, as far back as 1300 B. C.

Today the Healys are found in great abundance in Counties Kerry, Limerick and Cork, and there are close to 200 Healys currently listed in the Dublin telephone directory. The name was also at one time prominent in Sligo and Waterford.

One of the most celebrated of the Healys was Bishop Patrick Healy who was appointed Bishop of Mayo during the post-Reformation period (1576), and as soon as he set foot in Ireland he was arrested and condemned to death for being a Catholic, a priest, and a bishop. There were Penal Laws that early in Ireland's sad history! After the usual tortures including the rack and rope, Bishop Healy was put to death in August of 1578.

The name "Healy" in Irish means "nimble" (Eallamh).

One of the most interesting success stories in modern American business is that of the Grace family whose ancestors were descended from the celebrated Raymond le Gros or le Gras who was in the van-

guard of the Norman invaders of Ireland in 1169.

Le Gras was to marry the equally celebrated Strongbow's daughter and was to become one of the first of the Viceroy's of Henry II in Ireland. The family settled in what was later called Grace's country in the present County Kilkenny.

The original ancestor of the Irish-American Graces, William R. Grace, migrated to the New World in the 19th Century (he was born in Cobh, or Queenstown, in 1832), as a young boy, working his way in a merchant ship to New York.

Grace started the famous Grace Steamship Lines in South America, but he made greater contributions to the Latin World where he introduced many new industries among the South Americans. Eventually Grace was to move back to New York City where he became the first Irish-born mayor of Manhattan, serving for two terms.

Today the family of Grace head more than a dozen subsidiary industries in addition to the Grace Lines, with firms in Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and even back home in ancestral Ireland.

A reading of the medieval records of Ireland (Ormond Deeds, Justiciary Rolls, etc.) suggests that the Grace family held many administrative positions in Ireland in the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries.

One of the celebrated 18th Century Graces was John Grace, who like so many other Irishmen in those days, served in the army of Austria who

upon his return to Ireland from foreign service in 1789 became the first Catholic since Reformation times on the Roscommon Grand Jury. John Grace died 1811.

One of the well known missionaries to the West Indies in the 1600's was Fr. John Grace whose apostolate is mentioned in the *Analecta Hibernica*.

MANNIX: In the latest telephone directory for all Ireland there are 12 subscribers listed by the name of Mannix, six of them in Dublin and six in the County Cork area. It is an old Cork name, derived from the Gaelic "manach" which means "monk." Some authorities associate the names Manahan and Mannihan with Mannix, as well as the name Manning, although the latter is generally traced to Ulster rather than Munster and Cork. Mannix is one of the celebrated names in modern Irish history because one of its bearers was the patriot Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia, and one of Ireland's famous exiles. Mannix left Ireland in 1912, a *persona non grata* to the British Government, his great sin being his inflexible criticism of the injustices of British rule in his native land. Centuries ago there was a sept of *Cora Laoidhe* in southwest Cork and the people bearing the surname Mannix are derived therefrom.

An Open Letter to All Hibernians

I opened my report to the 1968 national convention with this remark: "Our National Constitution is your expressed will. It constitutes the rules, laws, and manner which you have voted to run The Ancient Order of Hibernians. You, national officers are empowered by you to act according to your expressed will — our National Constitution If your expressed will is bypassed or ignored, then we have **NO CONSTITUTION!** And we soon will be out of existence."

This is true today. I have, to the best of my ability, for the past 18 months, attempted to live within our National Constitution, and will continue to do so. However, I have to stretch the Constitution when I extend the deadline for division reports. All 1970 membership cards and 1969 report forms were mailed on December 15, 1969. These reports were due on February 15, 1970. We attempted to improve by mailing the membership cards in advance, but the divisions **Have Not Cooperated.**

It appears that most divisions want to wait until they have collected their 1970 dues. In my letter which accompanied report forms, etc., I attempted to point out that you are not filing your 1970 report. You are filing your 1969 report, and assessments are due on all members still on your books on December 31, 1969!

I would at this time like to discuss the Ancient Order of Hibernians with you the division presidents.

In the past 18 months I have traveled to many areas for the Hibernians. I can say I have been to the top. And, believe me! I don't like what I see.

We, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, are dying on the vine. It appears we do not want to advance. We cannot even keep up with the times; we have forgotten the past. We reject leadership. We apparently cannot function as a united group; we deceive each other and we even deceive ourselves. We constantly "kid ourselves" as we brag about being the largest Irish organization in America. We may have forgotten the past, but we are still living in the past.

Let's look at the membership record:

1906 — 125,000
1916 — 111,398
1926 — 66,890
1936 — 25,612
1947 — 18,953
1957 — 17,319
1967 — 16,078
1969 — ?????

Have we hit rock bottom? Are we about to fold up? These questions must be answered by YOU, the division president, and your membership.

At the end of 1968 our division memberships were as follows:

Less than 15 members — 19 divisions
15 to 25 members — 39 divisions
26 to 50 members — 83 divisions
51 to 75 members — 33 divisions
76 to 100 members — 24 divisions

101 to 150 members — 25 divisions
151 to 200 members — 10 divisions
201 to 250 members — 6 divisions
251 to 300 members — 2 divisions
301 to 350 members — 0 divisions
351 to 400 members — 1 division
401 to 450 members — 1 division
451 to 500 members — 0 divisions
over 500 members — 2 divisions

As we look at the record it appears the A. O. H. is just about past history. I honestly feel that we lose at least one generation out of three. We are not appealing to the young Irish-American. We are not conducting our meeting in a manner conducive to good A. O. H. divisions.

Many divisions permit their meetings to be interrupted by individuals who only have an ax to grind, always advancing the negative instead of the positive. It appears many divisions do not want new membership, never advance new members into office. They are contented to be numbered in the crowd of a few.

Our individual members remain in the A. O. H. because of old ties, personal reasons, but mainly because they are Irish. However, they do not attend meetings because of the useless arguments, poorly conducted meeting and the constant complaints, thus leaving the division to the few who live in the past. Unfortunately these few cannot see beyond their own division. They have no knowledge of the in-depth meaning of **Hibernianism**, and cannot see or understand the workings of a state or national organization. Many want the glory but not the work.

In many areas we find the county boards dominate the divisions. Division officers strive for a position on the county board to the detriment of their own division. County boards should be the advisers, consultants and the working partner of the division, not their chief competition . . . And, then, in many states, the state board exists in name only.

Mr. President, if you have read to this point, you may think it is a harshly critical letter and I am sure it will bring many letters condemning me (but most of them will be unsigned).

I also want to state at this point that most of this appears to be generalizations, and one should not generalize; but I must do so to reach all involved. I know that we have many good divisions,—divisions that could be outstanding examples to all of us. I am sure the good active divisions will know I am not generalizing about them.

I do want all state boards, county boards, and divisions to understand what we as a national organization face in the 70's. . . . I write this because I believe in the Hibernians. . . . I believe they have not outlived their usefulness, I believe we have a great future, if we will only begin to study and understand Hibernianism.

I have attempted to paint the picture of the Hibernians, to you, the division president. I want you to read this letter to your membership. I want to stir you and your membership to action. I want You, the division president, and some of your members to attend the national convention and state your views, make your demands for a better organization, accept the responsibility of your offices, help reorganize the Hibernians, work to improve communications . . . **Become Alive . . . Become Active Hibernians!**

Remember — all national conventions are open conventions until the final report of the credentials committee is made.

Mr. President — if you believe in your division, in the future of the Hibernians — plan to attend the national convention along with members of your division.

The Hibernians need a **Heart Transplant** — and only from the division level can this be accomplished — because our divisions are the heart of Hibernianism and in your hands rests the future of the Hibernians! It is extremely disappointing to see poor motivation in many of our leaders.

The apathy within the Hibernians is at all levels. During the past 18 months I have attempted to increase communications, but the response from most areas has been poor. We have attempted change — any organization that is alive must be ready for change.

We have had many frustrations and when they appear to be overwhelming, I try to remember —

"Life is only temporary."

I know this letter has been long and that no one enjoys reading a long letter; but it is my firm belief that all Hibernians are entitled to know what faces The Ancient Order of Hibernians. Given the true story, you will respond with the vigor of the "fighting Irish" and also produce the tools for rebuilding our order so that by the 80's we will surpass the membership of 1906. Go? Go! Go!!!

Fraternally,
James R. Sullivan
National Secretary

AOH Participates In Winter Carnival

POTTSVILLE, Pa. — The Schuylkill County Board participated in many events of the recent Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival. Miss Mary Margaret Guyeski of St. Clair was chosen to represent the AOH in the "Carnival Queen" contest.

The county board's float, designed and constructed by the members of J.F.K. Division No. 2, Pottsville, won a trophy for best design in the "kick off" parade. This float featured a six-foot harp surrounded by five boys dressed as leprechauns and sitting on toadstools. It also boasted the AOH Princess, riding on a green throne with her handmaidens sitting at her feet.



PLAN NEW YORK CONVENTION—Bishop Joseph Hogan of Rochester confers with Hibernian leaders in preparing the program for the 75th biennial convention of the New York State Boards, held June 25-27 at the Flagship Rochester Hotel. His Excellency was scheduled to celebrate the opening Mass in Old St. Mary's Church, and to address the delegates at the convention banquet. Conferring with the prelate are Fr. George Wood, Monroe County chaplain, County President Francis McDonough, convention chairman; Walter Anderson, regional director for the state board, and Mrs. John Flynn, county auxiliary president.



Navy's Tom O'Brien

Top Navy Defender AOH Member

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A shillelagh is not among the standard items of equipment issued to Navy football players. But with an O'Brien, an O'Shaughnessy, an O'Connell and a Kelly, Coach Rick Forzano (or O'Forzano if you prefer) will consider it if the Irish contingent grows any larger.

"This thing could reach serious proportions if our Irishmen refused to play against Notre Dame," Forzano cracked.

The most veteran of Navy's group and unofficial president of the clan is defensive end Tom O'Brien, whose roots run so deep that he has a map of Ireland on his wrist watch. O'Brien, a 207-pound senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the few, perhaps the only, varsity football player in America who can claim membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Tom belongs to St. Patrick's Division No. 1, Hamilton County, Cincinnati.

Hibernian O'Brien has been a two-year regular at defensive end for the Navy gridgers. He started his sophomore season

on the second string but got a quick baptism when the starter at his position was injured in the opening game. Last Fall, only linebacker Bob Walter had more playing time than O'Brien, who averaged almost 28 minutes a game.

"Tom did a fine job last Fall and again this past Spring," Coach Forzano offered enthusiastically. "He showed strong leadership during our out-of-season drills. Tom is certainly big enough to play his position. We expect that he will be one of the better defensive linemen in the East this Fall."

O'Brien was voted the Outstanding Defensive Lineman and Outstanding Player in Navy's only 1969 victory—a 10-0 shutout of Virginia—in which he had a considerable hand with a fumble recovery and two clutch tackles in a fourth quarter defensive stand. His play against the Cavaliers earned him a spot on the weekly All-East eleven chosen by the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Tom's dad, a manufacturer's representative, is on the Ath-

letic Board at Xavier Univ. Xavier was among five schools that O'Brien, football co-captain and an All-City end for St. Xavier High School, considered before choosing the Naval Academy. Tom spent one year at Columbian Prep, where he lettered both ways at end for Coach Joe Bernot.

In Memoriam

Brother Michael F. Davitt
Division 11,
The Bronx, N. Y.

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Brother Thomas H. Murray
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Jack Lynch, Irish Leader Won Vote of Confidence

DUBLIN: Prime Minister Jack Lynch won a vote of confidence in his leadership of the Fianna Fail Party and gained unanimous party support for his strong measure to curb inflation. Lynch said he would reserve decision on dissolving parliament and holding general elections until Parliament votes on motions of confidence. Since Lynch's majority in Parliament is six, he is counting on every party member to support him.

Ohio Discusses Next Convention

The members of the Ohio State Board discussed the proposed site for the 1972 National Convention and agreed that this subject is the most paramount question on the A.O.H. National agenda at the present moment. The following is the motion:

"At the Ohio State Board meeting, held in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, October 24, 1970 a motion was presented -- and passed unanimously -- that the National Board immediately reconsider the feasibility of the site for the 1972 National Convention as approved at the last Convention assembled in Indianapolis."

It was pointed out that anyone who has visited in August during "Horse Show" time knows how impossible it would be to host an A.O.H. Convention during that time. All the other elements - Charter Flights, Passport Regulations, State Conventions - make it impractical to have a National Convention in Dublin.

It was recommended by the Ohio State Board that the National Board, in the event that they concur with the sentiments expressed at the last Convention, immediately take appropriate measures to legally validate the verbal commitments made by sponsoring groups: P. V. Doyle Hotel Group, Irish Tourist Board and Irish International Airlines.

The presenting of the name of Dublin at the 1970 Convention was by Mr. Brown of New York. Presentation included special rates for delegates and other information.

Rita A. McDonough New President of Ladies

by MRS. EDWARD G. HART

After having served successful terms of office on the National Board as Chairman of the Missions, Director Organizer, Historian, and Vice-President, Miss Rita McDonough was unanimously elected to the Presidency. She inherited Hibernianism, her father being an active member, so much so that Anne Arundel County in Maryland chose to name a council in his memory.

Rita possesses a personal manner with enthusiasm for Hibernianism, and has accomplished much to increase membership in the State of Maryland, as well as a strong support for Hibernian projects. She is always willing to take time to assist, guide, and direct any new member who may be interested in the activities of the organization.

The Maryland A.O.H. members are proud of Rita in honoring us with this high office.

The National Convention of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary held last August in Indianapolis, Indiana, was not only congenial but successful. The four day convention was most ably presided over by Mrs. Mary L. King of Newport, Rhode Island. A most popular lady and a good administrator, whose ancestral roots are deep in County Kerry, she maintained the Ladies Auxiliary on a high level of dignity and harmony as well as on a high degree of program performance during her two years as National President. Constitutional Requirements, she having served two years, caused her to relinquish that office to the regret of many members of the Auxiliary.

Her successor in office, as National President, is the personable Miss Rita A. McDonough of Baltimore, Maryland. Because she is a good friend of the outgoing (Continued on Page Six)

Father Eustace Visits Chicago

Father Donald Eustace of County Tyrone, visited Division Number Fifty-five in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois on October 18 and 19: he addressed the members of both the Division and the Ladies Auxiliary there and stated the program which he and others have organized in order for the people in the Six Counties to overcome their difficulties. These people are handicapped by loss of work and housing as a result of discrimination.

Brother Stephen O'Malley, the A.O.H. National Treasurer is a member of that Division. Joseph McGoldrick is the President. Both of them offered Father Eustace every facility to promote his program.

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Cardinal O'Donnell's Words About Ireland

By popular request of members, the Mast-head of the Digest again proudly displays the inspiring and patriotic words, as far as Ireland is concerned, which were removed from the head of the paper some time ago without explanation:

Those words: "Ireland, One and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall" spoken by Patrick Cardinal O'Donnell of Ireland belong at the top of the Digest. "Is there or was there someone ashamed of them?" was a question asked by a Delegate at the National Convention.

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Please do what you used to do some years ago -- namely, write your stories either short or long, by pencil, pen or typewriter and mail them to the Editor. They will be published. Mail some pictures with your stories. The Digest needs both.

Fraternally yours,

James J. Comerford
National Editor

Watertown, Mass Division Election

Candidates for office were nominated on November 12 for Watertown Division 14, Massachusetts.

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Jack Lynch, Irish Leader Won Vote of Confidence

DUBLIN: Prime Minister Jack Lynch won a vote of confidence in his leadership of the Fianna Fail Party and gained unanimous party support for his strong measure to curb inflation. Lynch said he would reserve decision on dissolving parliament and holding general elections until Parliament votes on motions of confidence. Since Lynch's majority in Parliament is six, he is counting on every party member to support him.

Ohio Discusses Next Convention

The members of the Ohio State Board discussed the proposed site for the 1972 National Convention and agreed that this subject is the most paramount question on the A.O.H. National agenda at the present moment. The following is the motion:

"At the Ohio State Board meeting, held in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, October 24, 1970 a motion was presented -- and passed unanimously -- that the National Board immediately reconsider the feasibility of the site for the 1972 National Convention as approved at the last Convention assembled in Indianapolis."

It was pointed out that anyone who has visited in August during "Horse Show" time knows how impossible it would be to host an A.O.H. Convention during that time. All the other elements - Charter Flights, Passport Regulations, State Conventions - make it impractical to have a National Convention in Dublin.

It was recommended by the Ohio State Board that the National Board, in the event that they concur with the sentiments expressed at the last Convention, immediately take appropriate measures to legally validate the verbal commitments made by sponsoring groups: P. V. Doyle Hotel Group, Irish Tourist Board and Irish International Airlines.

The presenting of the name of Dublin at the 1970 Convention was by Mr. Brown of New York. Presentation included special rates for delegates and other information.

Rita A. McDonough New President of Ladies

by MRS. EDWARD G. HART

After having served successful terms of office on the National Board as Chairman of the Missions, Director Organizer, Historian, and Vice-President, Miss Rita McDonough was unanimously elected to the Presidency. She inherited Hibernianism, her father being an active member, so much so that Anne Arundel County in Maryland chose to name a council in his memory.

Rita possesses a personal manner with enthusiasm for Hibernianism, and has accomplished much to increase membership in the State of Maryland, as well as a strong support for Hibernian projects. She is always willing to take time to assist, guide, and direct any new member who may be interested in the activities of the organization.

The Maryland A.O.H. members are proud of Rita in honoring us with this high office.

The National Convention of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary held last August in Indianapolis, Indiana, was not only congenial but successful. The four day convention was most ably presided over by Mrs. Mary L. King of Newport, Rhode Island. A most popular lady and a good administrator, whose ancestral roots are deep in County Kerry, she maintained the Ladies Auxiliary on a high level of dignity and harmony as well as on a high degree of program performance during her two years as National President. Constitutional Requirements, she having served two years, caused her to relinquish that office to the regret of many members of the Auxiliary.

Her successor in office, as National President, is the personable Miss Rita A. McDonough of Baltimore, Maryland. Because she is a good friend of the outgoing (Continued on Page Six)

Father Eustace Visits Chicago

Father Donald Eustace of County Tyrone, visited Division Number Fifty-five in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois on October 18 and 19; he addressed the members of both the Division and the Ladies Auxiliary there and stated the program which he and others have organized in order for the people in the Six Counties to overcome their difficulties. These people are handicapped by loss of work and housing as a result of discrimination.

Brother Stephen O'Malley, the A.O.H. National Treasurer is a member of that Division. Joseph McGoldrick is the President. Both of them offered Father Eustace every facility to promote his program.

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Cardinal O'Donnell's Words About Ireland

By popular request of members, the Mast-head of the Digest again proudly displays the inspiring and patriotic words, as far as Ireland is concerned, which were removed from the head of the paper some time ago without explanation:

Those words: "Ireland, One and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall" spoken by Patrick Cardinal O'Donnell of Ireland belong at the top of the Digest. "Is there or was there someone ashamed of them?" was a question asked by a Delegate at the National Convention.

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Send news anytime. There is no deadline. A Digest comes out every two months. Type the news or write it -- but send it.

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We know that the Digest is your paper -- for your purposes -- for the benefit of our Order. We know that the members of Divisions and Auxiliaries throughout the country wish to read about their activities; they like to know what other Divisions and other Auxiliaries are doing and how they do it; they want to hear about the programs and the actions of the County Boards, the State Boards, and the National Board. They like to read Hibernian news. They like to see Hibernian pictures.

Please do what you used to do some years ago -- namely, write your stories either short or long, by pencil, pen or typewriter and mail them to the Editor. They will be published. Mail some pictures with your stories. The Digest needs both.

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New Jersey A.O.H. News

Essex County Ladies See 'Fashion and Festival'

Miss Anne Flanagan of Irish International Airlines presented "Fashion and Festival," a special showing of the new Fall/Winter Irish fashions to members of the Essex County Board, Ladies Auxiliary, A.O.H. on November 10 at Our Lady of Sorrows Auditorium in South Orange.

Anne explains that each item in the show was named

Division 14 Marks 30th Anniversary

Division 14, Ancient Order of Hibernians, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, thirty years dedicated to Irish and American causes; to Irish culture, Irish sociability and conviviality. This anniversary was celebrated at the Annual Fall dance held on Friday, October 30th at St. Mary Gate of Heaven Auditorium, 104-06 101st., Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y. Irish and American music was by Paddy Noonan and his Famous Band. Tom Landers, Chairman, Barbara Clancy, Chairlady, or Tom Murphy, President, Division 14 headed up the ticket committee.

after a famous Irish Festival -- e.g. the Rose of Tralee Festival in Kerry; the Opera Festival in Wexford; the Galway Oyster Festival; the Cork Film Festival -- to name a few.

"This gives me the opportunity to tell audiences about the great variety of events in the Irish social calendar, as well as showing them the latest from top Irish fashion houses," she said.

As always fabric included multi-colored tweeds for outdoor and day wear; pants suits in linen and poplin for the home and exquisite Irish hand-crocheted lace for evening wear.

Irish movies were included and Irish goods were on sale in the lobby.

Mrs. Mathias Hunoval, Jr. was chairman.

A.O.H. NEWS

Hibernians wish and want to read A.O.H. news. Put the stories about the social activities of your division and Auxiliary on paper and mail them to the digest editor.

Division 5 In Brooklyn Holds 35th Annual Ball

The 35th Annual Ball and Entertainment of Division Five, A.O.H., King's County, was held on Saturday evening, October 31, at the Diamond Post, 403 Ninth St., Brooklyn.

Music by Nancy Ryan and her orchestra presented an excellent entertainment program. A new innovation this year was a buffet supper and a display of Irish Textile Products by Tartan Specialties (Rugs, blankets, etc.).

Michael O'Brien, Larry O'Keefe (Ball Chairman), Peter Tierney, and William Kinane are to be highly congratulated for organizing and directing this ball.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY DIVISION 7 HOLDS BEACH SOCIAL

Dick O'Keefe, prominent Westchester County Insurance Business Man in Manhattan and A.O.H. member announces that: Division 7, Larchmont-Mamaroneck-Harrison, Westchester County, New York, had an evening beach party attended by 140 people at the Larchmont Shore Club in Larchmont, New York. Joseph McOwen was chairman, assisted by William Doyle and Susan Mohler.

Pat Hogan In Good Health



FORMER NATIONAL President Patrick J. Hogan of Stamford, Connecticut, who overcame a serious illness, is again in good health. He was National President for 1960-62, being elected at the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Having lived at the same address in Woodrow Street, Stamford, for forty years, he has recently moved to 1314 Shippin Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. Reconstruction in his old neighborhood caused him to move. Many Brothers are sending him cards of congratulations on his recovery. Be one of them this Christmas. Address them to his new address as given above.

KATHLEEN SMITH, MARIE MCARDLE AT CONVENTION

Delegates - both women and men - to the National Convention were real happy to see Miss Kathleen Smith and Mrs. Marie McArdle at the Convention. Both had been ill some time ago. Now fully recovered, they are active in A.O.H. activities.

Bernadette Devlin

OMAGH, Northern Ireland: Bernadette Devlin emerged from prison unrepentant and

as fiery as ever. Miss Devlin, at 23 the youngest member of the British Parliament, had her first meeting with the press since being released from prison four days ago after serving

Irish Bank Strike Settled at Last

DUBLIN: Employees of Ireland's banks accepted a new pay offer, ending a five and a half months strike. Banking officials said that it would take weeks to clear up the republic's tangled financial affairs.

The 900 banks and branches are back in business. But their 6,800 employees will work behind closed doors for at least three weeks to clear the backlog of paper work.

The salary increases range from 24 percent for senior employees to 37 percent for junior employees, it was reported. Other concessions included bonuses, guaranteed overtime and fringe benefits.

Present salaries range from \$1,440 a year for junior staff members to \$2,760 for a man with eight years of service.

When the banks opened to the public, Irishmen will begin discovering who owes what to whom.

Since the banks closed April 30 in a pay dispute with their employees, many Irishmen have lost track of their financial standing.

They have had to draw checks against their accounts with no opportunity

Connecticut A.O.H. Activities Social Affairs Keeping Hibernians Active

Since returning from the National Convention the delegates from Connecticut have infused the spirit that was generated in Indianapolis into the rank and file who had to remain at home.

If social activities are an accurate barometer of things to come the membership will continue to grow at the same pace that has characterized Connecticut since the re-birth of the Order twenty years ago.

Fairfield County honored its Past President, Terry McMahon at a dinner hosted by the Norwalk Division.

In Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Murphy, Chairman and Business Secretary of the Committee that has organized and ran the second biggest Feis in America, were tendered a well deserved testimonial dinner in October.

Bridgeport which proudly holds the national spotlight by reason of having the largest membership, since it outclassed the Yorkville Division in New York, held its family picnic in October.

Greenwich in a class by itself by reason of its dramatic talent is preparing to present a play during the period of the next National Convention.

In addition three Divisions -- Danbury, Stamford and Greenwich -- sponsor three Irish Radio Programs every Sunday at 1:30, 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. While not forgetting the past, these programs keep us up to date on present day Show Bands and the latest songs.

Bridgeport, Connecticut Division celebrated its 20th Anniversary at a Dinner-Dance on Saturday, November 7th, at Journey's Inn, Fairfield Avenue at which time they honored the charter members and also the Past Presidents Patrick Sherwin and Martin Reidy.

Bridgeport Ladies Announce Plans For Upcoming Year

The Ladies Auxiliary A.O.H., JFK Division, Bridgeport, held its first meeting of the season last week in St. Peter's Church Hall, Beechwood and Colorado Avenues. Mrs. Albert Murphy, president, appointed committees and announced plans for the coming year. Hostesses were Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Martin Devaney, Mrs. John Wynne, Mrs. Richard Hoyt, Mrs. J. Barry O'Connell, Mrs. Joseph Cavanaugh, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, Mrs. Edward Speer and Mrs. Edward Simons. The auxiliary will sponsor a cake booth at the Glenmary Fair.

Bridgeport Men Held Annual Dinner

Bridgeport Hibernians held their annual dinner-dance on November 5, at Journey's Inn. This was also the 20th Anniversary of their reactivation. James Kissane was the general chairman.

On Sunday, November 8, chairman Bud McDougall, brought the Bridgeport Division on its annual football trip to Yankee Stadium to see the Giants try to beat Dallas.

Danbury A.O.H. Honors President With Dinner

On Friday, October 16, the John Gildea Division of the A.O.H. in Danbury held its first presidents' dinner at Mac's Halfway House. The chairman of the affair was Danny Ryan. The purpose of the affair was to honor all the past presidents of the division and particularly the immediate past president Vincent Seery, a native of Dublin.

AER Lingus Airline Carried Over One Million Passengers

Returns just published by Aer Lingus-Irish for the first six months of the financial year (April/September) show that for the first time the Irish airline carried over one million passengers in this period. The total was 1.1 millions.

On the North Atlantic routes there was an increase of 26 percent in scheduled service passengers. Montreal and Boston returns were particularly impressive, the former recording a 32 percent increase and the latter 37 percent. New York was up 24 percent.

Bernadette Back & Labor Cheers

LONDON: Bernadette Devlin showed up in the House of Commons today to take her seat, and got a reception from Labor members as the ruling Conservatives sat silent. The 23-year-old Irish civil rights campaigner just out of jail after serving a six-month sentence for rioting in Londonderry, swept into the chamber wearing a Chinese-style bright red trouser suit.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Help Still Needed by Victims in Six Counties

Our Order -- The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America -- has a long and glorious tradition in helping the people of Ireland in their struggle to win complete freedom and independence for the entire thirty-two Counties that make up the island of Ireland.

One of the purposes of the A.O.H. in America as stated in its Constitution is: "To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence." Our Order has steadfastly worked in advancing this purpose.

Different methods, covering a span of many years, have been used by the Order in the past in trying to accomplish this purpose. Different methods are being used today in endeavoring to accomplish this same purpose. Different methods, perhaps, will have to be used of necessity in the future to pursue the goal required by this purpose. Mature, sensible, and experienced people like our interested members both realize and understand why the methods must change periodically.

Today's best method is only for today. But each day's best method will forever be the guide line until absolute independence for Ireland is achieved.

As Americans we are not telling the Irish people in Ireland how to win their absolute independence. That is their job and their responsibility.

But we can and we do give them some financial help and moral support in carrying out the particular work which they think will most quickly bring about the independence that they seek and which they have a right to have in their own country.

Needless to say, politics play a big role in this serious problem which we all know exists today in Northeast Ireland. The politics of Britain, the politics of the "six county" Government in Belfast, the politics of the Government in Dublin, the politics of the rank and file of the people in Ireland.

Politics being politics can be very confusing. People pick their sides, back their men, and believe that their side and their man are right.

At present, there are seven separate and distinct groups, with bases in Ireland, collecting money here in the U.S. for the benefit of the distressed people in the Six Counties. Each of them, however, represents organizations which practice and profess seven different Irish Political Philosophies as to what method is best to end the Partition in Ireland. Every A.O.H. Division seems by now to have chosen one of the Seven Groups as being the best one to help the people who have lost their homes and jobs in the Six Counties. Each Division already has a member or two members identified with and working for one of these Groups now in the U.S. So be it.

In the meantime, while the game of politics in Ireland is being played, there are Irish men and Irish women -- and their children as well -- homeless within the Six County Area. They cry out for us in America to help them with money to buy food and medicine as well as to pay rent or rebuild their homes. Unlike three or four years ago, everyone knows the details now about their needs.

Help them by contributing to whichever person is approved and trusted by your Division. No one is stealing our money.

Those who have collected money in the United States for the purpose of helping our deserving kith and kin in the "Six County Area" have delivered that money to these people.

It is comforting to know that there are still honest men who collect money and who keep their word by delivering it to those people for whom they collected it.

The National Board of The A.O.H. in America is now making a study of the merits of each of the seven groups that are now collecting funds in the U.S. The Board may accept one or two of these groups. The Board, on the other hand, may reject all seven groups and may agree on a separate new one, or may agree on none at all. In the meantime, pending a decision by the Board, there is not any prohibition on a Division from making financial contributions, to whomsoever they wish, provided the money is given to aid the victims of oppression within the Six County Area of Ireland.

Increase Division Membership and Build Up Our Order

This is the time of the year for Divisions to find new members. Vacations are over. Regular meetings are being held. Annual Dances and Dinners are all now in season. Many other types of social functions have been already scheduled for the Winter.

These social programs give an opportunity for Division members to meet other men who are not yet members of our Order, but who still like to be associated with the social affairs of a Division or of a County Board.

By heredity, by racial background, by religious faith, by common interest, these men are already potential members of the A.O.H.

It would be a good idea for present day members to talk with these men and encourage them to join the Order.

Putting on a so called big membership drive by a Division is not the answer to that Division's problem of increasing its membership. Experience over the years shows that members brought into a Division through that method of recruiting do not stay. Nearly all of them just become "members", but they do not become members in the true sense and meaning of that word.

The members who stick all the year round and who stick year after year in a Division are men who joined the Division in ones and twos and threes as the result of being recruited by a slow process--of being recruited by the Division's own regular members--of being recruited by a member who knew that his candidate wanted to voluntarily join the A.O.H.--of being recruited through the old fashioned method of being invited by a friend to join.

Brother John J. Devlin of Watertown, Massachusetts, who is the National Organizer, is a seasoned, experienced, trusted man; he will in a sensible way set the tone and theme for organizing new Divisions. A few States which still have many areas with large populations of Roman Catholics who are of Irish birth or descent and who are citizens of the United States never seem to increase their total State membership. Neither do the existing Divisions in these States increase their membership, nor does anyone in the States organize these unorganized areas which seem to have a great number of potential members.

Maybe, some reader with A.O.H. experience about such matters would be kind enough to supply an answer to this ever present and continuing question--namely, "Why do some areas with potential Hibernian membership never get organized?"

Your answer will be appreciated. And further, your answer will be sent to the National Organizer, John J. Devlin as information and guidance for him now as well as help to him later. Remember, he has just recently been named National Organizer and needs some time to get started on the job of organizing.

Send your suggestions for organizing new Divisions to Brother Devlin now.

Every Fraternal Organization In U.S. Has Problems

Every Fraternal Organization whether on the national or local level needs to recruit a number of new members every year.

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A survey completed in September 1970 shows that other large American Fraternal Organizations such as: The K. of C., the Elks, the various Jewish Societies, the Masons, the Knights of Templar, the Polish Societies, the various Italian Organizations, the Knights of Pythias as well as many others have had membership problems just as the A.O.H. has had in recent years.

We have seen several "Organization Technique Books" that some of these organizations published for use by their Organizers. Rather disappointing, they are, for the purpose for which they are intended. They read too much like the professional text books of the "Know How" sort and the "How to" kind. All of us have heard extracts taken from such books and put into reports and speeches. As the speaker speaks his piece, copied from such texts, a listener wonders whether any part of the talk ever entered the speaker's mind anywhere along the lines between the text book page and the listener's ears.

Anyhow, an A.O.H. Division can do without such text book style of organizing. There is no substitute for the personal contact idea. A Division member contacts a potential member. This method has worked successfully in the past. It still works. Try it and see!

Marion Guilfoyle Vice President Catholic Lawyers

Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State Vice-President, Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, was recently installed as Second Vice-President of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York. She is the first woman to hold that office in the forty-two year history of that organization.

Sister Guilfoyle is a past President of the New York County Board, L. A. and the Lieut. Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, L. A. An attorney for twenty-five years, she is admitted to practice before the New York State Courts and various Federal Courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sister Guilfoyle obtained her A.B. degree from Hunter College of the City of New York and a Doctor of Law degree from Fordham University School of Law. She is Corresponding Secretary of the Fordham Law Alumni Association, and holds membership in the American Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York County Lawyers Association.

Past National Presidents On the Job

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Past National Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance were: Mrs. Mary Bennett, Plainfield, New Jersey; Miss Lillian Fay, Washington, D. C.; Miss Mary Hurley, Belmont, Massachusetts; Miss Kathleen Smith, Bronx, New York City; Mrs. Kathleen Roche, Harwich, Massachusetts; Mrs. Lenore Shea, Munhall, Pennsylvania.

Delegates who served in offices with them and also those who served after their terms had expired were happy to see that all of them--both men and women--were in good health and still actively serving the A. O. H. in many capacities.

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John is a sophomore at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts - John is majoring in Economics and plans to enter Law school.

Patricia is a senior at Ladywood - St. Agnes High School in Indianapolis; Pat plans to attend Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison.



JAMES R. SULLIVAN

BIRTH: December 13, 1917; PLACE: Indianapolis, Indiana; EDUCATION: B.S. Butler University; OCCUPATION: Community Pharmacist.

Married twenty-six years - Five Children.

ORGANIZATIONS: Knights of Columbus; American Legion (Past Commander); Academy of Pharmacists (Past President); Society of Pharmacists; National Association Retail Pharmacists; and Indianapolis Association of Retail Pharmacists.

HIBERNIAN STATUS: Member of Kevin Barry Division, Indianapolis, Ind. (Past President); Organized Indiana State Board; Past President Indiana State Board; Past Assistant National Organizer; and National Treasurer.

INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING DIVISIONS IN: Fort Wayne, Indiana; South Bend, Indiana; Michigan City, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Atchison, Kansas; and Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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James R. Sullivan Family



SEATED: Joan M. Sullivan, Mrs. Joan D. Sullivan, and Patricia Sullivan. Standing: James R. Sullivan, Jr. "Jim", John J. Sullivan, and Mary Sullivan Farrell.

Married Joan M. Durkin, Scranton, Pa. at St. Peters Cathedral, Scranton, Pa. December 11, 1943.

Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan have five children. James, Jr. - Mary Farrell - Joan, John and Patricia.

Mrs. Sullivan is a grad-

uate of St. Vincent's (New York) Nursing School. She is presently serving in Hospital Education at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

James Jr. is married, has served three years in U.S. Army and will graduate

from Business School of Indiana University in June, 1971.

Jim's wife Mary Ann will receive her Masters Degree from Indiana University in 1971.

Mary Sullivan Farrell is a social worker in Cook

Division 29 Auxiliary New York County

Mrs. Winifred Ryan from Liscarrol, County Cork was installed as President of the Lieut. Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, L. A., on October 13th at its meeting rooms, 155 East 88th Street, New York City.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, President of the New York County Board, L.A., was the installing officer, assisted by Miss Mary Sullivan, County Chairman of Catholic Action and Mrs. Bea Collins, County Mistress-at-arms.

The other officers installed were: Miss Sara I. V. Lalor, Vice President; Mrs. Ermina M. Guilfoyle, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Povisil, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Collins, Treasurer; Miss Carol Brown, Chairman of Irish History; Miss Mary Kyne, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Beatrice Bailey, Chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Catherine Callaghan, Chairman of Standing Committee; Mrs. Anne Doris,

Mistress-at-Arms; Mrs. Mary J. Gilleece, Sentinel.

Among the distinguished guests were, Rev. Timothy Healey, S.J.; Mr. John Duffy, Assistant Editor of the National Hibernian Digest; Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State Vice President, L.A.; Mr. Sean Ryan, husband of the newly installed President; Mrs. John Duffy; Mr. James Doris, Executive Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Mr. Hugh Carr, Div. No. 29; Mrs. Teresa Rogers, Auxiliary No. 1; Miss Mary Hartnett, Auxiliary No. 5; and Miss Mary Sheridan.

Mrs. Margaret Ita Carr, a past President of the Auxiliary was chairman of the Installation.

Mrs. Ryan presented gifts from the Auxiliary to Miss Margaret Callaghan, the outgoing President, in appreciation for her work and devotion during her term of office.

Bronx County Has Active Program

At a recent meeting of the "Golden Age Club," Monsignor Patrick O'Leary, Chaplain of Bronx County Board, A.O.H. presented the "Man of the Year Award" to the Honorable Malcolm Wilson who is Lieutenant Governor of New York State and a member of our Order for many years. Father Gannon of Fordham University, addressed the gathering and stated that the Golden Age Club had picked a most distinguished gentleman for their award.

Henry Ferguson, Bronx County President, gave a most enlightening report on the A.O.H. National Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind. The Bronx Degree Team is keenly awaiting the outcome of the recommendations forwarded to the National Convention by Past Bronx County and Past New York State President Timothy Driscoll

and acceptance by the constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee.

The Bronx County Team exemplified the Degrees to a large class of candidates at Trenton, New Jersey, recently.

For the 22nd consecutive year, Bronx County will hold Major Degrees on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, 1970, at Our Lady of Mercy Hall, Bronx, New York. Divisions outside Bronx County, who have candidates for the Major Degrees, are cordially invited to participate. Arrangements can be made by contacting Brother Timothy Driscoll, 212-TU4-2098. Tim wishes to thank the many members of the A.O.H. who called and mailed "Get Well" wishes when he was confined to the hospital with a leg injury.



NATIONAL HISTORIAN Al Melia receives a Birthday Greeting from his twin daughters---Sister Colleen Anne and Sister Maureen. Both are Nuns in The Order of Sisters of St. Ursula.

National Historian Judge Al Melia

The Honorable Aloysius J. Melia has been appointed National Historian by National President Edward J. Fay. He is a former A.O.H. Historian from New York State.

A native New Yorker, he is a Judge in New York City Criminal Courts. Educated in Holy Cross Grammar School, All Hallows Irish Christian Brothers High School, Fordham College and Fordham University School of Law, he has in adult life been a teacher and an administrator. During World War II, he served as an Officer in the U. S. Navy in the European Theatre of action and earned four battle stars. For eleven years, he was an Assistant District Attorney to Mr. Frank Hogan in the District Attorney's Office in New York County; for nine years, he was Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Police Department.

A member of A.O.H. Division #3, Manhattan, New York County and a former President of the County Leitrim Society, he is also active in the Emerald Societies as well as in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade as an Officer. A long time student of Irish history and the cultural heritage of the Irish people, he has deep roots in County Leitrim, where his mother was born; he is a rank and file worker with many Irish Societies in New York. His father, who was a member of the New York City Police Department, was also a native New Yorker whose parents had been born in Ireland.

Judge Melia brings with him to the National Board a vast amount of practical experience and scholarly qualities which the A.O.H. National Board must have in order to measure up to the expectancies of the Hibernians in America and of other Fraternal Organizations.

Judge Melia is married to the former Eileen Schmidt of Bogota, New Jersey. They have five daughters -- Donna, now Mrs. William McGawn and Laura, now Mrs. Ray Rickendaugh, and Jane Mary; the other two daughters are twins and both of them are Nuns in the Order of Sisters of St. Ursula -- Sister Maureen is in Providence, Rhode Island and Sister Colleen Anne is in Rhinebeck, New York.

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Hibernian Activity In Suffolk County, N.Y.

Suffolk County on the eastern end of Long Island, N.Y., is steadily increasing its Hibernian membership. All seven Divisions in the County had their full complement of delegates at the County Convention which elected Robert McGrory, Division 8 as County President; Harry Brown, Division 4, Vice President; Frank Smith, Division 2, Recording Secretary; Dennis Haughney, Division 7, Financial Secretary; James McCabe, Division 4, Treasurer. Peter Bulfin, the outgoing County President, presided at the Convention in a most capable manner.

Among the many successful Hibernian activities held in the County were: Division One's Gaelic Day with over three thousand in attendance; Division Eight's Annual Suffolk County Feis which has become the biggest Irish event on Long Island, and the Annual County Ball which grows bigger and better each year.

Division Seven has already started preparations for their Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held in East Islip on Sunday March 14th. Division Two's Saffron Kilts Pipe Band will, as usual, be one of the highlights of the parade.

BABYLON SUFFOLK

The third annual ball of the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band of the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Division of Babylon was held in Suffolk County, New York at the American Legion Hall, Grove Place, Babylon. Irish and American dance music

was furnished by Pat Brown's Orchestra. A program of entertainment was organized including the Pipe Band, Kennedy Irish step-dancers and others.

John Egan of Farmingdale was chairman with Eric Stein of Deer Park as co-chairman. Others on the committee were Edward Daly, Frank Mulligan, Mat Close, Mike Rice, Jim Sullivan, John MacKay and John F. Farrelly.

NASSAU DIV. DANCE

Division Eight, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Nassau County, Long Island, N. Y. held its annual Commodore Barry Day Dance at the V.F.W. Ballroom, Hill St., Glen Cove. Dancing was to the music of Mickey Carton and his orchestra.

Tom Glynn and Charles Phillips were chairmen of the committee.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY

"I don't want equality. I really enjoy being treated like a woman and I hope it stays that way. I still like having a door opened for me."

--Mrs. Brendan Corish, wife of the Irish Labor Party leader, on American women's liberation movement.

TOM BARRY SAYS

"There is now a heresy being propounded that the question of the unity of Ireland is a matter for the people of the Six Counties."

--Gen. Tom Barry, one of the heroes of Ireland War for Independence, in a recent speech.

Portrait From History of Brave Irish Women

By Pat Dalton
New York State Historian

"She shared danger with Wolf Tone, in the year 1782.

On a May evening in 1782 Wolf Tone met Matilda Witherington, age 16 years, when he was a student at Trinity College, Dublin. Three months later they were married. The Father of Irish Republicanism had found a partner suitable to his character.

Patrick Pearse, has described Wolf Tone as "The greatest of all Irishmen", but Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork City, in his essay on Matilda Witherington has etched a picture of a woman who supported and consoled the founder of IRISH REPUBLICANISM.

She shared all his dangers, she crossed the Atlantic with him when he was fleeing from the anger of the British Empire.

In the United States, they made a new home, but when the call came for TONE to go to Paris to seek aid for Irish Freedom, his wife did not stop him. Instead, she sent him on his way, and later joined him in Paris.

When he gave his life for Ireland in 1798, she reared their children keeping his memory green until his son could secure publication of his father's autobiography and thus give to Ireland the great book of her national faith.

If Wolf Tone was the greatest of Irishmen "Matilda was certainly one of Ireland's greatest daughters."

Sometimes she is forgotten. This should not be so, for in any struggle for liberty women have had the hardest part. They suffer and wait. In that suffering they have given as much, if not more, service to the cause as any soldier who faced the enemy in battle.

"May it ever be so with the daughters of ERIN."

Immigration Committee Reports

Mr. John P. Collins, Immigration Chairman, announces that National AOH President Edward Fay of Pittsburgh, Pa., has named James A. Reilly from Washington, D.C. as the AOH Immigration Chairman. Mr. Reilly will serve on the AOH National Board.

Our Immigration Committee is extremely pleased with his appointment. Mr. Reilly has served as National Historian 1954-1955 and National Director 1956-1957. We congratulate him and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

A number of our members and advisors have been tapped by Mr. Fay to work with him on his National Board. Among them are:

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A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS, UNION HEADS, AND TV CELEBRITIES NOW ENDORSE OUR WORK

The following have recently supported the work of our Committee by letter and with a financial contribution:

Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson of New York

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Mr. Malone whose parents come from County Mayo, is a native of Dublin City and is a member of Division 3, New York County. His office is at 590 Fifth Avenue, New York where the Irish Tourist Board has Headquarters. Mr. Malone's father was an active I.R.A. man in The War For Irish Independence, 1916-1923.

County, Illinois. Mary is a graduate of Mt. St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kansas.

Mary is married to John Farrell - John is graduate of St. Benedict's College - Atchison, Kansas and is now serving in U. S. Army.

Joan is a senior at Indiana University and will receive her teaching degree in June 1971. Joan is majoring in Speech and English.

John is a sophomore at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts -- John is majoring in Economics and plans to enter Law school.

Patricia is a senior at Ladywood - St. Agnes High School in Indianapolis; Pat plans to attend Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison.

from Business School of Indiana University in June, 1971.

Jim's wife Mary Ann will receive her Masters Degree from Indiana University in 1971.

Mary Sullivan Farrell is a social worker in Cook

James R. Sullivan Family



SEATED: Joan M. Sullivan, Mrs. Joan D. Sullivan, and Patricia Sullivan. Standing: James R. Sullivan, Jr. "Jim", John J. Sullivan, and Mary Sullivan Farrell.

Married Joan M. Durkin, Scranton, Pa. at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Pa. December 11, 1943.

Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan have five children. James, Jr. - Mary Farrell - Joan, John and Patricia.

Mrs. Sullivan is a grad-

uate of St. Vincent's (New York) Nursing School. She is presently serving in Hospital Education at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

James Jr. is married, has served three years in U.S. Army and will graduate



JAMES R. SULLIVAN

BIRTH: December 13, 1917; PLACE: Indianapolis, Indiana; EDUCATION: B.S. Butler University, OCCUPATION: Community Pharmacist.

Married twenty-six years - - Five Children.

ORGANIZATIONS: Knights of Columbus; American Legion (Past Commander); Academy of Pharmacists (Past President); Society of Pharmacists; National Association Retail Pharmacists; and Indianapolis Association of Retail Pharmacists.

HIBERNIAN STATUS: Member of Kevin Barry Division, Indianapolis, Ind. (Past President); Organized Indiana State Board; Past President Indiana State Board; Past Assistant National Organizer; and National Treasurer.

INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING DIVISIONS IN: Fort Wayne, Indiana; South Bend, Indiana; Michigan City, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Atchison, Kansas; and Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Seven States participating.

RESULTS: Improved Communications, Renewed Interest, Updating of Divisions, Encouragement of Community - Church - Irish Activities at All Levels.

PLANS: Updating of the Ancient Order of Hibernians - Improved Communications at National, State, County, and Division Levels - National Officers to Take a Full Active Part in All Hibernian Affairs - Use of Nationally Known Irishmen in Organizing - That We Have a Clear Purpose for Existing - Encourage the Membership of Young Americans of Irish Descent - Completely Updating the National Digest - Seek Good Publicity at All Levels of the Hibernians, Especially Divisions and National.

Division 29 Auxiliary New York County

Mrs. Winifred Ryan from Liscarrol, County Cork was installed as President of the Lieut. Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, L. A., on October 13th at its meeting rooms, 155 East 88th Street, New York City.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, President of the New York County Board, L.A., was the installing officer, assisted by Miss Mary Sullivan, County Chairman of Catholic Action and Mrs. Bea Collins, County Mistress-at-arms.

The other officers installed were: Miss Sara I. V. Lalor, Vice President; Mrs. Ermina M. Guilfoyle, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Pavisil, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Collins, Treasurer; Miss Carol Brown, Chairman of Irish History; Miss Mary Kyne, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Beatrice Bailey, Chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Catherine Callaghan, Chairman of Standing Committee; Mrs. Anne Doris,

Mistress-at-Arms; Mrs. Mary J. Gilleece, Sentinel.

Among the distinguished guests were, Rev. Timothy Healey, S.J.; Mr. John Duffy, Assistant Editor of the National Hibernian Digest; Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State Vice President, L.A.; Mr. Sean Ryan, husband of the newly installed President; Mrs. John Duffy; Mr. James Doris, Executive Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Mr. Hugh Carr, Div. No. 29; Mrs. Teresa Rogers, Auxiliary No. 1; Miss Mary Hartnett, Auxiliary No. 5; and Miss Mary Sheridan.

Mrs. Margaret Ita Carr, a past President of the Auxiliary was chairman of the Installation.

Mrs. Ryan presented gifts from the Auxiliary to Miss Margaret Callaghan, the outgoing President, in appreciation for her work and devotion during her term of office.

Bronx County Has Active Program

At a recent meeting of the "Golden Age Club," Monsignor Patrick O'Leary, Chaplain of Bronx County Board, A.O.H. presented the "Man of the Year Award" to the Honorable Malcolm Wilson who is Lieutenant Governor of New York State and a member of our Order for many years. Father Gannon of Fordham University, addressed the gathering and stated that the Golden Age Club had picked a most distinguished gentleman for their award.

Henry Ferguson, Bronx County President, gave a most enlightening report on the A.O.H. National Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind. The Bronx Degree Team is keenly awaiting the outcome of the recommendations forwarded to the National Convention by Past Bronx County and Past New York State President Timothy Driscoll

and acceptance by the constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee.

The Bronx County Team exemplified the Degrees to a large class of candidates at Trenton, New Jersey, recently.

For the 22nd consecutive year, Bronx County will hold Major Degrees on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, 1970, at Our Lady of Mercy Hall, Bronx, New York. Divisions outside Bronx County, who have candidates for the Major Degrees, are cordially invited to participate. Arrangements can be made by contacting Brother Timothy Driscoll, 212-TU4-2098. Tim wishes to thank the many members of the A.O.H. who called and mailed "Get Well" wishes when he was confined to the hospital with a leg injury.



NATIONAL HISTORIAN Al Melia receives a Birthday Greeting from his twin daughters---Sister Colleen Anne and Sister Maureen. Both are Nuns in The Order of Sisters of St. Ursula.

National Historian Judge Al Melia

The Honorable Aloysius J. Melia has been appointed National Historian by National President Edward J. Fay. He is a former A.O.H. Historian from New York State.

A native New Yorker, he is a Judge in New York City Criminal Courts. Educated in Holy Cross Grammar School, All Hallows Irish Christian Brothers High School, Fordham College and Fordham University School of Law, he has in adult life been a teacher and an administrator. During World War II, he served as an Officer in the U. S. Navy in the European Theatre of action and earned four battle stars. For eleven years, he was an Assistant District Attorney to Mr. Frank Hogan in the District Attorney's Office in New York County; for nine years, he was Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Police Department.

A member of A.O.H. Division #3, Manhattan, New York County and a former President of the County Leitrim Society, he is also active in the Emerald Societies as well as in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade as an Officer. A long time student of Irish history and the cultural heritage of the Irish people, he has deep roots in County Leitrim, where his mother was born; he is a rank and file worker with many Irish Societies in New York. His father, who was a member of the New York City Police Department, was also a native New Yorker whose parents had been born in Ireland.

Judge Melia brings with him to the National Board a vast amount of practical experience and scholarly qualities which the A.O.H. National Board must have in order to measure up to the expectancies of the Hibernians in America and of other Fraternal Organizations.

Judge Melia is married to the former Eileen Schmidt of Bogota, New Jersey. They have five daughters -- Donna, now Mrs. William McGawn and Laura, now Mrs. Ray Rickendaugh, and Jane Mary; the other two daughters are twins and both of them are Nuns in the Order of Sisters of St. Ursula -- Sister Maureen is in Providence, Rhode Island and Sister Colleen Anne is in Rhinebeck, New York.

Judge and Mrs. Melia and their daughter Mary Jane live on the East Side of Manhattan, New York City.

Hibernian Activity In Suffolk County, N.Y.

Suffolk County on the eastern end of Long Island, N.Y., is steadily increasing its Hibernian membership. All seven Divisions in the County had their full complement of delegates at the County Convention which elected Robert McGrory, Division 8 as County President; Harry Brown, Division 4, Vice President; Frank Smith, Division 2, Recording Secretary; Dennis Haughney, Division 7, Financial Secretary; James McCabe, Division 4, Treasurer. Peter Bultin, the outgoing County President, presided at the Convention in a most capable manner.

Among the many successful Hibernian activities held in the County were: Division One's Gaelic Day with over three thousand in attendance; Division Eight's Annual Suffolk County Feis which has become the biggest Irish event on Long Island, and the Annual County Ball which grows bigger and better each year.

Division Seven has already started preparations for their Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held in East Islip on Sunday March 14th. Division Two's Saffron Kilts Pipe Band will, as usual, be one of the highlights of the parade.

was furnished by Pat Brown's Orchestra. A program of entertainment was organized including the Pipe Band, Kennedy Irish step-dancers and others.

John Egan of Farmingdale was chairman with Eric Stein of Deer Park as co-chairman. Others on the committee were Edward Daly, Frank Mulligan, Mat Close, Mike Rice, Jim Sullivan, John MacKay and John F. Farrelly.

NASSAU DIV. DANCE

Division Eight, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Nassau County, Long Island, N. Y. held its annual Commodore Barry Day Dance at the V.F.W. Ballroom, Hill St., Glen Cove. Dancing was to the music of Mickey Carton and his orchestra.

Tom Glynn and Charles Phillips were chairmen of the committee.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY

"I don't want equality. I really enjoy being treated like a woman and I hope it stays that way. I still like having a door opened for me."

--Mrs. Brendan Corish, wife of the Irish Labor Party leader, on American women's liberation movement.

BABYLON SUFFOLK

The third annual ball of the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band of the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Division of Babylon was held in Suffolk County, New York at the American Legion Hall, Grove Place, Babylon. Irish and American dance music

TOM BARRY SAYS

"There is now a heresy being propounded that the question of the unity of Ireland is a matter for the people of the Six Counties."

--Gen. Tom Barry, one of the heroes of Ireland War for Independence, in a recent speech.

Portrait From History of Brave Irish Women

By Pat Dalton
New York State Historian

"She shared danger with Wolf Tone, in the year 1782.

On a May evening in 1782 Wolf Tone met Matilda Witherington, age 16 years, when he was a student at Trinity College, Dublin. Three months later they were married. The Father of Irish Republicanism had found a partner suitable to his character.

Patrick Pearse, has described Wolf Tone as "The greatest of all Irishmen", but Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork City, in his essay on Matilda Witherington has etched a picture of a woman who supported and consoled the founder of IRISH REPUBLICANISM.

She shared all his dangers, she crossed the Atlantic with him when he was fleeing from the anger of the British Empire.

In the United States, they made a new home, but when the call came for TONE to go to Paris to seek aid for Irish Freedom, his wife did not stop him. Instead, she sent him on his way, and later joined him in Paris.

When he gave his life for Ireland in 1798, she reared their children keeping his memory green until his son could secure publication of his father's autobiography and thus give to Ireland the great book of her national faith.

If Wolf Tone was the greatest of Irishmen "Matilda was certainly one of Ireland's greatest daughters."

Sometimes she is forgotten. This should not be so, for in any struggle for liberty women have had the hardest part. They suffer and wait. In that suffering they have given as much, if not more, service to the cause as any soldier who faced the enemy in battle.

"May it ever be so with the daughters of ERIN."

Immigration Committee Reports

Mr. John P. Collins, Immigration Chairman, announces that National AOH President Edward Fay of Pittsburgh, Pa., has named James A. Reilly from Washington, D. C. as the AOH Immigration Chairman. Mr. Reilly will serve on the AOH National Board.

Our Immigration Committee is extremely pleased with his appointment. Mr. Reilly has served as National Historian 1954-1955 and National Director 1956-1957. We congratulate him and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

A number of our members and advisors have been tapped by Mr. Fay to work with him on his National Board. Among them are:

Mr. John Devlin, our Massachusetts State Chairman, to serve as AOH National Organizer.

Judge James Comerford (N.Y.) to serve as Editor of AOH "National Digest".

Judge Al Melia (N.Y.) to serve as AOH National Historian.

Mr. William Bartnett, (N.Y.) to serve as A.O.H. Chairman of Constitution and Ritual.

A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS, UNION HEADS, AND TV CELEBRITIES

NOW ENDORSE OUR WORK

The following have recently supported the work of our Committee by letter and with a financial contribution:

Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson of New York

Ed Sullivan, TV star

Carmel Quinn, TV and recording star and her husband Bill Fuller

Teddy Gleason, National President, International Longshoremen's Assoc.

Peter Brennan, President, Construction Workers Union

John Lynch, President, Kings County -- Lafayette Trust

David Sullivan, General President, Service Employees International Union, Washington, D.C.

Thomas J. Mackell, District Attorney of Queens County

Judge John T. Clancy of New York

Arthur L. Harckham, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 32B - Service Employees International Union

James A. Farley, Chairman of the Board, Coca-Cola Export Corp. of New York

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

During January 1971, we hope to hold a national board meeting in a mid-western city. This meeting will receive a report on the year's work and will discuss our legislative and organizational future. Long range plans, to cover a ten year period, will be presented.

MEMORANDUM

Congressman Ryan (N.Y.) has prepared an excellent seven page memorandum on H.R. 165 addressed to Members of the Judiciary Committee. Copies may be obtained from his office.

Rita A. McDonough New President of Ladies

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President, Miss McDonough will have the fullest cooperation from Mrs. King.

The complete slate of officers is as follows:

National President - Miss Rita A. McDonough, Baltimore, Maryland

National Vice-President - Mrs. Rita M. Murphy, Yonkers, New York

Canadian National Vice-President - Miss Ann Burgess, Montreal, Canada

National Secretary - Mrs. Margaret M. Judge, Akron, Ohio

National Treasurer - Mrs. Margaret F. Rust, Burlington, New Jersey

National Historian - Mrs. Mabel Noonan, San Jose, California

National Chairman of Missions - Miss Margaret M. Webb, Lawrence, Mass.

National Chairman of Catholic Action - Mrs. Catherine Dougherty, Homestead, Pennsylvania

National Director-Organizer (East) - Miss Mary E. Foley, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

National Director-Organizer (Midwest) - Mrs. Margaret Lawley, Indianapolis, Indiana

National Director-Organizer (Central) - Mrs. Audrey O'Malley, St. Paul, Minnesota

National Director-Organizer (West) - Mrs. Alice Curtin, San Francisco, Calif.



RITA A. McDONOUGH

A consensus of opinion arrived at by the Delegates of the Ladies Auxiliaries indicated clearly that they wish to receive the National Hibernian Digest in the same manner and under the same subscription conditions that they received it prior to the summer of 1968.

Bronx Ladies Hold Card Party and Fashion Show

The Bronx County Ladies Auxiliary of the A.O.H. held its annual card party and fashion show at Mayer's

Div. 13 Ladies Aux. Homestead Penna. 64th Anniversary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 13, Homestead, Pennsylvania, Allegheny County will celebrate their sixty-fourth Anniversary on January 13, 1971. On that date, the installation of officers for 1971 will take place, followed by a covered dish dinner.

Division 13 has a membership of 140. Mrs. Catherine Dougherty, President, is proud of her membership.

The Chaplain is Monsignor Vincent S. Burke, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalene's Church. The Division is active in Parish and Civic affairs.

Division 13 is honored to have among its members, Mrs. Leonre Shea, Past National President and Mrs. Catherine Dougherty, Past National Director-Organizer and Present National Chairlady of Catholic Action.

Parkway Restaurant, 233rd Street and Bronx Boulevard, on Friday, October 30, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary Donohue and the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Ann Sullivan. Mary Davitt is president of the auxiliary.

Feature prizes were a natural Norwegian blue fox cape and a generous basket of cheer, plus a great many more worthwhile prizes. A fur fashion show (mini, midi and maxi) was given by Peter Duffy Furs, Inc. of 305 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Westchester Co. Ladies Auxiliary Meets In Yonkers

The Ladies Auxiliary, Westchester County, A.O.H. held their quarterly meeting at the K. of C. Clubhouse, Dock Street, Yonkers, New York. Division 15 of Yonkers was the hostess.

The newly elected officers presided at this meeting. President Amelia Babcock, Tarrytown, conducted the meeting and appointed the following to committees: Grievance Committee: Loretta Joyce, Yonkers and Cornelia Bleakley, Peekskill. Sister Sue Culhane was appointed publicity chairlady.

Sister Culhane reported that the raffle for Irish products took place at their meeting on Sunday, November 8.

Also present were Past County Presidents; Sisters Joyce, Burke and Bleakley. Sister Margaret Burke, Division 15, Yonkers is a member of the A.O.H. for over 60 years. Eight of our members from Division 8, went on a 10-day visit to Ireland.

The delegates present were from most of our nine divisions in Westchester County.

N.Y. Ladies Aux. Attend National Convention

The New York State Delegation attended the 75th Biennial Convention of the AOH in America, Ladies Aux. held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Rita Murphy, 40 Morningside Ave. Yonkers, N.Y. was elected National Vice President Mrs. Murphy has been an active Hibernian since 1943. She served as a Division, County and State officer in many capacities and was President of the N.Y. State Bd. from 1964 to 1968 Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Murphy was elected National Ts. Mrs. Murphy is a tax record clerk for the city of Yonkers.

Mrs. Rita A. McDonough of Maryland was elected President of the National body. The newly elected officers were installed by the outgoing president, Mrs. Mary King of Rhode Island.

The National Convention went on record as being opposed to legislation legalizing abortion because deliberately provoked abortion is murder and contrary to the laws of God and man. Thou shalt not kill.

The National body voted for Dublin, Ireland, as the site for the 76th Biennial Convention in 1972.

In attendance from New York State were four past presidents: Miss Kathleen Smith, Mrs. Anne Irwin, Mrs. Marie McArdle and Mrs. Mary Collins. Also: Miss Margaret McAllister, President New York State Board; Miss Marion L. Guilfoyle, Mrs. Vera Calnan, Mrs. Dorothy Foy, Mrs. Josephine Lynch, Miss Kitty Hanly, Mrs. Marion Cuff, Mrs. Loretta Joyce, all members of the State Board. Delegates from the various counties were: Mrs. Mary Mederle, Mrs. Mary Halloran, Mrs. Helen Fazio, Mrs. Marguerite Martin, Miss Mary Hartnett, Miss Mary Davitt, Mrs. Lillian Wilkenning, Mrs. Rita Mills, Mrs. Joan Glenn, Mrs. Mary Hartnett, Mrs. Eileen Waters, Mrs. Helen Hewlett and Mrs. Kitty Geissler.

News Wanted

The Digest wants Hibernian news. Readers are invited to send it to the Editor.

Mrs. Mabel Noonan,
National Historian

Hibernians Activities In Queens, New York

The Hibernians in Queens County are active with their programs. Brother Thomas F. Murphy of Richmond Hill, who is Recording Secretary of that County Board, reports to the Digest that they received a letter from the Vatican, thanking the Queens County for the cable that was sent to the Pope on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Patricia McKee had a three week trip to Rome, where she had a scheduled visit with the Pope.

County President Patrick Poole closed the October meeting with these words: "In your prayers, please remember the soul of Edward Ennis, and all deceased members; as well as John Gallagher and those who are sick; those in need in Northern Ireland; as well as those in the Armed Services."

The Auxiliary and Division 14, Queen's County, held their Installation of Officers on Sunday, December 6, 1970 in the auditorium of Holy Child Jesus School, 111th St. and 86th Avenue, Richmond Hill.

The Queen's County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held its Annual Ball on Friday, November 20, 1970, at the Villa Bianca, 167th St. and Northern Boulevard, Flushing. Music was by Chris Kennedy and his

Dayton, O. Ladies Lists Activities

The Dayton, Ohio Ladies Auxiliary had many summer activities.

The ladies joined together with the men and had a very enjoyable picnic dinner, held at the Knights of Columbus park. Marguerite Wahlrab, Division President and also State Chairman of Catholic action, and Helen Busse, Division Vice-President, were chairmen for the event. After a very delicious steak dinner, there was a happy time of singing and merry making.

September brought around the start of the fall activities. The Auxiliary held a meeting to discuss the State Board meeting held in Dayton in October. Joe Kilgallen of Dayton is the State President of the A.O.H. Joe's wife, Carol, is State treasurer of the Auxiliary. Helen Gorman is the State chairman of Missions. Dayton feels honored by having four members seated on the State Board. We are proud that John Hoswell of Dayton was elected to the National Board as National Director.

Tim Coogan's I.R.A. Book

Tim Pat Coogan, a Dublin journalist, has written a detailed, generally sympathetic but also critical history of the Irish Republican Army in the "The I.R.A." While he applauds its work towards freeing 26 of the 32 counties in the days of the great Michael Collins, he feels it then outlived its usefulness. He deplores its carrying the war to England in 1939 and believes its activities in Ulster have made the unification of Ireland all the more difficult. He recalls that DeValera in power became its most implacable foe. It is an illuminating study.

Tim Pat is Editor of the "Irish Press," a Dublin Daily Newspaper. His Father, a former Irish Civic Guard Police Commissioner was a native of Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

Orchestra. Chairman was Ed Creagh and Chairlady was Katherine Waldmer.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

The names of the newly elected and appointed officers, of the Queens County Ancient Order of Hibernians are: **Chaplain** - Rev. George Tenant; **President** - Patrick J. Poole; **Vice-President** - Edward Creagh; **Recording Secretary** - Thomas Murphy; **Financial Secretary** - Michael Byrne; **Treasurer** - Edward Donnellan; **Chairman** (Catholic Action) - Patrick Curran; **Chairman** (Charities and Missions) - Walter Crowley; **Chairman** (Freedom for all Ireland) - Thomas A. Enright; **Organizer** - Patrick Moynihan; **Historian** - Albert Wright, Jr.; **Past President** - Thomas Landers; **Marshall** - Michael O'Boyle; **Sentinel** - Patrick Dunne; and **Piper Editor and Public Relations** - James Sheridan.

The names of the new officers of the Queens County Board Ladies Auxiliary are: **President** - Mary Mederle; **Vice President** - Una Murphy; **Rec. Secretary** - Katherine Waldmer; **Treasurer** - Mary Kelly; **Historian** - Margaret Cappy; **Chairlady of Catholic Action** - Ann Goodman; **Financial Secretary** - Rosalie Hebron; **Mistress at Arms** - Ellen Wright; **Sentinel** - Mary Duff; and **Chairlady of Standing Committee** - Margaret Moriarty.

President Patrick Poole and President Mary Mederle have a good slate of officers.

New York County Ladies Auxiliary List Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary of the New York County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America elected last Summer are:

President, Margaret Callaghan; Vice President, Rose M. Callan; Recording Secretary, Monica Burke; Treasurer, Mary Rose Forde; Financial Secretary, Ermina M. Guilfoyle; Irish Historian, Ellen Blake Connell; Chairman of Missions, Margaret Collins; Chairman of Catholic Action, Mary Sullivan; Mistress-at-Arms, Bea Collins; Sentinel, Alice McIlvenna.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Mary Collins, State President, and Mrs. Catherine Callaghan and Miss Mary Hartnett acted as Marshals. Following the installation ceremony, Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, who is Vice President of New York State L.A. addressed the meeting.

Among the distinguished guests who attended the Convention were:

Judge James J. Comerford, Past National President of the A.O.H. and Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Mr. John W. Duffy, Immediate Past President of the New York County Board, A.O.H.; Mr. Joseph P. Sullivan, President of the New York County Board, A.O.H.; Mr. Martin P. Dunne, Secretary of the New York County Board, A.O.H.; Mr. Patrick Collins of Nassau County.

Mrs. Monica Burke acted as Convention Chairman and the out-going President, Mrs. Kathleen A. Collins served as hostess for the evening.

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AOH Ladies Auxiliary Announces 70-71 Student Essay Contest

Dear Historians:

The Annual Irish History Contest for 1970-1971 is now on.

Our DIVISION and COUNTY Chairmen hold the key to success, because it is through them the schools receive these forms.

We would like to have more Public School children be reached to take part in the contests. A copy of the Circular could be sent to the County Superintendent of Schools. Through these contacts we might hopefully, recruit new members and Juniors.

The subject, "CASTLES IN IRELAND, YESTERDAY AND TODAY," we hope will bind the past with the present. The history of these ancient structures we feel will appeal to the romance of the writers to explore facts concerning these olden fortresses and homes of Kings of Erin, and how many of them today are being transformed into hostels, which adds to the interest of Ireland's many visitors.

In our choice of "THE EXPORTS AND INDUSTRIES OF IRELAND" we hope through knowledge of Ireland's legendary and rare products, such as Belleek China, Waterford Crystal, Linens and Woolens, only to mention a few, that we may be able to assist her in an economic way.

May I suggest the following:

- Ask your Public Librarian to post a copy of the essay contest on a prominent Bulletin Board in her library.
- Each Historian who places a circular in a school should write her name and address on the top of the form so that the teachers or contestants may know to whom they should send essays for County judging.
- Please emphasize the importance of following the Rules of the Contest especially the Closing Date, February 1, 1971 and also the prescribed Length of the Essay, which often becomes a deciding factor in judging.
- Many of the larger Libraries, both Public and Private have a lending service, which might be helpful to schools in less populated areas. Inquire from your library if they have this service.

NATIONAL ANNUAL IRISH HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

Only FOUR essays, TWO from each contest in each State will be entered.

SUBJECTS: For High Schools and

Academies --- "CASTLES IN IRELAND, YESTERDAY AND TODAY." For Grammar Schools --- "CASTLES IN IRELAND, INDUSTRIES OF IRELAND."

TIME: Contest commences September 21st, 1970 and closes February 1st, 1971.

LENGTH OF ESSAY: Not less than 750, nor more than 1,500 --- for High Schools and Academies.

Not less than 500, nor more than 1,000 --- for Grammar Schools.

ELIGIBLE: All children attending PUBLIC, PAROCHIAL or PRIVATE Schools, in the above-mentioned grades.

PRIZES: Prizes for each Essay Contest as follows: \$100.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00.

JUDGING: All Essays shall be judged on the knowledge and organization of the subject material.

The State Chairman shall select from her State the TWO best essays from each subject and forward same to the National Chairman not later than March 17, 1971. The prizes to be presented at the closing of schools.

Only two of the best essays on each subject should be sent to the National Chairman.

Subject for High Schools: "CASTLES IN IRELAND, YESTERDAY AND TODAY."

Suggested Bibliography--other sources may be used. COMPLETE IRELAND, Internat. Pub., FIGGIS, Encyclopedia of Ireland, FINERTY, Ireland in Pictures, HISTORIC HOUSES, CASTLES AND GARDENS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, KILLANIN, Lord, Shell Guide to Ireland, MEDIEVAL TOUR; BUNRATTY CASTLE, Travel Magazine: 119: 16 Feb. 1963, RYNNE, Stephen, All Ireland, and YOUNG, Arthur, Young's Tour of Ireland, 2 vols.

Subject for Grammar Schools: "THE EXPORT AND INDUSTRIES OF IRELAND."

Suggested Bibliography--other sources may be used. FACTS ABOUT IRELAND, Dublin, 1965, FIGGIS, Encyclopedia of Ireland, FREEMAN, Thomas W., Ireland a general and regional geography, McCARTHY, JOE, Ireland, Time-Life series, Periodicals: FIRST HARVEST FROM IRELAND'S BRILLIANT DESIGN WORKSHOP, House Beautiful, Oct. 1967, and Irish Export Boards: 590 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10036 (East), and 3345 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90005 (West).

Edward J. Fay Elected President

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to him in Indianapolis after his election indicated, then, that he did not intend to appoint to office any man who lacked A.O.H. experience; he was seeking men who had served as Officers on the Division, County, or State levels and who, as a result, had learned what the A.O.H. was all about. As he, himself, said: "There's no use in loading up the National Board with appointive Officers who yet have to learn their jobs as leaders and administrators and who by the end of two years will still be only learners should they be named, now, without having already had the necessary training and experience for positions on the National Board."

Brother Fay understands clearly the responsibilities of his Offices and comprehends fully the role which the A.O.H. in America ought to play as a National Irish-American Organization.

As a delegate from New York County, it was my pleasure to be present at all Convention Meetings; it was most interesting to watch the

moves on the floor and to listen to various opinions of delegates. I am glad that I made notes of the important happenings at each day's proceedings and am happy to write this story about the election of Ed Fay -- our new National President.

NATIONAL ORGANIZER



JOHN J. DEVLIN

John J. Devlin, recently appointed our National Organizer by President Edward Fay is a member of Division 14, Watertown, Massachusetts. He was born and raised in Boston's "North End," a neighborhood once the habitat of the Fitzgeralds, maternal forebears of the late President John F. Kennedy, as well as other prominent business and professional people of Boston.

Brother Devlin is a dynamic personality; one well qualified by training and experience to fill the important position of National Organizer.

Of necessity he went to work at an early age, and soon thereafter his native ability found expression as a debater, championing the cause of Ireland and Labor throughout New England.

He is President of the American Irish Immigration Committee in Massachusetts devoting much of his energies in co-operation with National President John P. Collins, working for the restoration of equitable immigration legislation for the benefit of the Irish emigrant.

Prior to his recent retirement from business as a full time Labor Union Official, he was for a period of sixteen years, Vice President of the Teamsters Joint Council Number 10 in five of the six New England states.

Other positions he has held were: Secretary-Treasurer of the Teamsters Local 504, Boston for 22 years. He was the first layman since 1903 to be elected President of the Boston Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. He held Directorships in the Clan-Na-Gael and Eire Societies; a former President, Boston Chapter, American League for an undivided Ireland, and currently a member of the Holy Name Society speakers bureau on Irish and Labor topics.

Our Order is indeed fortunate in having John J. Devlin as our National Organizer because of his rich background in the field of organization. President Edward Fay is to be congratulated for appointing him to fill the office.

Special Mass For Larry Mullins On January 2, 1971

Brother Larry Mullins whose death occurred recently will be remembered by a special Mass on Saturday, January 2, 1971, at 9:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Church in Washington Heights, Manhattan, New York City.

The Mass is being said at the request of Division 3, New York County which is based in Washington Heights. Larry Mullins was an active member of this Division for over thirty years. He was a native of Thomastown, County Kilkenny. He and his family were active in the War of Irish Independence. A brother, Nicholas Mullins, was killed in action by Black and Tans on June 18, 1921 in an ambush at Coolbawn, Castlecomer, County Kilkenny.

Ireland Opposes Price Controls

DUBLIN: The Irish Government announced sweeping controls over wages and prices recently including a one-year ceiling of 6 percent on pay increases and a total freeze on rents, company dividends and prices of houses.

The stringent measures, designed to curb the rise in the cost of living here--8 percent in the last year--followed the breakdown earlier this week of national wage negotiations between employers and workers and an outbreak of pay-increase demands considered inflationary.

Announcing the controls, George Colley, Minister of Finance, said that the freeze applied also to professional and directors fees, insurance and banking charges.

In addition, he said the Government would exercise stricter controls on the prices of household consumer goods.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR



BOB TWEEDY was born in Fethard on-sea, County Wexford and went to school in Ireland. Came to this country in 1929, joined the Hibernians in 1933; he has been Division President, County President in Baltimore and State President of Maryland. He helped to revive St. Patrick's Day Parade in Baltimore in 1956. He was National Director 1964-1966, National Chairman of Catholic Action 1966-1968; and has been a member of Maryland Council K. of C. for 22 years. He is at present, the President of the United Irish Societies of Baltimore and National Director of A.O.H.

The Late Cardinal Cushing



HIBERNIANS REGRET the death of His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston. In 1950, when the Cardinal was Archbishop of Boston he was named National Chaplain of the A.O.H. by George Reilly of San Francisco, California who was then National President. He served for several years.

The late Cardinal was active with the American Irish National Immigration Committee. He is shown above in a picture taken in 1969 in his Boston office as he discussed the Immigration Law with members of that Committee. Sitting -- left to right: Very Reverend Donald M. O'Callaghan, D. Carm.; The Cardinal; John Kerry O'Donnell of New York, a Knight of St. Gregory and the 1970 Grand Marshal of New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; Judge James J. Comerford, former A.O.H. National President; Walter O'Leary of Massachusetts, Former National A.O.H. President, John P. Collins, National Chairman of Immigration Committee.

Voting Results at National Convention Reported

A total of 260 Delegates voted at the Convention in Indianapolis at the election of National Officers.

The following table shows for whom the votes were cast:

FOR PRESIDENT
Edward J. Fay 119
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Cornelius J. Collins 81
Waterbury, Conn.

Timothy P. Finn 60
Manhattan, New York City

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
John M. "Jack" Keane 165
St. Louis, Missouri

J. William Reagan 53
Syracuse, New York

George A. Zahn 37
Washington, D.C.

FOR TREASURER
Stephen T. O'Malley 90
Chicago, Illinois

Michael Coogan 77
Dayton, Ohio

Thomas Gibson 39
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Edward F. Callanan 28
San Francisco, Calif.

Richard Ormond 17
Cincinnati, Ohio

FOR SECRETARY
James R. Sullivan 163
Indianapolis, Indiana

William J. Bartnett 81
Staten Island, New York City

FOR DIRECTORS (Six to be Elected)

Joseph W. O'Connor 158
Omaha, Nebraska

Richard McMillan 149
Detroit, Michigan

Bernard J. McCreesh 144
Plainfield, New Jersey

J. Robert Tweedy 141
Towson, Maryland

John Coswell 135
Dayton, Ohio

William Kinnane 132
Brooklyn, New York City

James C. Welch 131
Indianapolis, Indiana

John F. Dunn 111
Schenectady, New York

FOR 1972 CONVENTION SITE
Dublin, Ireland 128
Detroit, Mich. 88
Syracuse, N. Y. 22
San Francisco, Calif. 8

National A.O.H. President Fay Names Officers

The names of the Officers appointed by the National President to serve on the National Board and whose appointments were known to the Digest as of October 15th when copy closed for printing, are as follows:

Judge Aloysius Melia -- Manhattan, New York, National Historian.

William J. Bartnett -- Staten Island, New York, Constitution and Ritual.

John J. Devlin -- Watertown, Boston, Massachusetts National Organizer.

John M. Costello -- Washington, D.C., Immigration Committee.

Judge James J. Comerford -- Manhattan, New York, National Digest Editor.

John W. Duffy -- Manhattan, New York, Assistant National Editor.

Other appointments are being made. Their names and titles will be published in a future issue of The Digest.

New York State Election Results

The New York State Convention was held in Rochester, New York in June, 1970. Delegates voting totaled a maximum of 215. The results of how they cast their ballots are listed below:

FOR PRESIDENT: John J. Thornton -- 187, Queens, New York City; J. J. Mullens -- 28, Rockland County.

FOR VICE - PRESIDENT: Timothy Ryan -- 132, Brooklyn, New York City; Francis Dehm -- 82, Oswego County, New York.

FOR SECRETARY: John Reynolds -- 128, Suffolk Cty., N.Y.; Timothy V. Hartnett -- 88, Manhattan, N.Y. City.

FOR TREASURER: William Ryan -- No opposition, Syracuse, N.Y.

FOR DIRECTOR: One Contest, District #4.

Edward Kirk -- 131, Bronx, New York City; Denis S. Mulvihill -- 81, Rockland Cty., New York.

Five other Directors were elected unanimously.

FOR CONVENTION SITE: Binghamton, N.Y. -- 116; Albany, N.Y. -- 99.

Constitutional Matters For Attention of Members

National Secretary James R. Sullivan releases the following memorandum for publication in The Digest:

One Constitutional Change -- a resolution and our next National Convention should be covered at this time. This is to keep you, the State Presidents, State Secretaries, County Presidents, and Division Presidents informed.

CONSTITUTIONAL Change -- \$2.00 National Assessment.

ARTICLE XIII -- Assessments, National: Section 2... The National Convention

shall levy an annual assessment on all Divisions not to exceed \$2.00 per year for each member in good standing as of December 31st preceding, payable with annual report and corrected membership roster on or before February 15th.

Newly organized Divisions shall pay an assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per member for each month the division has been in existence during the year in which it was organized.

Constitutional Convention -- A resolution, calling for a Constitutional Convention was adopted by the National

Convention in session.

The 1970 National Convention voted to hold the 1972 National Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

MORE IRISH MARRYING

Official statistics issued recently show that the number of marriages returned during the quarter ending June 30 in Ireland was 4,987 equivalent to an annual rate of 6.8 per 1,000 population. This rate is 1.2 higher than the corresponding quarter in 1969.

HOW ABOUT THAT!

Overheard: "He always slaps you on the back -- but it is only to make you swallow what he's told you."

To List NIRF Donors

Trenton New Jersey AOH Has An Active Program

The Monsignor Crean Division of Trenton, N.J. has an active program.

Brother John M. Leahy, who is a former Editor of the Digest, is a member of this Division.

Brother James Clark, Captain of the Hibernian Bowling Team, is looking for a team of 300 bowlers but reports he'll accept any and all interested Hibernians. You can contact him by phone at 586-5954.

In a meeting notice sent out for Sunday, September 20, the following paragraph appeared:

"Please make an effort to attend, as this is one of four meetings held each year on a Sunday evening, for the convenience of the members that might not otherwise attend. Your attendance is requested by the President because he will confer the Shamrock Degree on all candidates present, in preparation for their Major Degrees, and you all know it's a little more impressive to be received into the Order with a nice crowd of members on hand rather than just a few.

One item of business to be brought up at Sunday's meeting will be the proposal to raise the yearly dues. There are points for and against the proposal, just as individual members are for or against the idea. Sunday evening will be the time to make your thoughts known!

Brother James Adam and his committee are to be congratulated for the fine picnic they organized for the Division. As I understand it, attendance was at least three hundred and ten persons. Terrific! Thanks also, to all the members that supported the committee.

While members are receiving praise, none deserve it any more than Brothers Arthur Holland, Bernard O'Brien and Thomas Lewis, who did such a fine job with the fund raising efforts of the N.I.R.F. They put in many, many hours at meetings, working at home, and on Sunday mornings making the solicitations in front of the various churches they visited. Thank you, men.

Along this same vein, it was voted upon and approved at a Division meeting that a list of donors to the N.I.R.F. be compiled by Brother Lewis, who served as Treasurer of the Fund, and that this list be published in the monthly newsletter. The accompanying list, sent to members on separate enclosure, is a listing of all donors from our Division, with the exception of about five names and these were persons who wanted their names omitted."

Many members of the A.O.H. are glad to see that some Divisions are publishing the names and addresses of Hibernians who subscribed to the N.I.R.F. (North Ireland Relief Fund).

The Monsignor Crean Division members do not wish to keep these names a secret -- or the amount of money given by each subscriber. Why shouldn't the National subscribers' list also be published?

The Major Degree of our Order was exemplified at ceremonies held on Sunday, October 11, 1970, in the school auditorium of Immaculate Conception Parish, 540 Chestnut Ave., Trenton, New Jersey. The Bronx Degree Team from New York conducted the Ritual, aided by Tim Driscoll of the Bronx and former New York State President.

Priest Labors For Peace In North Ireland

Development is the new word for peace. Take not only the late Pope John's word for it, but the word of Father Austin Eustace, civil rights activist from Northern Ireland who is determined to help his people overcome the handicaps of job and housing discrimination through their own efforts.

In Cincinnati recently to talk about his Tyrone Development Association, Father Eustace spoke enthusiastically of a new housing project sponsored and planned by the association, of which he is founder and chairman.

Most housing for workmen in Northern Ireland is planned, built and allocated by local officials, who take immediate care of Protestant families but make young Catholic married couples wait up to 15 years for a place to live, Father Eustace said.

This kind of discrimination is "so incredible that in fact nobody believed it," he continued. "Even the Dublin-based national papers couldn't believe it, and up to about two years ago we couldn't get publicity anywhere."

"That's why we took to the streets," he added, recalling the first civil rights march from Coalisland to Dunganon, where he is stationed as academy teacher and parish assistant. That was in August 1968.

Achievements

Since then the Catholic minority of Northern Ireland has won election reforms giving each adult one vote, has achieved its goal of having the B-Special police force disbanded and has seen a beginning of reform in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which has lost its paramilitary status.

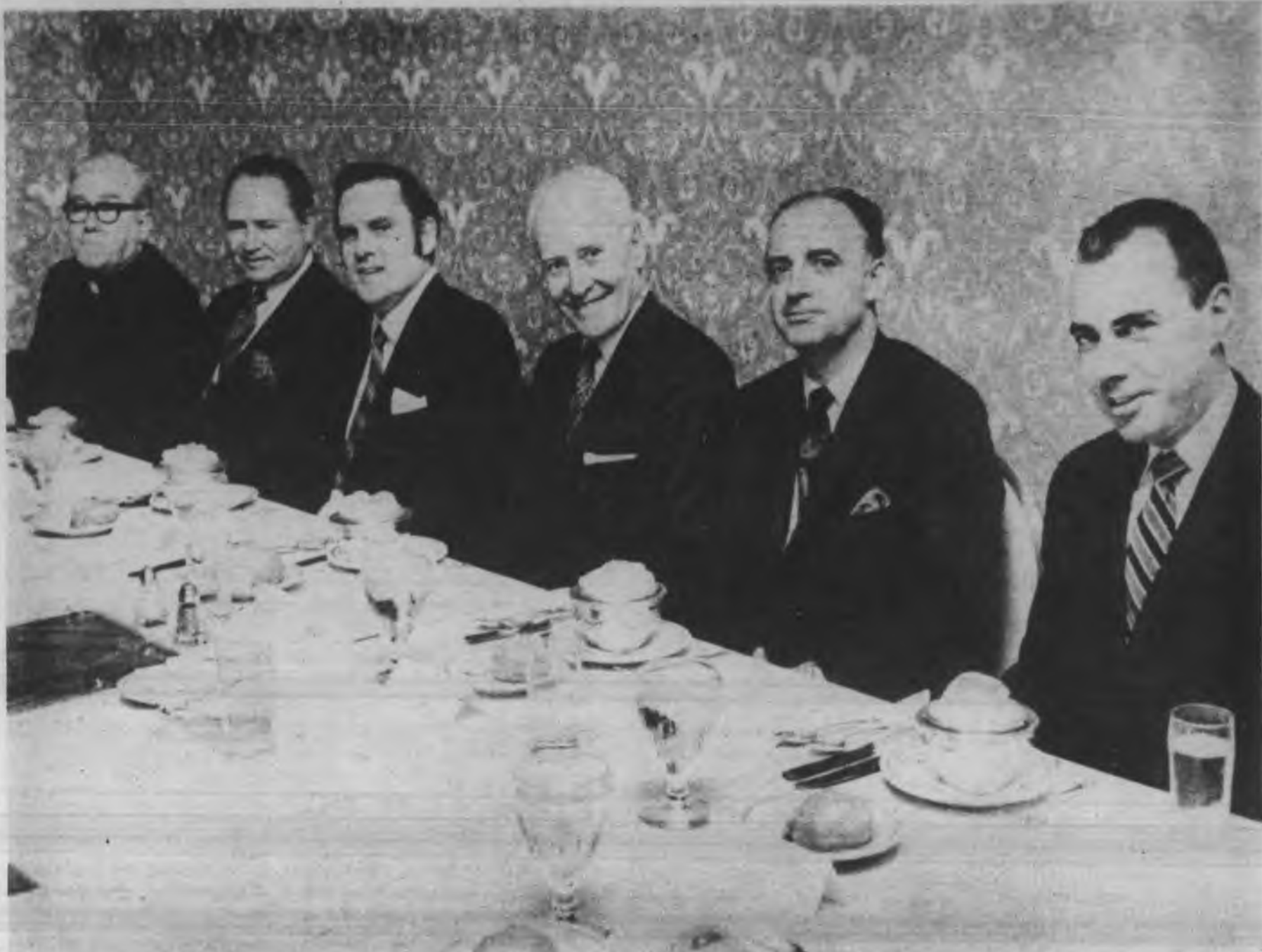
"But the only way to peace in Northern Ireland is to raise the standard of the have-nots," Father Eustace is convinced, and his Tyrone Development Association aims at doing just that.

"You have to understand the industrial picture," he said. "Unemployment in the eastern part of Northern Ireland, which is predominantly Unionist (Protestant), runs between two and five percent. But in the west, which is predominantly Nationalist (Catholic), it runs from 15 to 30 percent among Catholic workmen."

This kind of discrimination remains to be overcome, said Father Eustace, who believes that development of local industry among the disadvantaged people is one way to right the balance. William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, just last month praised the work of the Tyrone Development Association and cited its current efforts to create a local lead crystal glass industry. The archbishop also cited the association's plans to set up homecraft industries for the manufacture of rugs, tapestries, lace and crochet.

Father Eustace, who took an honors degree in science before studying for the priesthood at Maynooth, says he is "cautiously optimistic" about Northern Ireland's future. If extremists such as Ian Paisley, who bitterly oppose everything Catholic, gain the ascend-

Hibernians Honor Carl O'Sugre



ALL WELL KNOWN Hibernians--Left to Right: Very Rev. Donal O'Callaghan, Judge James J. Comerford, Carl

O'Sugre, John W. Duffy, Tom Kennedy (Irish Air Lines Director) John P. Collins.

Mr. Carl O'Sugre was tendered a farewell Dinner in the Hotel Commodore, New York City last August by A.O.H. friends.

Mr. Sugre, an honorary

member of Division 3, New York County and a native of Kerry, had served in various Executive positions on high levels in the U.S. with Irish Airlines for fourteen years.

In August, he was promoted to the position of Manager in Ireland of Aer Rínta - Irish Airports and all other Irish Transportation. His promotion, an award for loyal

service and faithful diligence, elevated him over many senior Executives in Ireland. Carl with his wife and six children have left Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y. for residence in Dublin.

Pat Sherwin Competes In Hurling Finals

Director Patrick Sherwin of Bridgeport attended the recent Cork-New York hurling finals in New York. Pat is a regular visitor to Gaelic Park and never misses a big game.

Greenwich Hibernians Held Fall Dinner

On Saturday, October 17, the Greenwich Hibernians held their annual fall dinner-dance at the K of C Hall on Putnam Avenue. The Ladies Auxiliary once again, prepared a roast beef dinner fit for a king. Dance music was provided by Gerry O'Dwyer and his orchestra.

Meanwhile, he is bringing the message of development to Irish Americans throughout the U.S. and alerting them to the new products he hopes to see coming from Northern Ireland home industries.

And in his spare time, part of which is given to directing the Dunganon Musical Society, he is working on a plan to reclaim several thousand acres of mountain bog near Dunganon and convert it into farms and orchards with their own food processing plants.

As Cardinal Conway has observed, the development program already has "given new hope and a much-needed psychological boost to many people for whom the outlook was bleak," and such enterprises as the housing project just completed "may well set an important headline for similar initiatives in different parts of Ireland."

Father Eustace's Cincinnati talk was sponsored by the Cincinnati branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Brother Richard Ormond, of Cincinnati, graciously sent the story to the Digest about the visit of Father Eustace to that city. Dick Ormond is a former National Director.

Hibernian John J. Gilligan Elected Governor of Ohio

Ohio has a new Governor. His name is John J. Gilligan and he is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Many Governors seek the "Irish Vote" at election time. Few of these Governors whose religion and background qualifies them for membership in the A.O.H. ever join our Order. Their names, however, appear on the rosters of non-Irish American Organizations.

Brother John Gilligan joined the A.O.H. in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1959 at the invitation of Brother Richard Ormond, that personable County Wexford man, who is one of Cincinnati's very successful businessmen and a former National Director of our Order.

John J. Gilligan is cut from a different cloth than most politicians. In what he says and does, he's his own man. He's a combat hero who seeks a peaceful society and a peaceful world. He's a teacher by profession who fights for what he believes. He's a Democrat who has shown surprising strength in Republican territory. He has deep convictions and he was a brilliant, hard-working,

effective Congressman.

Jack Gilligan was born in Cincinnati 49 years ago. He was graduated from Notre Dame University in 1943, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served at sea for 27 months during World War II and won the Silver Star



JOHN J. GILLIGAN

for gallantry in action off Okinawa. He was also awarded five battle stars and two Naval Unit Citations.

He received a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1947 and was teaching at Xavier Univer-

sity when he was asked to run for Cincinnati City Council in 1953. He won then, and was re-elected five times. He served until 1964, when he was elected to the United States Congress from Cincinnati--the third time in 65 years that a Democrat had won that seat. According to the speaker of the House, "Jack Gilligan did more for the greater Cincinnati area than any Congressman in the last 30 years."

Jack Gilligan was married 25 years ago to Mary Kathryn Dixon. Jack and Katie live in Cincinnati with their four children: Donald, 22; Kathleen, 21; John P., 20 and Ellen, 16.

Hibernians, like other Americans, wish Governor Gilligan the best of luck.

Bernadette Urges End of Rioting

CARRICKMORE, County Tyrone: Bernadette Devlin, Independent M.P. for Mid-Ulster, called on her supporters to stop rioting when she spoke in Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone on October 24.

She was released from Armagh Jail on Wednesday, October 21 where she served four months of a six month sentence for her part in last year's Derry riots.

"Rioting is allowing ourselves the luxury of working off our frustration," she said. Her supporters should use "the endless energy which the rightness of our fight endows us with" to insure the law worked in the people's interests.

She said they had to oppose the government's "anti-trade union proposals" and similar measures suggested in the Republic.

"We must clearly define our objective. That is simply the achievement of a Socialist Republic."

Write For Changes In Constitution

National President Edward J. Fay suggests that members who wish to obtain information about the changes made in the Constitution at the last National Convention ought to write to National Secretary James R. Sullivan, 444 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205.

These changes are in the Minutes of the National convention held in Indianapolis August 1970.

MICHAEL KEELEY OF EAST ST. LOUIS IS RECOVERING

Brother Michael Keeley former A. O. H. State President of Illinois is recovering from a severe siege of illness which hospitalized him for six weeks.

Send him a "get well" card to 4211 State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois 62205.

A popular personality and head of the Keeley Brother Contracting Company in East St. Louis, Brother Keeley has been a tower of strength to the A. O. H. in the Middle West.

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"Ireland, One and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall"

--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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Edward J. Fay, First A.O.H. President From Pennsylvania

Former Notre Dame football player, Edward J. Fay, who was elected National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at their 75th biennial convention in Indianapolis, Indiana is the first Pennsylvanian to be honored with the elected title of A.O.H. National President. He is a native of Pittsburgh.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was founded in Ireland in 1520, and was extended to America on May 4, 1836. The order's purpose was protecting the Mass, the priests, and the Church in Ireland. In America in 1844, Archbishop John Hughes of New York, called upon the Ancient Order of Hibernians to protect St. Patrick's Cathedral from being burned by the "Know Nothings." The Ancient Order of Hibernians was instrumental in protecting the Catholic Church during the 1844-1856 period from "Know Nothing" activities.

Today the society is striving to unite the Irish people in one vigorous organization with aims to perpetuate in America the spirit of our Catholic ancestors, and to preserve the ideals and make known the history of the race, and to guard and defend the principles of civil and religious liberty in this heaven-blest land.

Ed is a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, University of Notre Dame and Duquesne University. He was a monogram winning guard on Notre Dame's football team in the mid forties. He has served as President of Division II in Pittsburgh.



PRESIDENT EDWARD J. FAY

President of Allegheny County, National Director, National Treasurer and National Vice President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He is presently serving as Executive Director of the Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the International Serra Club, 4th degree Knights of Columbus Duquesne Council, Lawrenceville Rotary Club, Post 5 American Legion, Executive Secretary of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh and is General

Chairman of St. Patrick's Day Committee. He is also line coach of Carnegie Mellon University football team.

Ed is the youngest of ten children born to Patrick J. Fay of County Waterford, and Ellen Fitzgerald Fay of County Tipperary. He has one sister and had eight brothers all members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its auxiliary. Ed's wife, Dorothy, is also a member of Division II of the Ladies Auxiliary in Pittsburgh.

KEEP US POSTED ON YOUR NEWS

Many things of interest happen to Hibernians but no one hears about them. Any member can write a news piece for the Digest and mail it to the Editor. You don't need an Officer's title to get a news item published. Just give your name and address.

Thornton Leads Empire State Hibernians

The campaign for the unification of Ireland has a strong supporter in John J. Thornton of Flushing, the State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

"Members of our organization stress not only religion but brotherhood, unity and friendship for all," he said.

Thornton is the second Long Island, N.Y. man to be elected to the top state post in AOH, which was organized in New York City in 1836. The first one was John R. Kane of Bellerose. He served as president in 1954 and is still active in the organization.

"To be a good Hibernian you must be a good Catholic and if you want to be a good Catholic you must be a good citizen" is the AOH philosophy, according to Thornton.

He said an effort will be made to increase AOH's membership with a view to get more power behind the drive to get the immigration law amended to allow more people from Ireland to enter this country.

Thornton is a charter member of Flushing Division 4, AOH, and a past president of the Queens County AOH and the Holy Name Society at St. Kevin's Catholic Church, Flushing. Before retiring, he taught for many years at Junior High School 126, Astoria. He held other state offices in AOH, including director in 1962, treasurer in 1964, secretary in 1966, and vice president in 1969.

One of Thornton's first acts as president was to appoint Patrick Dalton of Glendale as State Historian and Thomas Landers of Richmond Hill as State Organizer.

southern California it gave Con an opportunity to visit with his older brother, Dennis a former National Director (1962-64) who lives in the area.

The new Deacon also has a brother John and sister Mary living in Sacramento, California. Together the three brothers have well over 100 years of membership in the Hibernians, and are naturally proud of their heritage.

Committee Named to Organize 1971 Spectacular For March 17

Organized preparations for the big Parade in New York City were made at a public meeting held on November 10, in the Hotel Commodore.

This St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest

public performance conducted under the auspices of the A.O.H. in any part of the U.S. Unfortunately, for reasons which are most obscure, A.O.H. members in 1970 were denied the opportunity of reading in the National Hibernian Digest any story about their much prized and greatly admired Parade as having been held in 1970. But the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade was held. In it, marched 121,000 persons to the music of 243 bands and viewed by 1 1/2 million people form the side walks of Fifth Avenue and watched by 45 million people on their T.V. sets.

At a meeting held in the Hotel Commodore, further preparations were made for the 1971 Parade. Delegates, numbering 214, met on December 1 and elected the following officers: Chairman, Judge James J. Comerford, and John W. Duffy, vice-Chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Francis P. Beirne, Treasurer; Thomas B. Galligan, Financial Secretary; Martin P. Dunne, Corresponding Secretary; Terry Connaughton, Sergeant-at-Arms; Nicholas J. Farley, Director; John P. Collins, Director; and Vincent Pat

Rogers, Director.

Mr. Harry M. Hynes, a former Parade Chairman is Honorary Chairman and James A. Doris, who was recording secretary of this parade for 43 years, is the executive secretary and still does an excellent job.

More than 40 other men will be appointed in 1971 to head various sub-committees as Chairmen. A total of 680 men and women make up the 1971 Parade Committee. Parade headquarters is at the Hotel Commodore. The Parade will be held on Wednesday, March 17 on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

CONTEST TO OPEN TO MEN'S DIVISIONS

National Historian Aloysius Melia announces that as soon as the Ladies Auxiliary has closed its Essay Contest on the National level, he will open the National Essay Contest for the Men's Divisions. Back in 1958, an agreement was reached -- namely, that the two contests would be held in succession and not together. The ladies go first.

Winners Of 1970 AOH Awards Are Announced

Brother Richard H. Ormond, who was Chairman of the A.O.H. National Committee that sponsors the granting of Awards to members who qualify for such Awards, has forwarded a list to the Digest of members who won the 1970 Awards.

Brother Ormond, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, reports as follows:

At the Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Ancient Order of Hibernians Awards were won by the following:

- \$1,000.00 -- J. Gallagher, 6914 - 64 Place, Glendale, New York
- 200.00 SPONSORS AWARD -- SAME
- 500.00 -- James E. Loftus, 4624 Calle Sanraphael, Palm Springs, Calif.
- 250.00 -- Dorothy McKenna, 2 Alturas Road, Spring Valley, New York
- 25.00 -- Bette Tureh, 127 Ball Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut
- 25.00 -- E. Collins, 22 Rhodes Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44302
- 25.00 -- William J. Hickey, 854 Thurston Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14619
- 25.00 -- Mike C. Darby, 1730 Flint Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44305
- 25.00 -- A. J. Trimpert, M.D., 155 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut
- 25.00 -- Annie Mulkenen, Killebege, Co. Donegal, c/o Seller: Pat McGinley, 901 1/2 S. Vermont, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 25.00 -- Francis Byrne, 2 1/2 Mount Vernon Street, Salem, Mass.

Death Claims John J. Sheahan; Long-Time Parade Chairman

John J. Sheahan, a long-time chairman of New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade and one of the leading figures in the American Irish community died on November 6. He was 94.

Mr. Sheahan, a native of Glin, County Limerick, preceded Harry Hynes and Judge James Comerford as chairman of the parade. The three men are regarded as the architects of the modern parade.

Mr. Sheahan is survived by a daughter, Mary; and four sons, Morgan, Richard, Michael and John. He lived in Manhattan, New York.

A Requiem Mass was said by the Rev. Lawrence McGinley at St. Thomas More Church. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Sheahan attended many National A.O.H. Conventions. He was a member of the A.O.H. for over 50 years and was a member of the Clan-na-Gael Organization for 60 years. Brother



John J. Sheahan

Sheahan first arrived in New York from County Limerick in 1898. He made over twenty trips back to his ancestral home.

Hibernians mourn his death. He was well known to members in the age group "50 years plus" throughout many States. May his soul rest in peace.

Cornelius Crowley Becomes Deacon

Brother Cornelius M. Crowley a member of the A. O. H. since 1935, was ordained a deacon in Ohio in June. The new deacon is now attending St. Leonard's College in Dayton and will be ordained a priest in June 1971.

Brother Crowley is a belated vocationer and a member of the congregation of the Holy Family. He had five years of active duty with the army and served in the Pacific theatre. His call to God came after almost 20 years of civilian employment with the government in the Navy department.

Con is a graduate of St. Mary's College in California and is spending week-ends doing parish work in Dayton, Ohio. This summer he performed parish duties in St. Camillus parish in Los Angeles, California. The parish is part of the huge complex of U.S.C. Medical Center and General Hospital, and run by the order of which he is a member. While in

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California News San Jose and Santa Clara Meet at Mountain Winery

A joint meeting of the San Jose and Santa Clara Divisions of the A. O. H. in California, was held at Paul Masson's Mountain Winery in Saratoga on October 7.

It was an outdoor dinner meeting with Irish entertainment. The meeting was preceded by wine tasting. The facilities, wine tasting and wine with the meal were provided through the courtesy of the Paul Masson organization.

As the sun was setting at the San Francisco end of the valley and as the evening lights started to twinkle in the valley below, Brother Edgar Schott, the president of the Santa Clara Division, commented to Walter Doyle, chairman of the Hibernians Night on the Mountain, that "when the devil took Christ on the mountain and showed him the world below and offered it to him, it must have been this location or one like it" because, he said, he had little doubt in his mind that the view could not be easily duplicated.

Among the 100 members in attendance was Richard Cos-

tello, the State Secretary who came to San Jose from Los Angeles just to attend the meeting. The group was also privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Corcoran, Irish Vice-Consul, in attendance.

Rubin Indicates He Wants To Stay

BELFAST, N.I.: American yippie leader Jerry Rubin said he would defy a British government refusal to extend his seven-day visa, which expires tonight. "We tell Reginald Maulding (home secretary), the British butcher, to go to hell," Rubin declared. He flew here from London last night and in a statement given to an underground magazine, Rubin said that the yippies intended to create ties "with our sisters and brothers in the Revolutionary Socialist Movement in Ireland."

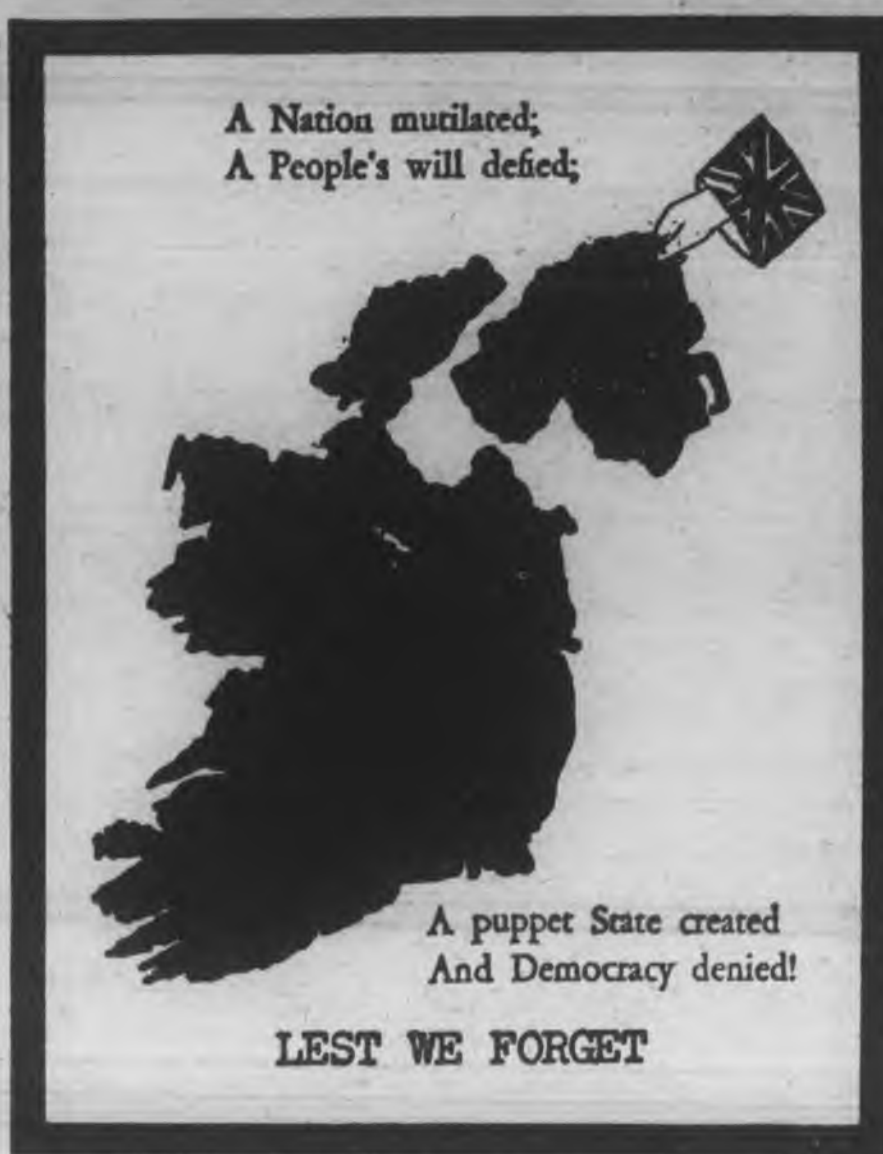
P.S.--Rubin got the boot--kicked out.

Thought For The Week

Half the lies we hear now-a-days are not true.

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The Injustice of Irish Partition



Irish Court Acquits Four In Arms Case

DUBLIN: Four defendants, including former Finance Minister Charles Haughey, were acquitted today of charges that they had conspired to import arms and ammunition illegally into Ireland.

The verdict, reached by a jury after two hours and 10 minutes deliberation, is likely to have political repercussions for the Government of Prime Minister John Lynch. Mr. Lynch dismissed the 45-year-old Mr. Haughey from his Cabinet post last May on the allegation of illegal gun-running.

Witnesses declared during the 14-day trial that the arms, imported from Continental Europe, were ultimately destined for the Roman Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. However, the defense contended that the arms had been brought in with the knowledge and

approval of James Gibbons, who was then Defense Minister and now serves as Minister of Agriculture in Mr. Lynch's Government.

The jury ruled that the prosecution had failed to prove its case.

Mr. Haughey was carried shoulder high from the High Court after the acquittal, as were the three other defendants, James Kelly, 41, a former intelligence captain in the Irish Army; John Kelly, 34, a prominent civil rights organizer in Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Alfred Luykx, 53, a Dublin businessman.

Hon. Joseph McGlynn Named St. Louis' Irishman of Year

A large and happy group of St. Louis, Missouri and East St. Louis, Illinois Irish gathered to fill the Big Club Hall for a Dinner-Dance to honor the Irishman of the Year.

Joseph McGlynn, an outstanding lawyer, is also the President of the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis and the leader of the group that organized the first St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held in St. Louis in over 40 years.

The Speaker for the evening was the Honorable James Egan, Mayor of Florissant, Missouri. He told of his recent trip to Ireland and of the great love the Irish have for America.

Other distinguished guests were John M. "Jack" Keane, National Vice President of the A.O.H.; James P. Walsh, Toastmaster; John Shaughnessy, Missouri State President A.O.H.; Jack Leonard, St. Louis County Board President; Mrs. Margaret Minouge, Missouri State President Ladies A.O.H.; Margaret Lawler A.O.H. L.A. County Board President; and Russell Murphy, President of Cardinal Glennon Division #2.

John M. "Jack" Keane, A.O.H. National Vice President, made the presentation of a beautiful plaque to the Man of the Hour Joseph McGlynn and to his lovely and beautiful wife, Helen.

Joseph McGlynn expressed great pride in being

selected as Irishman of the Year but he said the real tribute should be paid to all those who helped him and so he said he was accepting the plaque for many others as well as for himself.

Joseph McGlynn's final words brought the entire room to a standing ovation when he turned to Father Terrance Lee of the Mill Hill Fathers and said "God gave me an extra Blessing when he made me Irish."

SEND NEWS TO THE AOH DIGEST

Send news to the Digest about Hibernian activities in your Division or Auxiliary to the Editor--James J. Comerford, 220 West 107 Street, New York, New York, 10025. Write it with pen or pencil or type it. Mail this news any day. There is no deadline for news. How about your St. Patrick's Day Parades?

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen.

November-December, 1970



by The Dowds -- Peggy and Mike

On September 13, the members and auxiliary of Commodore John Barry Division remembered the man for whom the Division was named and visited the Commodore Barry Monument in Franklin Park where they prayed

and left a floral offering at the base of this splendid Monument.

During the month of October we were saddened by the death of Ella Stanton. Ella and her late husband, Dan, were well known to members of the A.O.H. organization from all over the country as they had attended so many National Conventions. She was the oldest member of the Auxiliary both in age and membership. For many years she had been devoted to the Columban Missions. Her obituary included a request that offerings of sympathy be sent to the Columban Missions.

November was a busy month socially. The Commodore Barry Division gave a social and invited all other Divisions and members of the Auxiliary. A new travel movie of Ireland was shown. Father John Brady, Chaplain of the Division, introduced many in the audience to the vanishing style of the old Irish story teller. His selection of Irish stories was very humorous, and we discovered a hidden talent. A barbershop quartet program was followed by a talk from our District President, Jack Keefe, who traced the history of the Fenian movement. Refreshments were plentiful. Members of Divisions 1 and 4 were hostesses. George Zahn, President of Division was thanked for his work in the success of the party.

On Friday, November 13, we observed our annual "Hibernian Day at the Laurel, Md. races." We were joined by many of our Maryland brothers and sisters. We had luncheon and had reserved seats in a covered grandstand. The fourth race was printed in the program as the "Ancient Order of Hibernian Race" and was also announced over the loudspeaker. The winning horse was decorated and the purse presented by the Presidents of the District Board and Auxiliary.

Our Irish History Study Club meeting was held and was well attended. Our speaker was the Rev. Bernard O'Dea, O.S.B. from Ireland. He is a well known speaker on radio and television and is the first Benedictine to be ordained on Irish soil in 400 years. He can speak on any subject and allowed us to choose his subject. We chose "Michael Collins' the great I.R.A. leader of 1916 to 1922. Some of our younger members knew very little about this great Irishman. A movie is being made with Richard Harris portraying Michael Collins and our members wanted some background. Father O'Dea turned out to be one of those "hear a pin drop" speakers. In his travels, he had met many contemporaries of Michael Collins and recalled their anecdotes. He

remembered as a small child being held up to watch the funeral procession of Arthur Griffin in Dublin which was led by Michael Collins. A week later he was killed. A member remarked afterward that he really brought the subject to life.

On November 22, we made a Pilgrimage to the grave of President Kennedy. While there, we also recalled that he was a dues paying member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Irish Air Lines furnished us with an excellent movie for our Irish History Study Club Night. Jack Keefe, our District President, gave a welcoming speech to Hibernians and those who were not members. As a result we picked up some new members. Refreshments were provided by Auxiliary Divisions 1, 4 and 8. They were all homemade and everyone enjoyed the get-together.

The Flanagan residence was the scene of a Christmas Boutique to benefit the Columban Missions. Connie Flanagan and Helen Slattery, Chairman of Missions in the Auxiliary, sponsored it. The party was well attended and it was a fun evening. Shifts, pant suits and hostess gowns were modeled and sold. Handmade Christmas decorations were also sold. These were more beautiful than most of these items displayed in the stores and were more reasonable. The Auxiliaries in other cities, if they do not already do so, might like to try this as a fund raiser. It is very effective. Refreshments were served and those attending had a good time.

One of the sad occasions each year is our Mass for deceased members. Division 4 of the Auxiliary held their Mass for members of the division on November 21 at the Penance Chapel of the Franciscan Monastery; the District Boards of the A.O.H. and L.A. held their Mass on November 29 in the same place. We kneel before the altar remembering our friends of other days, remembering the meetings, parties and conventions of other days. We ask that God be good to them. These memories are probably why Charlie Vaughan, our last past District President, said after one of the parties this month, "It's great to get together some place besides at business meetings and wakes." Our Masses are followed by a Brunch at Pilgrimage Hall across the street from the Monastery. Bill and Anna Walsh (she is a member of #4 of the Auxiliary) give us a Cead Mile Failte and very good food.

With warm wishes that each Hibernian and member of the L.A. will enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas and a healthy 1971 we sign off from the Nation's Capitol. God Bless you.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Thoughts for Christmas

By the time this Digest is printed, Christmas will be coming; therefore, here are a few thoughts.

Except in rare instances, send only religious cards to your friends at Christmas. Leave the comic cards for others to send.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Never mind the apologists, irrespective of who they are, that will tell you that "XMAS" means the same as Christmas. They will seriously explain to you that the Greeks had a word for it and that "Xmas" or its equivalent symbol was it. Christmas is spelled with Christ in it.

PRAY FOR PEACE -- FOR WORLD PEACE

Pray for the national security and well being of our own United States while it is going through these perilous pressures of world wide stress and strain created and promoted by Communism.

Pray for full freedom for all of Ireland during these times of world upheavals and of new map making for nations.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM

And for a safe and early return of our men who now serve there in the U. S. Armed Forces.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

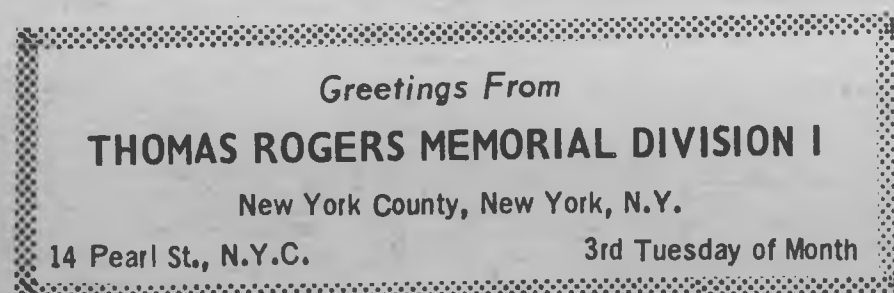
The Digest wishes a Happy Christmas to all its readers. Every member wishes a Happy Christmas through the pages of this Digest to all the members of our Order--both men and women--where ever they may be on this Christmas Day, 1970.

St. Patrick's Day Greetings

The Digest, not many years ago, used to carry a double column which displayed "St. Patrick's Day Greetings" in a headline like the one above.

Individual greetings were sent to the Digest by Divisions, County Boards, and State Boards together with a Ten Dollar Bill to pay for the cost of printing each Greeting.

Below is a sample of what each Greeting looked like -- in content and in size.



Yes, "The Thomas Rogers Division" is Division Number One in New York County. It was the First Division organized in America on May 4, 1836. It is still active and very much alive after 174 years.

The Digest will again carry "St. Patrick's Day Greetings" in the March-April issue which will be received in the mail by members on March 1, 1971.

Each Greeting will be two columns wide like this column and one inch deep like Division One's sample here. The cost for each Greeting of this size will be ten dollars.

Mail your Greeting Copy together with a ten dollar check or money order to the Editor any time between now and February 5, 1971. See Page 2 for Editor's address.

Experience gathered in the past indicated that members liked these Greetings, looked upon them as cheery little messages from one group of Hibernians to other groups of members, and considered each one to be a personal "Hello" from one Hibernian to another Hibernian on St. Patrick's Day.

Try your Greeting in 1971 and see how well your Brother Members will appreciate it.

Happy New Year Everyone

We wish every one a Happy New Year. We hope that the year 1971 will give all readers full opportunities to attain those spiritual and material objectives which they now, at the opening of the New Year, wish to possess before it ends.

We are starting our fifth year as Editor of the Digest. Four of these were from 1958 to 1962. Preparing this paper is fun. Reading, clipping, and pasting the copy sent in by A.O.H. members is a rewarding experience. Coming as they do from so many States throughout our country, the Articles--whether typed or handwritten--are interesting to receive and stimulating to study. One can learn a great deal from them about A.O.H. activities, achievements and aspirations.

And the letters--particularly those which discuss the National Conventions--they're something! Whether they praise or disparage, criticize or command, they all show good faith and good intentions; they indicate good judgment and good taste. Life is made much happier by receiving them. So keep us happy--keep on sending these letters about anything and everything. Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity should find an outlet for expression. Writing to the Digest is an outlet--please use it and keep it open.

Again, Happy New Year,--everyone.



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



Oppose Communism As You Have Always Done

Keep up your opposition every where to Communism and its agents, to its propaganda and its programs. Be watchful. Remember that Ireland--all its 32 counties--as well as the United States must be ready at all times to fight the evil influences of Atheistic Communism. Newspapers published in Ireland reveal to an alarming degree that some men and women in the Ireland of today are publicly advocating the adoption and practice of Atheistic Communism by Irish people in Ireland. How about that! Speeches by them are being made, from public platforms on the streets, which glorify the philosophy of Communism as expounded today by China's Mao Tse-Tung and, of course, by Russia's Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924 vintage) who, although dead, is the acknowledged political philosopher of modern Communism not only in the U.S.S.R. but in other parts of the Communist world.

Some of Mao Tse-Tung's disciples and some of Lenin's disciples are expected to be in the United States seeking Irish American audiences in early March--in time for the St. Patrick's Day Festivals. By their speech shall you know them!

Valuable Information For All Our Members

The facts given below will help all members to answer questions about important points concerning upcoming events.

In a message to members, Brother James R. Sullivan sent out by mail the following paragraphs for the special attention of all:

WE URGE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your National Board and remind you that the 70's will be a decade of change. Is your Division prepared to meet these changes and advance Hibernianism???

NATIONAL CONVENTION -- Many Constitutional changes and resolutions were passed at our National Convention. As soon as proceedings of the Convention are received, this office will list all changes and forward copy of same to all divisions.

One Constitutional Change -- a resolution and our next National Convention should be covered at this time. This is to keep you, the State Presidents, State Secretaries, County Presidents, and Division Presidents informed.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE -- \$2.00 National Assessment **ARTICLE XIII** -- Assessments, National: Section 2. The National Convention shall levy an annual assessment on all Divisions not to exceed \$2.00 per year for each member in good standing as of December 31st preceding, payable with annual report and corrected membership roster on or before February 15.

Newly organized Divisions shall pay an assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per member for each month the division has been in existence during the year in which it was organized.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION -- A resolution, calling for a Constitutional Convention was adopted by the National Convention in session.

The 1970 National Convention voted to hold the 1972 National Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

The presenting of the name of Dublin was by Mr. Brown of New York. Presentation included special rates for delegates, other information, etc.

That convention headquarters would be in the new Burlington Hotel in Dublin and that two meeting rooms for 500 each would be available, - 38 rooms for special committees, a Presidential suite, a National Secretary's office, and a Press room.

2100 first-class hotel rooms would be available for delegates in Dublin (the Burlington has 450 rooms).

Groups sponsoring would be P. V. Doyle Hotel Group - Ireland's National Transport Company - Irish Tourist Board - Aer Lingus - New York Tours Company, and Douglas Ferguson International Tours.

ESTIMATED FARES: (Round trip - charter):

New York - \$160.00; Indianapolis - \$200.00; California - \$250.00.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS - \$130.00 -- Land arrangements include convention week in Dublin -- hotel, breakfasts, dinners, banquets, entertainment, etc., connected directly with convention.

CAR RENTAL would be for two weeks, could follow or precede convention, depending upon charter arrangements.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION - \$30.00 -- Registration fee charged all making trips, etc., to the convention. This would help pay expenses of National Board to convention.

The above is given so that you will understand what is expected to be involved in the 1972 convention.

This could boost membership growth across the country if we promoted it with the slogan:

"Irish-American Returns to Land of His Forefathers."

ALL CHARTERS would be for members and their families. A person must be a member for six months before the convention. We have plenty of time to sign up people interested and also to start new divisions.

Our office has received many letters and phone calls for information, but as of this date the above information is all that is available. One caller stated that Irish Airlines had said they have had 6,000 for information on the convention trip.

Change In National Assessments Passed

A change in the National Assessment was passed at the National Convention in Indianapolis as follows: Article XIII, Section 2 Assessments: The National Convention shall levy an annual assessment on all Divisions, not to exceed \$2.00 per year for each member in good standing as of December 31 preceding, payable with annual report and corrected membership roster on or before February 15.

Newly organized divisions shall pay an assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per member for each month the Division has been in existence during the year in which it was organized.

Article XIII, Section 13 also states: "The National Secretary shall keep in stock and be prepared to supply all branches of the Order

with approved books, forms, blanks, stationery, and other supplies, which will be sold to the respective branches at a minimum cost.

Members who need A.O.H. supplies or who wish to have information about the change in the National Assessment or about other matters pertaining to the change should write to the National Secretary: Brother James R. Sullivan, 4444 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205.

News-News-News

Digest is looking for news. Write a bit by pen or pencil or type a piece--and mail it to the Editor. Write up your St. Patrick's Day Programs to come.

Take one home for Christmas



Shannon
\$200

Dublin
\$210

Give yourself a special Christmas present this year. Spend 29-45 days with your family and friends. Visit the countryside at your own leisure — travel when you please — see what you want to see. There are no groups to join, no tours to take. Fly economy class. For full details on these and other fares to the many Irish destinations in Ireland, Britain and Europe, call your Travel Agent or Irish International at 757-9200.



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Christmas

Christmas Greetings From LAAOH President

Dear Sisters: At this holy season of Christmas, I would like to extend my best wishes to each and every one of you and your family. May the Holy Family watch over you and yours and ask our Blessed Lord to shower you with his choicest blessings.

During this holiday time, let us not forget the troubled homeland of our forefathers and ever remember them in our prayers.

Membership Drive

This year our first and principal aim should be the growth of our Auxiliary through a nationwide membership drive. Newly elected officers should try not only to build up their own divisions, but make every effort to organize additional divisions in newly populated areas. Only the keen interest and efforts of county and division officers can check a decrease in membership and insure an increase.

Defend Our Country

More and more each year the need for our Order in the life of this country becomes more apparent because of the subversive elements in our midst which never rest. If we had only one aim--the determination to defend our country against her enemies within and without her borders--that alone should be enough to attract the kind of members we wish to have join us. In the past, we have always been proud of the unquestioned patriotism of our people, a virtue too deep-rooted in our nature to be swayed by "popular" theories. To my mind true patriotism is the crying need of our country--now.

May you all have a happy holiday season.--Sincerely, Rita A. McDonough, National President, L.A.A.O.H.



Bishop Vincent M. Leonard D.D.

Bishop Leonard Is National Chaplain

The Most Reverend Vincent M. Leonard D.D. who is the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the National Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

National President Edward J. Fay named Bishop Leonard as Chaplain immediately after the National Convention. The Bishop is also the honorary Chaplain of the Allegheny County Board A.O.H.

Bishop Leonard was born on December 11, 1908 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended St. Brigid School, Duquesne Prep School, and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

He was ordained on June 16, 1935 at St. Vincent Archabbey Church by the late Bishop Hugh C. Boyle of

Pittsburgh.

Major appointments of Bishop Leonard include Chaplain of Woodville State Hospital, March 3, 1937 to November 21, 1950; Chancellor, Diocese of Pittsburgh, December 15, 1955 to February 23, 1967; and Pastor, St. Philip Church, Crafton, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1967 to June 3, 1969.

His consecration as bishop was on April 21, 1964 at St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, as Titular Bishop of Arsacal and Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh. He was named ninth Bishop of Pittsburgh by Pope Paul VI on June 4, 1969 and installed as Bishop of Pittsburgh at St. Paul Cathedral July 2, 1969.

The National Chaplain's office is at: 111 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

National President's Christmas Message Christmas Blessings

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace to men of good will."

To each and every member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies Auxiliary, I extend this joyful message for a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season, and for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It is now time to reflect on why we are members of this great Order and what we are doing to promote its ideals. Our first concern is to increase our membership in the Order and to do this each and every member must be an example to his and her fellow American. We must practice our Motto of "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." We cannot and must not expect someone else to promote our Hibernian image. We have a glorious history, but we cannot live in the past. Our country is crying out for leadership and so is our beloved Catholic Church. Our hallowed Ireland is still suffering from partition and from discrimination; loved ones in the six county area over there are homeless and are dying. It is our duty to rally behind the foregoing causes. I hear so often that we need a purpose for our existence. We have a purpose. Supporting these causes can be our purpose. I honestly believe that every dedicated Irish Catholic should, and would want to be a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

If as members, we are examples of good practicing Catholics and of being loyal Americans, we will be the greatest Irish American organization in the United States of America. I urge each of you to be active in our church, active in state and local matters concerning government. Doing these things can also be a purpose. Remembering one premise, namely, what are you doing for the order while working within our principles -- Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity -- you will, I feel, continue to work in advancing our A.O.H. in achieving some or all of these purposes outlined above.

By your example, make people want to be members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies Auxiliary. How many people have you asked and proposed for membership in 1970? The New Year, 1971, is just here. I ask every member to bring in his first new member for 1971 right away -- say during January, 1971.

Labor Committee Ousts A Key Man

BELFAST: The Northern Ireland Labor Party's executive committee voted to expel Eamonn McCann, of Derry, from the executive last week.

Mr. McCann was expelled as a result of his association with political figures who are not members of the N.I.L.P. and because he would not uphold party rules in future. The N.I.L.P. executive--or at least 10 of the 16 members who attended last Friday's meeting--also objected to the way in which Mr. McCann has issued statements and to his views on violence as a political weapon.

McCann is well known in New York. In 1969 Miss Bernadette Devlin was given "The Key to New York City" as a symbol of the recognition which New Yorkers at that time were willing to give her for her outstanding work in aid of the Civil Rights Movement within The Six Counties Area in Ireland during 1966. The Mayor of New York City presented it to her at a Ceremony in City Hall.

According to New York City newspapers, Miss Devlin before St. Patrick's Day in 1970 designated Eamonn McCann to take the Key back to New York. At a public meeting in "Union Square,"

Auxiliary Installs New President

Mrs. Winifred Ryan from Liscarroll, County Cork was installed as President of the Lieutenant Patrick J. Walsh Division No. 29, L.A., on October 13 at its meeting rooms, 155 East 88th Street, New York City.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, President of the New York County Board, L.A., was the installing officer, assisted by Miss Mary Sullivan, County Chairman of Catholic Action and Mrs. Bea Collins, County Mistress-at-Arms.

The other officers installed were: Miss Sara I. V. Lalor, Vice President; Mrs. Ermina M. Guilfoyle, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Povisil, Financial

New York City--a playground for Communists--McCann was reported by newspapers to have presented Miss Devlin's Key to the Black Panthers.

The members of all Irish Societies--including the A.O.H.--became very disturbed over this "Key" incident and looked upon its presentation by McCann to The Black Panthers as an insult to the Citizens of New York. Miss Devlin was asked for an explanation. She gave none.

Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Collins, Treasurer; Miss Carol Brown, Chairman of Irish History; Miss Mary Kym, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Beatrice Bailey, Chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Catherine Callaghan, Chairman of Standing Committee; Mrs. Anne Doris, Mistress-at-Arms; Mrs. Mary J. Gilleece, Sentinel. Honored guests were: Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State Vice President, L.A.; Mrs. Mary Rose Forde, New York County Treasurer, L.A.; Mr. Sean Ryan, husband of the newly installed President; Mr. James Doris, Executive Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Mr. Hugh Carr, Div. No. 29; Mrs. Teresa Rogers, Auxiliary; Miss Mary Hartnett, Auxiliary No. 5 and Miss Mary Sheridan.

Mrs. Margaret Ita Carr, a past President of the Auxiliary was chairman of the Installation.

Mrs. Ryan presented gifts from the Auxiliary to Miss Margaret Callaghan, the outgoing President, in appreciation for her work and devotion during her term of office.

An Irish Christmas Welcome

'Twas Christmas Eve at St. Mary's, and the Pastor Father Gibb Was watching Michael, the Sexton, as he carefully fixed the Crib. The sheep and the oxen were standing guard -- the straw was neatly piled; and Mary and Joseph were kneeling admiring their tender Child.

The Star that guided the Magi flooded the stable with light "Tis beautiful, Michael," the Pastor said, "It looks like the First Holy Night." "Ah Faith and I think it is terrible," the Sexton replied with a frown: "The way that our Savior had to be born, in that miserable pagan town."

"Sure, there isn't an Irishman living, much less is there one in the grave. From County Derry, down to Kerry, that would let him be born in a cave." "If the Irish were living in Bethlehem, Joseph need not have knocked; Sure, Mary and he could have walked right in, for our doors are never locked."

"And if they had come to my cottage, they'd have found the door full wide -- "Cead mile failte," I'd say to them, "God bless you and step inside." "I'd shake up the old turf fire, and make them as warm as could be, And I'd say to my wife, God rest her, make them a pot of tea."

"And if the soldiers of Herod, came after the baby, the fakes; Me and the neighbors would rout them, like Patrick drove out the snakes." "Tis a pity, Father, I tell you, -- without the word of a lie, That there wasn't an Irishman living, where Mary and Joseph passed by."

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning -- with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of the first Christmas -- to savor in the inward ear of the wild, sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse the ray of light that fell across a darkened path and changed the world.

In the Irish way, may we wish you and yours an abundance of Christmas joy and an overflowing measure of good things in the year that lies ahead.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Richard H. Ormond,
Former National Director
Cincinnati, Ohio

HIBERNIAN NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

by John K. Henry

At our Biennial Convention held in July in Stamford, the following were elected to the State Board: President Gerry Travers (Meriden), Vice-President Al Murphey (Bridgeport), Treasurer Mike Gill (Meriden), Secretary John Henry (Norwalk). The new officers have long been active in State affairs.

Widespread grief was felt in Connecticut with the news of the death of Richard Hope of Danbury. Richard, 26, was killed in action in Vietnam. The young man was the son of George and Barbara Hope, prominent members of the John A. Gildea Division in Danbury. Richard Hope was one of those fine young Americans of whom we hear so little. He was a proud American who felt it was his duty to serve his Country. In serving, he made the Supreme Sacrifice and yet, if Richard did not have this burning love for his Country, he might still be alive. You see, he left the security of the Composing Room of the "Danbury Times" to serve. We grieve with his parents and we stand with them in their pride for their hero son.

Here in Connecticut we have two radio shows serving mostly the Southern end each Sunday. At 2:35 p.m. Pat Murphy and his Irish Hour can be heard over W-S-T-C, Stamford. At 7:00 p.m. The Greenwich Irish Hour is broadcast over W-G-C-H with Phil McGovern holding forth.

The Greenwich Hibernians held their Annual Fall Dinner Dance in October and it was an unqualified success. The Ladies' Auxiliary served the usual beautiful Roast Beef Dinner which was enjoyed by all. Gerry O'Dwyer and his band provided the after-dinner music. The popularity of this affair was proven by the fact that it was oversold by sixty people and everyone was still taken care of.

I want to pay Special Tribute to Dennis Miller, Chairman of the Sick Committee, Danbury Division. Dennis makes sure to visit each and every sick member or Auxiliary member. A pleasant card and phone call are also on Dennis' agenda. A very fine job by a grand person.

As is the case in many States, Connecticut will change Administrations in January. Tipperary-born Governor John Dempsey, who is a member of our A.O.H. will retire but will be replaced by Governor-elect Thomas Meskill, a Catholic of Irish Ancestry. Governor-elect Meskill will be the first Republican Governor of the State in sixteen years.

Also re-elected to another term in Congress was John Monagan, a member of the Waterbury Division of the A.O.H. Congressman Monagan won handily.

One of the best known musicians around our area has returned to Ireland to take up permanent residence. Bobby Gardiner, his wife and daughter, returned to Ireland on November 21. For several years the Bobby Gardiner Orchestra was well known to Hibernian dancers, particularly in the New Haven area.

The John A. Gildea Division (Danbury) honored all their Past Presidents at a Dinner at Mac's Halfway House in October. It was a

delightful evening with Tipperary's Dan Ryan in charge. Current President J. Philip Gallagher served as Toastmaster and he introduced Gus O'Neill who spoke of the formative years. Pat Morrissey also spoke as did Past National Vice-President Con Collins and State Secretary, John Henry. Fairfield County President John White (Greenwich) presented immediate Past President Vincent Seary with a plaque. Following the Dinner, Dan Ryan led the group in Irish songs and Mrs. Philip Gallagher did the jig and the hornpipe.

New Haven County A.O.H. President, Hugh Ryan (Waterbury) is pressing hard for increased activity among Divisions. He would also like to get a few divisions set up in his County. At the last County Board Meeting, Jim Sugrue (Waterbury) was elected to the position of County Secretary.

The General Philip Sheridan Division (Stamford) was quite busy in October and November with Dinner-Dances honoring prominent members. In October they honored Dan and Frieda Murphy, Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Stamford Feis. On November 21 the Division honored Past President Mike Devaney. All three thoroughly deserved the honors bestowed on them by the Division.

The Ladies' Auxiliaries in the State and particularly New Haven, suffered a great loss with the death of Mrs. Pauline Murphy Cleary of Third Avenue, West Haven. Mrs. Cleary died at the Hospital of St. Raphael. At the time of her death, Mrs. Cleary was President of the New Haven A.O.H. Ladies' Auxiliary. Burial was at Beaverdale Memorial Park in Hamden, Connecticut.

Saturday evening, November 7, the John F. Kennedy Division (Bridgeport) celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a gala banquet at the Journey's Inn. The Past Presidents and Charter Members were honored at this affair which featured the music of Bobby Gardiner's Orchestra. The Past Presidents are: Martin Reidy (1952), Alex Cavanagh (1953-54), Patrick Sherwin (1955-56), Lawrence Neary (1957-62), John J. Dwyer (1963-64), Thomas Hardiman (1965-66) and James McLaughlin (1967-68). First President John P. Kiely is deceased.

The Connecticut State Board has expressed concern with the economic situation in the State of Connecticut and throughout the Country. At the last State Board Meeting, a motion was put forth by Con Collins to make the President aware of our thoughts. Subsequently a letter was forwarded to the President with copies to each of the State's Representatives. Favorable replies were received from the President and Congressman Monagan had the letter inserted in the Congressional Record.

Each year the Norwalk Division's monthly NEWSLETTER awards a plaque to its choice of Man of the Year. This year the Award went to Bill Tobin. Bill has served as Division Recording Secretary, Vice-President and President in the past few years. A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Bill is married to the former Eileen Glancy and they have three

Lt. Col. James J. Mackin Receives AOH Plaque



LT. COL. JAMES J. MACKIN is pictured above receiving a plaque from Division 2, A.O.H. New York County in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding accomplishments and achievements as a scholar, soldier and statesman. The award is given annually to an outstanding Hibernian.

Pictured above left to right: John J. O'Rourke, chairman; James J. Mulvihill, president; Lt. Col. James J. Mackin; Joseph Sullivan, president of New York County A.O.H. and Supreme Court Judge James J. Comerford. —Matthews Photo

children; Ann, Mary and Jimmy. The family also has a beautiful Irish Setter-Shannon.

Joe Conroy, Publicity Director of the Bridgeport Division, has been honored by the American Production and Inventory Control Society. For the third year in a row, Joe has been selected as the winner of the National Public Relations Award. The Award was made at Cincinnati on October 7.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Westchester County Board, is keeping very busy under the Presidency of Amelia Babcock. Sue Culhane of White Plains was Chairlady of the Annual Raffle of Irish Products held on November 8, 1970. It was noted at the last County Board Meeting that Margaret Burke of Division 15 in Yonkers, has been a member for over sixty years.

Our congratulations to Gerry and Mary Keegan of Norwalk on the birth of their second child—a boy, Brian. The new heir was born at the Norwalk Hospital and weighed in at 7 lbs/5 1/2 ozs. The Keegans have another son—Kevin.

Congratulations to John and Mary Daly of Stamford who have become grandparents. Proud parents Alan and Maureen Schug presented them with a baby girl, Julie, on November 9. Mary Daly is President of the Fairfield County Board Ladies' Auxiliary.

TID-BITS: John O'Donnell of Norwalk, an illustrious Hibernian with long and faithful service, was a very capable Moderator at the 147th District Polling Booths on Election Day. —Fairfield County President John White of Greenwich instituted a County NEWSLETTER. —Con Collins worked hard for the reelection of Hibernian Congressman John Monagan of Waterbury. —Pat Morrissey of Danbury is an avid bowler every Friday night. Get 300 yet, Pat?! —Middle-town President Dennis Murray is concentrating his efforts on getting many young members into his Division. Looks like the thing to do. —Mike Gill of Meriden looked chipper at the last State Meeting. Mike is serving his fifth term as State Treasurer.

McSorley's House Has Kirwan Humor

In New York City stands a historical landmark called McSorley's Ale House. Owned and operated by a distinguished A.O.H. member—Brother Harry Kirwan who is a native of Ballyragget, County Kilkenny. No woman had crossed its threshold from the day in 1855, when its doors opened for business, until recently when members of The Women's Liberation Movement stepped through the door and up to the bar.

Being followed by hired TV cameramen and holding prepared propaganda sheets, they began "to do their thing" like all demonstrators nowadays on New York streets, and to hand out their hand bills to the "prepared in advance" sidewalk crowd of spectators. Part of "doing their thing program" had in its script a demand -- not a

request -- for the facilities of the Ladies Rest Room. Knowing well already that there was no Ladies Room but only a Gentleman's Wash Room, they began their faked expressions of disappointment and their pathetic wailing caused the stones in the walls of the old Ale House to weep.

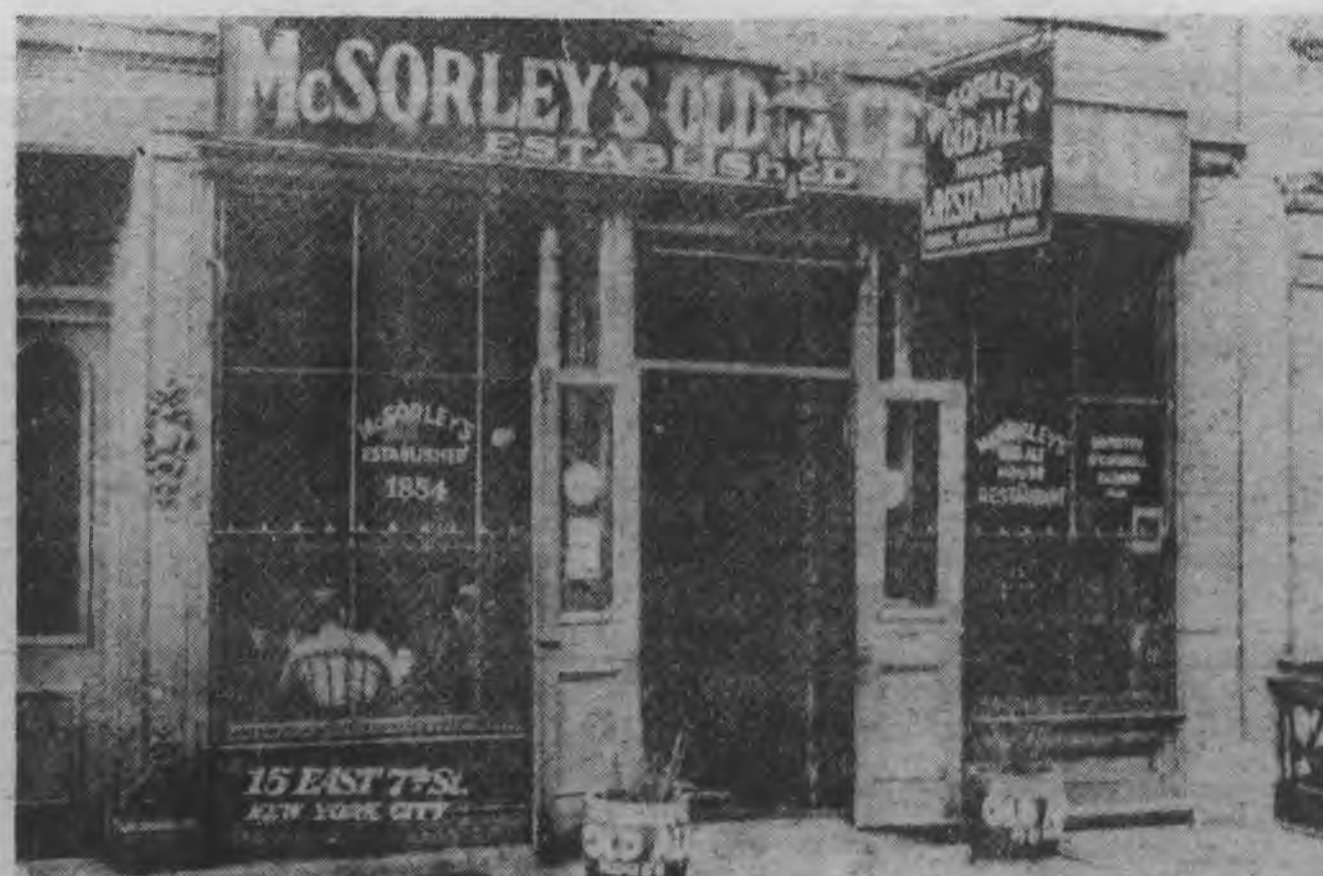
Brother Harry Kirwan diplomatically explained that his place of business, being only for men, had never required sanitary facilities for women.

Mrs. Harry Kirwan, who is a direct descendant of the original McSorley, was in her New York apartment at the time. She declined to make any comment to newsmen's questions.

Danny Kirwan, who is an

A.O.H. member and who like his father and mother, has an interest in the welfare of their historical building, summed up the whole piece of nonsense with the age old comment "This Too Shall Pass."

A reproduction of McSorley's new business card shows that the Kirwans have added to it their own conclusion about the Women's Liberation Movement. P.S. It should be made known at this time to all readers that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary have not yet "invaded" McSorley's. However, it is believed that the Chairlady of The Committee on Suggestions has received some workable suggestions on the matter. These, of course, will be brought up under "New Business" at a future meeting.



McSorley's Old Ale House

15 East 7th Street, New York City

A LANDMARK OF OLD NEW YORK

McSorley's has been serving its Excellent Ale and Fine Home Cooked Meals to world-wide MALE clientele for over 115 years. This year the LADIES tasted our ALES for the first time and were LIBERATED.

Harry Kirwan (Ballyragget) and Danny Kirwan, Props.

Mrs. McAllister Receives Award

by Loretta M. Joyce,
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. Margaret McAllister, Brooklyn, President of the New York State, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Ladies' Auxiliary, was a recent recipient of an award for outstanding achievement for her organization work in the field of Junior Auxiliaries in the State of New York during her term of office as New York State Vice President. The award was made at the National Convention in Indianapolis. There are active junior auxiliaries in Schenectady and Bronx counties.

The New York State officers in the metropolitan area recently attended the Bronx and New York Counties Annual Card parties. Getting together there were: National Vice President, Mrs. Rita Murphy; Mrs. McAllister; N.Y.S. President Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle; Historian, Mrs. Josephine Lynch; Chairlady of Missions, Miss Catherine Hanley; Past Presidents: Mrs. Marie McArdle and Mrs. Mary Collins; and Chairlady of Publicity, Mrs. Loretta Joyce.

Mrs. Collins who was appointed to chairmanship of the Record Book Committee made an appeal to all division, county and state officers for photographs and press clippings of interest for inclusion in the New York State Record Book to be presented to the New York State Convention in Binghampton and submitted for competition at the National Convention in 1972.

A Few Thoughts For Christmas

Do you ever wonder what would have happened if the Wise Men had decided that Bethlehem was such a long way and the traffic so bad because of the crowds answering the census that it just wasn't worth it to make the trip?

Or if the innkeeper hadn't had even a stable available?

Or if the shepherds, who heard the angels sing, had concluded that they were all having a giant hallucination and agreed not to tell anyone about it and never mentioned it among themselves again?

Or if the star had gone out?

And nobody would have known what had come to pass in those days or that there would ever be any meaning to such things as joy and good will and peace on earth--among all men.

Christmas is a time for what? It is for what we desire and for what we wish. But what we wish for is not coming down the chimney, because we wish it.

All this is telling us that there is time for all things. Hubert Proyer, the great thinker, said; "If our Christmas wishes have something pertinent to us, and to those around us, believing it, we will surely get it. For Christmas is a time for wishes and dreams, of all that's possible in this world. Just what your Christmas wish is, only you know. But we should remember the Biblical promise; "Every-one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth." Could we ask for more?"

May your Christmas be Holy, Peaceful and Happy,
Patrick J. Dalton
N.Y. State Historian

A Special To The Digest Irish Government To Intern Extremists

DUBLIN: The Irish Government, which assumed emergency powers last night to counter a "secret conspiracy," moved today to track down an extremist group called Saor Eire, or Free Ireland.

The Dublin Government, speaking for 26 of Ireland's 32 counties, quickly and firmly decided that they would not allow a handful of extreme radicals, numbering about 30 or 40 men, to terrorize the country by kidnapping Government Officials a la Canadian style or by blasting public buildings a la U. S. style. The Irish Government believed that this bunch of radicals could in 24 hours do untold damage to Ireland at home and to Ireland's reputation abroad by killing Foreign Government Officials in Ireland as well as killing Irish Government Cabinet Ministers at their homes in Ireland.

Kidnapping Plot Alleged

Prime Minister Jack Lynch announced last night that the Government had uncovered a plot to kidnap prominent persons and carry out armed robberies that "may well involve murders or attempted murders." Mr. Lynch said Ireland was assuming emergency powers to intern suspects without trial.

Irish detectives, backed by emergency powers allowing internment without trial, seized 11 men in a widening hunt for underground terrorists suspected of hatching a kidnap-and-kill plot against the Dublin government.

While a puzzled Irish public awaited details of the conspiracy outlined yesterday by Prime Minister Jack Lynch, police increased guards on the homes and

offices of foreign diplomats and top government officials.

Some sources said that the Government had received information about a plot to kidnap a diplomat for the release of Patrick Francis Keane, alleged to be a member of the Saor Eire, who is now awaiting extradition from a British prison to Ireland in connection with the killing of a Dublin policeman during a bank hold-up last April. Keane was arrested in London in August and has fought extradition to Ireland.

Internment Camps

In reimposing the controversial offense against the State Act, the Government indicated that the Curragh internment camp would be reopened. The barb-wired, brick-walled enclave in county Kildare held more than 100 men during the 1940's and 1950's, most of them members of the Irish Republican Army.

The act, which has not been used since 1962, was created to deal with the Irish Republican Army, and other militant groups seeking Irish reunification. Only a government order is required to nvoke the act.

Two Groups Now

Within recent years, the spectrum of groups seeking reunification has ranged from Saor Eire to the I.R.A., which is split into two groups known as "officials" and "provisionals."

The "officials" are dedi-

National Historian Melia Is Guest Of Honor New York County, AOH, Has 134th Anniversary



NEW YORK County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians, celebrated the 134th Anniversary of the founding of our Order, with their Annual Dinner-Dance at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. The Honorable Aloysius J. Melia, Judge of the Criminal Courts, City of New York and National Historian of the A.O.H. was Guest of Honor. Shown above (L. to R.) Front Row: Hon. Patrick V. Murphy, Police Commissioner, City of New York; Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, Vice-President, New York State Board, A.O.H., Ladies Auxiliary; Guest of Honor, Judge Melia; V. Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm. Chaplain, New York County, A.O.H. and New York State A.O.H.; Mrs. Margaret McAllister, President, New York State, A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary; Judge James J. Comerford, Past National President, A.O.H. and National Editor, Hibernian Digest; Second Row: Hon. Charles V. Whelan, Irish Consul General in

New York; John P. Collins, National Chairman, American Irish Immigration Committee; Joseph P. Sullivan, New York County President, A.O.H.; Miss Margaret Callaghan, President, New York County Board, A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary; John J. Thornton, President, New York State Board, A.O.H.; William J. Barnett, National Chairman, A.O.H. Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee; John W. Duffy, Chairman, Dinner-Dance Committee.

Five hundred persons attended. The seating list was like a "Who's Who" in New York A.O.H. circles. Every Hibernian of importance as rated by leadership rank in New York and by vote getting ability at Conventions was at this function. No Hibernian in New York City of importance seemed to have been absent from this New York County Board great celebration.



THE HONORABLE Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian, A.O.H. and Guest of Honor at the New York County Board, A.O.H. Dinner-Dance is shown receiving Plaque commemorating the event from the New York County President, Joseph P. Sullivan. Shown above (L. to R.) John W. Duffy,

Chairman, Dinner-Dance Committee; Hon. Charles V. Whelan, Irish Consul General in New York; Brother Sullivan; Judge Melia; Hon. Patrick V. Murphy, Police Commissioner, City of New York; Judge James J. Comerford, Past National President, A.O.H.

cated to Marxist revolution, while the "provisionals" are devoted to the long-standing aim of forcibly ending the partition of Ireland. Linked to the "provisionals" is the Sinn Fein, generally considered the political arm of the I.R.A. Reaction of the militant groups to the Government move last night was generally angry.

A spokesman for the "Provisional" I.R.A. said: "You can take it from me that we have no plans at the moment for any campaign, and certainly kidnapping and bank robberies would be out anyway."

Unofficial sources said Irish radicals, who are members of the "Officials," had threatened to rob banks and kidnap or kill public officials if Britain extradites Patrick Francis Keane to face murder and robbery charges in Ireland.

Keane, 32, is accused of killing an Irish policeman

during a bank holdup in Dublin last April.

As an Irish citizen held in a British jail, he has emerged as a key figure behind Lynch's decision to revive parts of the 1940 internment law.

Saor Eire Radicals

Sources close to the Government made it clear, however, that the emergency powers--which include the reactivation of internment camps--were aimed at the Saor Eire, which has claimed responsibility for more than a dozen bank raids in the last 18 months.

Saor Eire, numbering only about 30 members, has said the money from the bank holdups was being used to buy weapons for activists in the North who are seeking reunification of Ireland.

The Government's reimposition of the 1940 Offenses Against the State Act, which provides for internment without trial, was said to

have resulted from a growing anxiety that a British diplomat or Irish cabinet minister would be kidnapped and held hostage by extremists whose associates are in prison or awaiting trial.

The British Ambassador to Dublin, John Peck, and his staff have been given extra police protection.

Irish Cabinet Ministers and other top Government Officials now have special guards assigned to them around the clock.

Note: Since December 5, explosions and other things have happened in Dublin. Because of U. S. Mail problems at Christmas time, the Digest closed out all copy for printing on December 6, in order to get a head start with the mailing of the Digest to members. As a result, future developments related to the above story cannot be carried in this issue.

LADIES URGED TO SEND IN THEIR NEWS

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to send news items to the Editor any time for publication in the Digest. Write now about St. Patrick's Day plans.

FATHER T. P. CAREY IS DEPUTY CHAPLAIN

Rev. Thomas P. Carey, 1827 East Kessler Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana, is one of the two Deputy National Chaplains which the A.O.H. will have for '70-'72.

A biography of Father Carey will be published in the Digest as soon as it is received. He was selected Deputy National Chaplain by the Chaplains' Institute at the last National Convention.

Miss Marion Guilfoyle Leading Woman Lawyer

Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State Vice-President, Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, was recently installed as Second Vice-President of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York. She is the first woman to hold that office in the

forty-two year history of that organization.

Sister Guilfoyle is a Past President of the New York County Board, L. A. and the Lieut. Patrick J. Walsh Div. 29, L. A. An attorney for twenty-five years, she is admitted to practice before

the New York State Courts and various Federal Courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sister Guilfoyle obtained her A.B. degree from Hunter College of the City of New York and a Doctor of Law degree from Fordham Uni-

versity School of Law. She is Corresponding Secretary of the Fordham Law Alumni Association, and holds membership in the American Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York County Lawyers Association.

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1171 and After

St. Patrick began his christianization of Ireland in the 5th century A.D. For many centuries before, Ireland enjoyed a high degree of civilization. There was great interest in education while the arts and Catholicism were not unknown. There was also great respect for authority, civil, parental and religious. It was probably due to the sum total of all these factors, as well as the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Patrick was given an attentive ear and all else was made possible.

From the 5th to the 12th centuries Ireland reached its greatest heights to date. The leavening hand of Christianity enhanced and multiplied all of the great characteristics of the Irish people. The Brehon laws were made more effective, Colm Cille, Bridget and a host of Irish saints blossomed and spread throughout the world bringing Christ and learning wherever they went. The centuries of the Saints and Scholars followed.

In 1171, in the reign of Henry the Second, the blight of England fell on Ireland and has not been completely eradicated to this day. The English manufactured the lie that Irish morals and Catholicity had deteriorated badly following the Viking invasion of Ireland.

This was an early indication of the English facility to make black look white. It was the same Henry who had instigated the murder of Thomas Becket in his cathedral church while saying Mass.

The treacherous Diarmuid MacMurrough, the Irish King of Leinster, provided the springboard for the English invasion. MacMurrough made off with Dervorgilla, the wife of Tigherman O'Rourke, the Prince of Breffni, while the Prince was away on retreat.

Prince O'Rourke prevailed on Roderick O'Connor, the High King of Ireland, to punish MacMurrough. As a consequence, MacMurrough was banished and fled to England. There he made a compact with Henry which ultimately resulted in the subjugation of the Irish people.

It is sad to relate that the invaders were greatly aided by the vacillation of the Irish Kings. Another case of too little, too late, too often.

Irish clergy of every rank were forcibly replaced in great part by English clergy who also fostered the despoliation of the Irish people. In 1318, Donald O'Neill, King of Ulster, was prompted to complain to Pope John XXII, "As it very constantly happens, whenever any Englishman, by perfidy or craft, kills an Irishman, however noble, or however innocent, be he clergyman or layman. . . nay, even if an Irish prelate were to be slain, there is no penalty or correction enforced against the person who may be guilty of such wicked murder, but rather the more eminent the person killed. . . so much the more is the murderer honoured and rewarded by the English. . ."

Through 700 years, at no time was conquest complete. Territorial seizures ebbed and flowed. Irish fortunes rose and fell. But the Irish heart and soul was never in danger of capture. To the English, who were accustomed to victory by beating, trickery or purchase, the soul of the Irish people has remained an enigma to this day.

In addition to the faith of the Irish

people, their native tongue, games and customs sustained them and kept them true to their heritage.

"Spenser, in Elizabeth's days, vainly tried to solve the problem of the resurgent spirit of Irish nationality. Why did not the Gaels acknowledge defeat?" (MacManus.) "Yet surely," says Spenser, "they are very valiant and hardy, for the most part great endurers of cold, labour and all hardness, very active and strong of hand, very swift of foot, very vigilant and circumspect in their enterprises, very present in perils, very great scorers of death."

Through all the dreadful centuries, the Irish bounced back with a victory on the field of battle here or a small political triumph there. Their staying power came from their heritage, which in turn won the Anglo-Normans, who lived in their midst, over to the Irish people. Indeed, many of these, who were given the best in Ireland by the English, to serve as English caretakers, became Irish first and last. Inter-marriage became common. They also adopted the Irish tongue. This prompted the adoption of the Statute of Kilkenny in 1367. It reads in part as follows:

"Many of the English of Ireland discarding the English tongue, manners, style of riding, laws and usages, lived and governed themselves according to the mode, fashion and language of the Irish enemies, and also made divers marriages between themselves and the Irish, whereby the said lands and the liege people thereof, the English language, the allegiance due to their lord the King of England, and the English laws, were put in subjection and decayed, and the Irish enemies exalted and raised up, contrary to reason."

The doing of any of these things was declared to be high treason. Consequently Irish culture, language, music, laws, judges, games, manners, clergy, customs, trade and commerce were proscribed. English Bishops pronounced the edict of ex-communication against those who disobeyed the Statute of Kilkenny.

If a man was seen riding horse in Irish fashion (without saddle) or dressed in Gaelic attire, the English considered it to be "advisable and lawful" to kill such a transgressor of benevolent English rule.

In any event, in one respect love conquered all. An Anglo-Norman poem says it best:

*"I would not give my Irish wife for
all the dames of the Saxon land;
I would not give my Irish wife for
the Queen of France's hand;
For to me she is dearer than castles
strong, or lands, or life--
An outlaw - so I'm near her, to love
till death my Irish wife."*

*I knew the law forbade the banns-I
knew my king abhorred her race--
Who never bent before their clans
must bow before their ladies grace.
Take all my forfeited domain, I can-
not wage with kinsmen strife--
Take knightly gear and noble name,
and I will keep my Irish wife."*

Edward J. Fay,
President

Aloysius J. Melia,
National Historian
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Scrap the Constitution, Miss Devlin, Brown Say

The "26-County Constitution" should be scrapped as one of the steps towards solving the Partition problem. This was advocated last week by Bernadette Devlin, M.P., and Dr. Noel Browne, T. D., in Trinity College, Dublin.

Lord Longford also spoke at the meeting of the College Historical Society, and said that the British Government should make it clear that they desired the unity of Ireland.

He said the use of force must be completely ruled out; that the people of the South must convince those in the North that they wished them well, and he paid tribute to the pressure the British Government had brought to bear to have reforms introduced in the North.

There was a capacity audience in the Examination Hall of the college for the occasion, the opening meeting of the 201st Session of the College Historical Society.

The Auditor of the Society, Donnell Deeney, had worked for Miss Devlin in her last election campaign, and the title of his inaugural address was "Ulster - No Final Solution."

The speeches were all on the theme of the reunification of Ireland.

Miss Devlin said there was no simple answer to the problem of reunifying the country, but there was one solution. The matter could not be solved in the North alone, nor in the 26 Counties.

She supported Dr. Browne's contention, that for a start, the 26-County Constitution must be scrapped. "Then we have to scrap every trapping of the existing system in Ireland, North and South," she said.

She said she found little difference in being a slave to a British Government or to a Free State Government, or to a 32-County "Green Isle."

'Only Solution'

She said that every factory North and South of the Border could be worked without the owners, since the workers did the work in the first place. "It will frighten the liberal Catholic Christian socialists lurking in the 26 Counties, but it is the only solution," she said.

"Take the factories to the workers. They not only have the right, but the power to take everything, and everything which exists is theirs."

Miss Devlin said they had to stand on the Church's toes. "We have got to stand on Charlie Haughey's toes, too, and the harder we stand the better," she added.

Mr. Haughey would undoubtedly be the next Prime Minister in the 26 Counties. Surely the people of the 26 Counties know his record, she asked. "But they won't judge Charlie Haughey on the facts. The people in this country were never born or never reared to judge anything on the facts."

Miss Devlin's remarks were loudly applauded and she went on to say that the only solution to the problem was not a liberal republic but a socialist republic of the people.

Coalition Plea

Lord Longford called for some kind of Coalition Government in the North, a government in which Catholics would be represented, so that for the first time the minority could feel really loyal. He said the British Government should make it clear they desired the unity of Ireland, although he did not think it opportune at this

particular moment "to make a noise about it."

Dr. Noel Browne blamed the Church for creating a "religious apartheid," and for "separating Irishman from Irishman, and Irish children from Irish children." Dr. Browne's remarks were greeted with loud applause.

He criticized "the Republican leaders of the last 50 years" and said they were frightened to change the Constitution.

"Cosgrove, De Valera, McBride, Costello, Lynch - none of them were prepared to subordinate their peasant loyalty to the Catholic Church and its social and economic teaching to achieve the objective of a united Ireland."

He said that no party in the South had made any attempt to bring in amending legislation to create a Constitution which would establish some kind of rapport with frightened Protestants.

Dev Denies Retirement



DUBLIN - President Eamon DeValera said in a statement issued last Sunday from Aras an Uachtarain that he had no intention of resigning. A report in the Sunday Independent (Dublin) said that it was possible that Mr. de Valera would resign by next January. Mr. De Valera is 88 years of age, but is in good health. He still walks tall and erect with a brisk step. Although almost completely blind for ten years, he has learned to move in public places, aided by his aide-de-camp, with an assurance and directness that belies both his age and his blindness. The words "Aras an Uachtarain" means "The House of the President." A magnificent edifice, it stands in stately splendor in the 1700 acre Phoenix Park in Dublin City.

George Reilly Gets Big Vote

Brother George R. Reilly was National A.O.H. President from 1950 to 1954. He was the last of the four year term men. George was indeed fortunate in being re-elected to the State Board of Equalization -- Tax Commission of California, for another four years. The majority was 400,000, which is the largest number of votes he ever received! He lives in San Francisco, California and has been on Tax Commission for years.

He is always glad to be of service to the Hibernians. It would be, he says, a wonderful gesture if the National Board would meet in San Francisco sometime in the future.

George Reilly's business address is State Building, Civic Center, San Francisco, California.

President Fay Clears The Way For Convention To Be Held In Dublin, Ireland In July Of 1972



PRESIDENT EAMON DEVALERA, MRS. FAY, EDWARD J. FAY, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, AT ARAS AN UAGHTARAIN, DUBLIN, IRELAND.

Patrick J. Grimes To Be Parade's Grand Marshal

The Grand Marshal of the 1971 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York will be Mr. Patrick J. Grimes. A most popular personality in the Irish community of this city for many years, P. J. Grimes is an active member in our Order; He is a leading businessman as publisher and owner of the "Irish Echo" -- a weekly newspaper -- and as head of the P. J. Grimes Travel Agency which he founded fifty years ago; he is a leading figure for over half a century in the promotion of Irish Games -- Hurling and Gaelic Football -- in the United States; he has through his voice, his pen and even his money helped the cause of Freedom for All Ireland since 1915.

Being Grand Marshal of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade is acknowledged for over one hundred years as the very highest honor or award that can be given by the Irish in America to any person of Irish birth or descent. It is difficult to obtain this honor in New York. Like the Biblical comment "Many are called but few are chosen," the situation in New York for Grand Marshal is that many apply or are proposed each year -- but only one is elected. Patrick J. Grimes is the man this year -- 1971.

The nomination of Grand Marshal took place on February 2. Over 500 delegates participated. Both meetings were held in the Hotel Com-



P. J. GRIMES, Grand Marshal of the 1971 St. Patrick's Day Parade, is pictured here just before he stepped behind the dais at the February 6 Gaelic Athletic Association Banquet in New York City.

modore, New York. The Chairman of the Parade Committee, Judge James J. Comerford, presided at the meetings.

Some of the Irish credentials which Mr. Grimes has are as follows:

He has been a member of Div. 7 Bronx County A.O.H. for many years. He is the past president of the United Irish Counties Association of New York. He is one of the founders in 1914 of the New York Gaelic Athletic Asso-

ciation in America and is a past president of that organization. He is a veteran of World War I -- A.E.F. with 2 years service in France. He is past president of the County Offaly Clubs. With his partner, William Show, he built in 1927 "Inisfail" Park -- now called Gaelic Park at 240 St. and Broadway, New York. He played the national game of Ireland -- Hurling -- for 41 years and is a holder of 15 Hurling Championship medals. Mr. Grimes is the publisher and owner of the Irish Echo. He is celebrating 50 years in business as a travel agent at Columbus Circle, New York. He holds membership in "The American-Irish Historical Society, Yonkers Friendly Sons of St. Patrick,

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AOH Secretary Resigns Post

Early in December 1970, Brother James R. Sullivan of Indianapolis, Indiana tendered his resignation as National Secretary to National President Edward J. Fay.

Brother Sullivan was first elected to that Office in August 1968 at the National Convention. He was re-elected last August at the National Convention held in Indianapolis.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SET FOR PITTSBURGH

We wish to announce that the National Constitutional Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America which was voted at the 1970 National Convention, will convene at St. Paul's Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Monday morning, July 12, 1971, and will remain in session until Friday, July 16, 1971. The delegates will be expected to arrive at the monastery on Sunday evening, and can expect to leave after 12 o'clock noon on Friday.

The formal Call to the Convention will be issued at the appropriate time specified in our National Constitution. Advance notice is being given at this time so that those entitled to attend can plan ahead. The holding of this Convention was authorized at the convention last August. Further details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Digest. -- Edward J. Fay, National President, William J. Bartlett, Jr., National Secretary.

MICHAEL DOWD DIES SUDDENLY

Past National AOH President Michael Dowd of Washington, D.C. passed away suddenly on February 9. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Peggy, and his family.

National Executive Made Trip Abroad To Check On Facilities

During the second week of January, National President Edward J. Fay was in Dublin, Ireland, checking up on the facilities which would be available in Dublin during August 1972 for the purpose of holding the National Convention of the A.O.H. in America. The A.O.H. Constitution requires this Convention to be held every two years and to begin on the first Tuesday of August.

At the 1970 National Convention held last August in Indianapolis, Indiana, the majority of the Delegates voted to hold the 1972 National Convention in Dublin. Two American cities, Detroit, Michigan and Syracuse, New York were also considered and got some votes.

Even during the time that the vote was being taken, many delegates were confused about the Dublin proposal because it had not been made clear to many of them whether or not Dublin could accommodate a Convention of this size during the tourist season. Ed Fay was not the National President when the Dublin site for the 1972 Convention was being discussed in Indianapolis.

Reports from Dublin brought to National President Fay by A.O.H. visitors

to Dublin, soon after the last National Convention, indicated that hotel meeting room space and hotel sleeping room accommodations might possibly be not available from early May to late September 1972 for a large Convention like the A.O.H. According to these visitors, it was stated to them by hotel managers in Dublin that this kind of space would be very scarce during the summer due to prior commitments made to steady patrons and to the overcrowding conditions that the American and European tourists usually create each summer from April to October.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the A.O.H. in America also hold their National Convention in the same city as the men. Because the Auxiliary have a large number of Delegates, a substantial amount of space is also needed by them. The Auxiliary, naturally, were concerned over the uncertainty of space being available in Dublin. No one had discussed

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New York County Gals Install New Officers

The Officers for 1971 of the Ladies Auxiliary to Division 5, New York County, Ancient Order of Hibernians, were recently installed at the home of its President, Mrs. Bea Collins.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, New York County President, was the installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Mary Rose Forde, County Treasurer, and Mrs. Winifred Ryan, President of the Lieutenant Patrick J. Walsh Division #29, Ladies Auxiliary.

The newly-installed officers are: Mrs. Bea Collins, President; Miss Mary Sullivan, Vice President; Miss Mary Hartnett, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sadie Reen, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Jane Greevy, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Dennis, Historian; Mrs. Agnes Dougless, Chairman of Standing Committee; Miss Catherine Tracy, Chairman of Missions; Miss Mary McIntyre, Chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Agnes O'Hanrahan, Mistress-at-Arms, and Mrs. Katherine Brennan, Sentinel.

The officers and members

were addressed by Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, State Vice President, County President Callaghan and Auxiliary President Collins. Also present were Mrs. Mary Rose Forde, County Treasurer; Mrs. Ermina M. Guilfoyle, County Financial Secretary and Mrs. Margaret Collins, County Chairman of Missions.

Auxiliary #5 was organized on December 6, 1944. It is actively represented on the New County Board, with Miss Mary Sullivan serving as Co-Chairlady of Catholic Action and Mrs. Bea Collins as Mistress-at-Arms. The auxiliary has the distinction of having one of its Past Presidents, Mrs. Jane Greevy, as the first member from the New York County Ladies' Auxiliary to hold an elective office on the New York State Board. Mrs. Greevy served two terms as State Chairman of Catholic Action.

A Christmas Party featuring the singing of Christmas Carols followed the Installation. Corsages and decorations were in the traditional holiday colors.

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State Board Expresses Views On 1972 National Convention

The New Jersey State Board discussed the 1972 A.O.H. National Convention at the last meeting of that body.

The following is a report submitted to the Digest for publication:

"It is the consensus of opinion of the rank and file members of the organizations, that serious thought should be given to where the 1972 National Convention is to be held. Our Constitution states that we were founded in the United States of America and Canada, and are therefore not an international organization, and that our 1972 Convention should not be held in Dublin, Ireland."--Robert J. Fastow, President, New Jersey State Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Hail Glorious St. Patrick!

Knowing that members of our Order will be celebrating The Festival of St. Patrick for about ten days--before and after March 17--with parades, banquets, dances, and house parties, I wish all our members every success with their programs.

To each member on St. Patrick's Day, itself, I wish every kind of happiness in the true spirit of the great

Feast Day.

As A.O.H. members, we join with our kith and kin in Ireland in singing "Hail Glorious St. Patrick--Dear Saint of our Isle" as a symbol of genuine loyalty to our Faith and warm admiration for our Irish Heritage. It was Ireland and her people that gave us that Faith and that heritage.--Edward J. Fay, National President.

From The Mailman Wants A Tiepin

One thing I wish to ask -- Where can we get a Tie-Pin that can be worn and displayed every day? Cuff links or lapel pins can only be worn when a member is dressed up. How appropriate it would be to have a Tie-Pin with the A.O.H. insignia on it. This would be nice for every day use. I wrote to the Secretary about this last year. -- Philip Moore, Division 8, Lawrence, Mass.

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Passing The Word

Since 1968 I have been getting Admission Passes containing many words. Find it difficult to remember them. Too many. One about a year ago was like "The night before Christmas and all through the house, etc, etc." Could we cut them down to three words -- a subject word, a verb word, and an object word. Something that says something about someone or something. -- Fraternally yours, Ed Hyland, Division #3 President, New York County.

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A 50 Year Member

My Digest has been going to the wrong address for over two years. Please correct to one given here. I am now in St. Cloud, Florida. Thanks.

By the way, don't you think it would be a good idea to make a member, who has been a member for over 50 years -- a Life Member? I am one of these 50-year men. -- Fraternally yours, Arthur P. Rodgers, Div. #15 Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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How Much Is Enough?

You didn't publish the write-up about our Division's Program for 1971. My Division has as many members as some individual States have on their entire State Roster. We in N. Y. State pay the most per capita taxes of any State. Our money pays for more than a third of the Digest. How about that? Our membership is the biggest. Come on, give us in New York State our proportionate share of publicity in the Digest. We don't get enough. -- Sincerely yours, James O'Brien, Buffalo, New York.

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Come And Get It!

How come the recipients of the John F. Kennedy Medal do not show up to receive that Medal. Two years in a row, the men who were honored by that Award did not come to get it. There is provision, I understand, made in a financial way, as part of the recipient's award, to pay expenses (traveling fare and hotel stay) to the man who was picked to get it. Am I wrong? -- Yours Fraternally, John McGrath, Springfield, Mass.

Letter to Readers About National Essay Contest

Dear Brother:

The purpose of this letter is to give information about the National Essay Contest, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. You will find all of the essential information here.

Our worthy National President, Edward J. Fay says: "The Essay Contest is highly important in spreading the magnificent story of our Irish heritage and culture. The knowledge gained by the contestants will also serve as an example to young Americans of the importance of faith in God and love of Country. It is my confident hope that all Hibernians will encourage widespread participation in our contest."

This letter with the accompanying information is intended for each National Board Officer, each State President and State Secretary, each County President and each Division President. Every reader of this letter is urged to extend every effort to obtain contestants. Please begin today by distributing the information sheets which you already have received in the mail to those within your jurisdiction who are potential participants.

Your local school principals and teachers may very well prove most helpful in enlisting interested persons. It is also highly desirable to obtain publicity for the contest in your local newspapers. This will also serve to publicize your own Hibernian Division.

Division Presidents should bring the contest to the attention of their membership by reading this letter and the accompanying information at their next meeting. Members and their friends should also be encouraged to compete in Number 3 competition.

State and Division Historians should be key members in promoting interest in the contest. Librarians in your local communities should be asked to display the data sheet on the bulletin boards.

This National Essay Contest is not intended to conflict with any other Essay contest whether it be sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary or sponsored by any State, County or Division. We seek to spread knowledge of our heritage, not to confine it.

-- In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian; Edward J. Fay, National President.

Competition No. 1

Eligible: All students attending Public, Private or Parochial Elementary Schools.

Topic: "WHAT SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MEANS TO ME"
Length of Essay: 500 to 750 words

Competition No. 2

Eligible: All students attending High Schools and Academies.

Topic: "COMMODORE JOHN BARRY"
Length of Essay: 800 to 1,000 words

Competition No. 3

Eligible: All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, their friends and all students attending Colleges and Universities.

Topic: "THE FAMINE OF 1848"
Length of Essay: 1,200 to 1,500 words

Essay Contest Rules and Details

Time for Contest: Competition will open on February 1, 1971 and will close on April 1, 1971. Division Presidents will collect Essays no later than April 5 and immediately forward them to their County President. County Presidents will transmit Essays as quickly as possible to their State President.

Each State President shall appoint a Committee to examine all Essays. This Committee shall select the best three Essays in each Competition. The State President shall forward these nine Essays to the National Chairman of Irish History at the address listed below. The Essays should reach the National Chairman by April 15.

It is intended to have the Prize Winners selected prior School Graduations so that Winners may receive their Awards at Graduation Exercises.

Other Information: Essays may be typed or handwritten on white paper, size 8 1/2" by 11 inches;--and only one side of the sheet is to be used.

Additional copies of this circular on the National Essay Contest, or additional information about it may be had by writing to the National Historian.

Contestants shall not write their names or addresses or schools, or any other identification marks on Essays; instead they shall put this information on separate slips of paper and clip them to the Essay.

Prizes: Each Competition shall have three Medals as prizes. First Prize-Gold Medal. Second Prize-Silver Medal. Third Prize-Bronze Medal.

Each one of the nine Medals shall be called "Ancient Order of Hibernian History Medal"

Award Certificates: An Award Certificate will be presented to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Division, School, Academy, College, or University, which produces the writer of a First Prize Essay in any of the three Competitions.

Judging of National Essay Contest: Essays submitted by State Presidents by April 15 to the National Historian shall be judged by three Judges whose names shall be published after the First, Second and Third Prize Winners in each Contest are made known. Each Essay shall be judged on the basis of grammar and punctuation, sentence structure and knowledge of the subject as shown by writers's facts, order of ideas and organization of facts, as well as originality in the writing and in the construction of Essay.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is a day dear to the hearts of Irishmen and to the descendants of Irishmen, irrespective of where they may be found throughout the world. Historians note and writers mention that on St. Patrick's Day one may see here and there in every country on the earth, sprigs of Shamrock, ribbons of green, and various designs of handsome green emblems as well as an abundance of green flags being worn on the person or prominently displayed in public places; they cogently point out that many of the wearers of the green, obviously far removed by Irish heritage not only by geography but by physiognomy, did not possess Irish names and in many instances could not possibly be of Irish blood; they further point out that no other land possessing national colors is honored in this respect to the same degree on its national holiday as is Ireland; they explain that all this is caused by the fact that the name, Ireland, is synonymous with the name, St. Patrick.

ST. PATRICK BUILT GOOD WILL

St. Patrick has done much for the promotion of good will for Ireland among all peoples regardless of their race. That is why "The Wearing of the Green" is seen, and is heard in musical notes, too, around and up and down the world on March 17.

When St. Patrick commenced his missionary work in Ireland in 432, the entire country was pagan. When he died on March 17, 461, it was universally Christian. Ireland is perhaps the only country in the world that was turned from Paganism to Christianity by the work of one man.

THE CATHOLIC RELIGION

The Catholic religion which St. Patrick gave to Ireland has lived in all its vigorous strength for over 1510 years. Among these were 300 years that saw England impose terrific persecution and bloody martyrdom on Irish Catholics.

The success of the Catholic Church in Ireland has amazed many non-catholic philosophers who like to say that the Catholic Religion flourishes only because of the grandeur of its ceremonies and the splendor of its liturgy which with their combined rituals and symbols, so strongly appeal to those senses that so vitally affect all human emotions. But when they examine the history of Ireland, they really wonder how and why the Catholic Religion survived there for about 300 years--roughly from 1536 to 1849--when Church and Altar had disappeared as a result of English law, when no incense burned, no lighted candles illuminated statues, no organ pealed Gregorian Chants. During those years, Mass was celebrated in caves, in glens and on mountain sides with large rocks serving as altars and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians serving as sentries and guarding the Mass and the Priest from being attacked by the soldiers of the English Crown.

The wonder of these philosophers grows greater, when they realize that throughout these years, the Irish people preferred death, deportation, persecution, confiscation, and imprisonment rather than surrender their Catholic Faith--the Faith of St. Patrick.

ST. PATRICK'S FOUR POINTS

St. Patrick in his day emphasized four specific religious points: First, fidelity to St. Peter's Chair and to St. Peter's successor, the Pope; second, he taught devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; third, remembrance through prayer for

the dead; fourth, love and obedience for Bishops and Priests.

Each and every one of these points has survived the persecutions, tragedies, famines and upheavals that Ireland experienced from the days of St. Patrick to the present.

Ireland as far as history reveals is the only Catholic country that never for one moment was separated from the Chair of Peter nor misunderstood or mistaken about her allegiance to the Pope. There were times when nations in the Christian world were confused and sometimes led astray by the pretensions of Anti-Popes. The Irish with the instinct engendered in them by St. Patrick never failed to acknowledge and to obey the true Pope. Her allegiance to the Sovereign Pontiff, beginning with Pope Celestine, who sent Patrick to Ireland, down through the years to Pope Paul VI has been continuous in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.

DEVOTION OF THE IRISH

The great devotion which the Irish give to the Blessed Virgin is known to all. The reciting of the family Rosary, the giving of the name Mary at the christening of baby girls, the dedicating of Churches to the Virgin Mary, and the frequent use of the Blessed Mother's name in daily conversation are all indicative of the reverence which the Irish people have for Mary, the Mother of God.

The respect for the dead and the offering up of prayers for those that have departed are characteristics which are as genuine among the people in Ireland today as they were centuries ago; the deep reverence shown by the people as they pass cemeteries, known as graveyards in some rural areas, is impressive in itself.

Everyone is impressed with the real respect and warm friendship that the Irish people extend to their Priests. Most families in some generation give a boy to the Priesthood. No Catholic country, based on a population count, has given a greater number of missionaries to the Catholic Church than little Ireland has.

St. Patrick has done much for God, for Ireland and for the World.

Guest Editorial The Membership Drive

by Patrick Poole
President, Queens County Board

Standing for God and country, for the Bill of Rights, and particularly for American Democracy, freedom of conscience and freedom of religion, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is in the forefront of movements to preserve America as a God loving country. The Ancient Order of Hibernians was started in Ireland in 1556, and in America in 1836. It is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America and it is the only nation wide organization consisting of Irish by birth or descent. Presidents Pat Poole and Mae Mederle urge all Queens County Division and Auxiliary Presidents to launch a sustained 1971 Membership Drive to bring in quality members so that Hibernianism will continue to flourish in Queens County. If every member will sign up just one new member, we will be able to double our membership. Let our 1971 Motto be: "EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER."

The above paragraph is taken from the December, 1970 issue of

"THE PIPER"
published monthly by and for, the Queens County Board and Ladies Auxiliary.

Pat Poole, a native of Dublin City, is a hard working A.O.H. Officer.

New AOH Secretary Says: Division Reports Are Due

To: Division Presidents, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers.

For each division in the Order, a kit has been assembled consisting of an instruction sheet, an addressograph roster of the division, and four blank report forms. The top form has an address label pasted on the front indicating to whom the report for the National Board should be directed; also, on this form, I have entered your total membership as of 12/31/69, as found on the reports submitted a year ago. Please use this figure in making out your reports to avoid errors. If your kit does not have a number on the top form, or an addressograph roster, please communicate with this Office since it means that there is no report on file for last year's report.

Please mark your addressograph roster as follows: print a D (deceased), S (suspended), R (resigned), or T (transferred) next to the names and addresses which are to be removed from the roster. List on a separate sheet of paper the names, addresses, and ZIP CODES of new members and reinstated members. For new members, please submit an initiation fee of 75¢, while the fee for reinstated members is \$1.00. The regular National Assessment (enacted at Indianapolis Convention) is \$2.00 per member. Newly organized divisions shall pay an assessment of twenty-five (25¢) cents per member for each month the division has been in existence during the year in which it was organized.

In preparing the lists of new and reinstated members, please print or type the lists to ensure greater accuracy. If the name or address of any of your members on the regular addressograph roster is incorrect, please list the correct name and address on a separate sheet. From these lists, new addressograph plates will be prepared, so accuracy is important.

When your report has been completed, and your roster corrected, please send the same, along with the per capita check (made out to: the Office of the National Secretary) to: Wm. J. Bartnett, Jr., 27 Mada Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310. Please make sure that your report is completely filled in; otherwise we will have to return it to you. We also ask that you promptly submit your State reports and "per capita".

Travelling (dues) cards will be sent to the Divisions when both National and State Reports and assessments have been filed with the respective boards.

A Message To AOH Members And To The Ladies Auxiliary

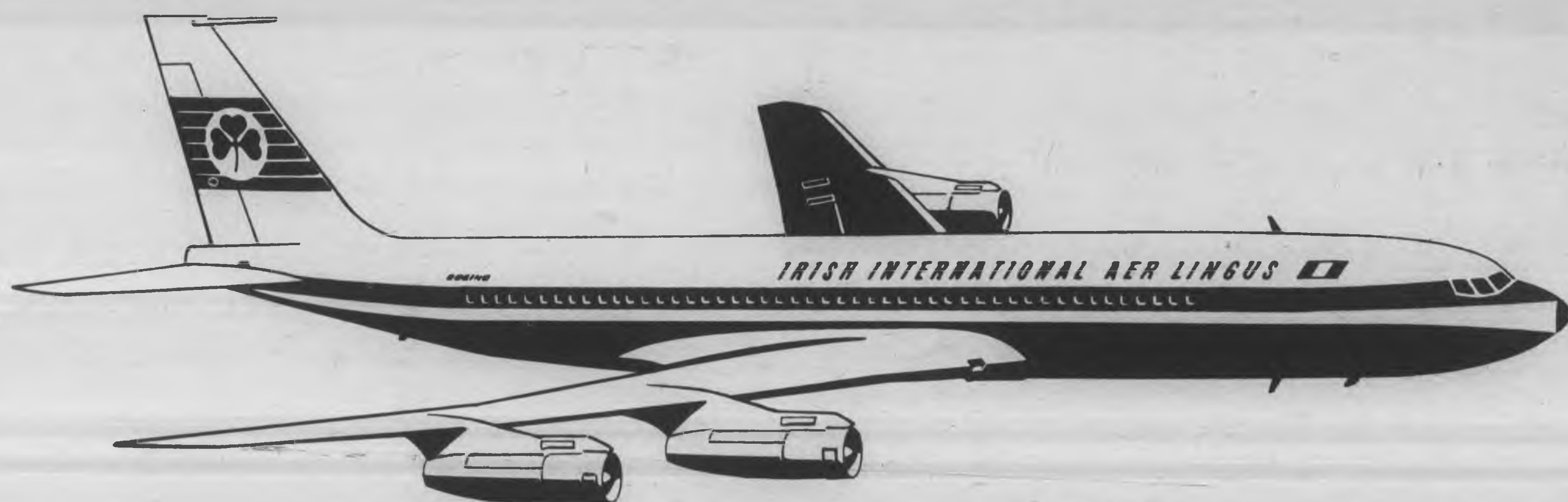
To ensure smooth functioning of the business of the Ancient Order of Hibernians during the transition period necessitated by the resignation of the National Secretary, all persons having pending business with the Office of the former National Secretary as of 12/29/1970 are requested to communicate with William J. Bartnett, Jr., 27 Mada Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310.

Brother Bartnett has been named by National President Edward J. Fay to carry out the duties of National Secretary.

Communications received recently from Division Presidents and County Secretaries and from Ladies Auxiliaries indicate that between May 1970 and December 1970 the placing of orders for Constitution books, for medallions, letter heads, membership forms and other supplies for Divisions were discussed at meetings.

Any orders for supplies which have not yet been delivered to Divisions and Units of the Ladies Auxiliaries should be now re-ordered from Brother Bartnett.

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Irish Immigrants Receive Awards;
Applauded For Outstanding Services

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Mr. David Sullivan (right) receives a Statue of the famous Irish Legendary Hero, Cuchulainn, from Mr. John P. Collins (left) as an Award for many years of service given by Mr. Sullivan to Irish Societies in their task of finding employment for newly arrived Immigrants



from Ireland and for the constructive aid given by him to the American Irish Immigration Committee in helping this Committee to have the Congress amend the 1965 Immigration Law which in effect has reduced immigration to the U.S. from Ireland to the trifling number of 1,000 each year.

A native of Cork City, Mr. Sullivan has been a top labor leader for 30 years in the U.S. He is currently the International President of Service Employees International Union of U.S. and Canada. He is a member of Division 3, Manhattan, New York City A.O.H. and in 1965 was Grand Marshal of New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is a member of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO.

A resident of Silver

Springs since 1960 when he moved into the International President's Office Building here in Washington, he is well-known to Congressional members around here under the Capitol Dome. Prior to 1965, when an average of 10,000 immigrants arrived each year from Ireland after the end of World War II, Mr. Sullivan helped many to obtain employment. Since 1965 when their coming here was almost stopped as a result of the 1965 Immigration Law, he has aided Mr. Collins to pave the way for a change in that law by Congress.

The American Irish Immigration was founded to rally all friends of Ireland to come to the aid of all potential Irish immigrants who wish to leave Ireland and come to the U.S. This kind of aid is best

expressed by reasoning with Congressmen and showing them why the 1965 Law should be amended and, therefore, enabling a larger number of Irish immigrants than 1,000 a year to come to America.

The A.O.H. in every state are working diligently to get the 1965 law amended.

Mr. John Collins is National Chairman of the American Irish Immigration Committee. He is a prominent lawyer in New York City and is a member of our Order. Very Reverend Donal M. O'Callaghan, Order of Carmelites is vice chairman. He is nationally well known to Hibernians. Both were in Chicago, Illinois the end of January holding a regional meeting of the Midwest members of their Committee.

The statue of Cuchulainn is a replica of the original statue which is on the main floor of the General Post Office in Dublin City as a memorial to the men who fought in the Easter Week Rebellion of 1916 against England. The G.P.O. was the Command Headquarters of the Rebel Irish volunteers during the Rebellion of Easter Week.

Cuchulainn is the best known of the Irish courageous warriors in the pre-Christian times. His death portrayed by this statue was in keeping with his life and death. Exhausted in battle by loss of blood, he tied himself to a high stone pillar and faced his enemies. Holding aloft his word and his shield he fought them. Eventually his strength failed and as his life slowly ebbed from his body, he still stood upon his feet defying his foes. Cuchulainn represents strength and symbolizes courage. The miniature statue given to Dave Sullivan is intended to depict the strength and courage which he possesses and which he has so often displayed in the face of adversity.

November 1970 -- Men's Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. inaugurated a dinner-business meeting in lieu of its regularly scheduled last Friday of each month meeting. This idea proved to be a great success. The wives were able to accompany their husbands for a night out -- so a dinner-business meeting was held at one of Washington's better and longest established restaurants -- the Roma on Connecticut Avenue. The Roma's strolling musicians and singers were invited into our dining room. The dinner was excellent and the musical program which consisted mainly of Irish songs was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

December 1970 -- The death of Mrs. Elizabeth K. O'Flynn beloved wife of Brig.

William Bartnett Assumes
Post Of National Secretary

National President Edward J. Fay has named William J. Bartnett to do the work of National Secretary.

The naming of Brother Bartnett was brought about by the resignation last December of National Secretary James R. Sullivan.



William J. Bartnett, Jr.

#1, Richmond.

This is the time of the year when the Annual Reports and corrected membership rosters are filed with the National Secretary by Divisions. The National Secretary is required to furnish each Division with the proper forms in sufficient time for them to prepare and have them filled in and mailed back to the National Secretary by February 15th as required by the National Constitution.

A Uniform Traveling and Dues Card is issued in the name of each member, who is in good standing, by the National Secretary.

As far as the work of the National Secretary is concerned the period between the beginning of December and end of February is the busiest and the work is the most exacting. The membership rights of members must be protected by seeing that their "paid up dues" are reported to the National Secretary.

Bill Bartnett has faithfully started this work and will protect the rights of members and the financial standing of Divisions. He took two weeks of his Summer Vacation early in January in order to straighten things out. He is well equipped to do the job of Secretary not only by education but also by experience. In addition to having the "know how" to do the job, he has the facilities to cope with this type of work. In the basement of his home in Staten Island, he has typewriters, mimeograph machines and other equipment designed for office work. Skilled in handling these machines and endowed by nature with patience and perseverance, he will be successful.

General Geoffrey J. O'Flynn (Ret.) was a great loss to her many friends but especially to the Men's Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. Members of the Division extend their deepest sympathy to her husband and family in their bereavement. Gen. O'Flynn is the Historian of the Men's Emerald Isle Division. Brothers James G. Hollywood and James J. O'Connor were pallbearers for Mrs. O'Flynn. She was a very sweet, considerate, friendly and warm person. May her soul rest in peace. Perpetual masses for the repose of Mrs. O'Flynn's soul have been arranged by the Men's Emerald Isle Division.

December 1970 -- Men's Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. held its Annual Gala Christmas Party at Brig. General William J. Flood (Ret.) home, 3512 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. This very festive party is one of the special highlights of Washington society each year. This year's party seemed to outdo all previous parties for a grand time, fun, enrichment and thorough enjoyment. The party was attended by over 100 persons including representatives of the clergy from five different orders. Music and entertainment was furnished by a popular and excellent group. Very professional accordion music for entertainment and songs was provided by Owen O'Toole and Father Thompson. Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Miss Rita A. McDonough, National President, National Board, L.A.A.O.H. who came over from Baltimore with a very good representation of Baltimore Hibernians; Past National President, Michael J. Dowd; Past National President, L.A.A.O.H., Miss Lillian Fay; Honorable Edward T. Conroy, State Senator of Maryland; and Vincent P. Halloran, father of Men's Emerald Isle Division President, Vincent P. Halloran, who came down from Delaware. The Committee for this party were General Flood, Vincent P. Halloran, Donald K. Willett, John C. Dermody, James G. Hollywood, James Cyril Murphy, John Ruddy, Edward P. Keefe, Thomas W. Guiner,

Eugene D. Corkery and James J. O'Connor, all of whom are members of Men's Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H.

Mrs. Margaret Devine Berger of Washington, D.C. has sent a letter direct to the Digest in New York City in which she urges that steps be taken to award something like scholarships to young people in the six county occupied area of North East Ireland.

Mrs. Berger, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary A.O.H. and a History major from West Virginia writes:

The Here and the Now

A United Ireland seems to be a long-range hope for Hibernian-Americans! What is there in the here and the now? Would it not be a great and glorious accomplishment (fostering in reverse), if the Hibernians took on the project of "Higher Education for worthy students in the six counties of north-east Ireland?" Too great an undertaking -- not at all -- not at all. You are your fathers' sons.

The love of learning is an ancient Irish virtue. Armed with a book and a cross, the Irish Missionaries established Seats of Learning as far north as Iona, as far south as the Mediterranean and as far east as Russia. In the Middle Ages "he who spoke Greek or Latin was an Irishman or one taught by an Irishman." How did this come about? Education -- these men went out from Ireland and blazed a trail that has never been surpassed. These men were graduates of the best universities of their time -- The Irish Universities!

Today, the Gaels of the six counties of north-east Ireland do not have such an opportunity. They are, however, the descendants of those same Irishmen who rekindled the fires of Western Civilization. If given the proper tools, is it too much to hope that they themselves could and would settle their own difficulties and blaze another trail the like of which we have never seen.

Hibernians, what of the here and the now?

Mrs. Berger Adds

At a L.A.A.O.H. District meeting of the Washington area, I proposed that it would be a noble deed to start an "Educational Fund for higher education for worthy students in the six counties of north-east Ireland."

Washington Hibernians mourn the loss of Cecelia Costello, immediate past president of the L.A.A.O.H. Death claimed her very suddenly on Saturday, January 20, 1971. Her husband, Dr. Robert F. Costello had talked to her on the telephone at 1:20 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. he was unable to enter his home and after securing help to make a forcible entry found his wife dead. Cecelia was a gentle, kindly woman. She founded Emerald Isle Division of the Auxiliary after Dr. Costello had started Emerald Isle Division of the A.O.H. She was a delegate in Indianapolis this past summer and at several previous conventions.

Members of the Auxiliary said that she ate, slept and talked Hibernianism. She started, and was dedicated to the program for our St. Patrick's Day Banquet. Her years of loyalty and hard work were honored on St. Patrick's Day, 1970 when she was awarded the scroll for the outstanding Hibernian of the year. She will be greatly missed by the A.O.H. and L.A. in Washington, D.C.

EAST ST. LOUIS POSTS
'71 ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the officers for 1971:

President-Don Bailey; vice president-Bob McDonald; financial secretary-John McCoy; treasurer-George Konroy; recording secretary-John Keeney; marshal-John Clifford; sentinel-Joe Murphy; historian-John Bresnahan; standing committee-Michael, Keeley, Leo Morrison, Ray Beller, Dave Roach, George Rigel, Leo Clark.

Monsignor Thomas Driscoll, Chaplain, installed the Officers. John R. Keeney was Master of Ceremonies.



EMERALD ISLE DIVISION - A.O.H. Christmas Party 1970. In the buffet line are reading clockwise Ed Keefe, Treasurer, Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Phil Falvey, unidentified gentleman, and Gene Corkery.

Convention To Be Held In Dublin, Ireland

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the matter with them in Indianapolis.

National President Fay decided to clear up the confusion; so he went to find out for himself what was what in

Dublin. Undoubtedly, Ed's good business sense, his pleasing personality and his genuine sincerity convinced influential people in Dublin that it would be most appropriate for Dublin Hotels to reserve adequate space immediately in 1971 for this 1972 A.O.H. Convention from the United States. As a result, as someone said, "The impossible became possible." The last week of July 1972 seems now to be O.K. for holding the Convention in Dublin. It looks certain that August dates are not available.

Mrs. Fay, a very personable lady, enjoyed the speedy movements which she and Ed had to make in an otherwise leisurely Dublin in order to complete their task of getting facilities for the Convention and also to see other parts of Ireland within a fixed scheduled time of eight days.

Brother Fay's report, which speaks for itself, follows:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ED FAY VISITS ANCESTRAL HOME IN IRELAND

"On January 8, 1971 my wife and I arrived in Dublin, Ireland for an eight day visit. We had a beautiful flight across the Atlantic aboard the Irish Airlines. We felt very protected because our plane was named St. Brigid and the service of the airline was magnificent. Of the eight day stay, we only had one day to ourselves, and on this day we visited Ballyporeen, County Tipperary where my mother was born and raised. We found her house which is now owned by a cousin."

"We then went on to Carrick-on-Suir which is also in Tipperary and located on the River Suir that separates that County from County Waterford. A part of this town named Carrickbeg, is on the Waterford side. It was here where my father was born and, therefore, he claimed County Waterford as his birthplace. I have an uncle and cousins still living in the old homestead."

RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DeVALERA

Mrs. Fay and I visited President Eamon De Valera. We had a forty-five minute reception at "Aras An Uachtaran" which is the official residence of the President of Ireland. This great man of Irish history, now in his late eighties and with failing eyesight, made this visit one of the great events of our lives. We found him in good health and most friendly. His keenness about and knowledge of America, its problems and the close association between Ireland and the United States was an education in itself. The knowledge he had of our State of Pennsylvania and our City of Pittsburgh was astounding. Mr. De Valera told us that he had a brother -- Reverend Father Wheelwright, a Catholic Priest -- who had lived in Scranton, Pennsylvania until his death. He is buried in Rochester, New York.

"President De Valera spoke of the great help he received from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and from other

Irish-American Societies during 1919-1920 when he was in the United States to raise money for the cause of Irish Independence."

VISIT TO PRIME MINISTER LYNCH

"On Wednesday, January 13, 1971 we had the privilege of an official visit with An Taoiseach, (Prime Minister) Mr. John Lynch, in his office at the Government Building. We discussed the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America -- our aims and purpose, and he assured me that we would certainly be welcome in Dublin in July of 1972. Mr. Lynch gave us some background on the A.O.H. in Ireland and it was quite enlightening. He expressed his gratitude to our Order for considering Dublin as our convention site in 1972 and he welcomes any move that would bring the American people in closer contact with Ireland and its people. Prime Minister Lynch is a progressive and much admired public figure. This man would do well in the scheme of American public life. There just seems to be something about great men -- they make you feel very comfortable and at ease. We felt more confident of our program for 1972 after our wonderful visits with Mr. De Valera and Mr. Lynch."

AUDIENCE WITH CARDINAL CONWAY

"On Thursday, January 14, 1971 we met with William Cardinal Conway at his residence in Armagh. His Eminence took a great deal of time to acquaint us with the problems of the Irish people in Northern Ireland. He was grateful for the money received through the A.O.H. Fund for Northern Ireland Relief; he expressed hope that we would continue with the Fund and try to raise a million dollars or more for this worthy cause. We also discussed the holding of the A.O.H. National Convention in Dublin and he echoed the sentiments of Mr. John Lynch -- he felt this would be great for the Order and also for the Irish people and for Ireland in general. This audience was very rewarding and the more I looked at Cardinal Conway, the more I was reminded of our past Bishop of Pittsburgh, now John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit.

VISIT TO BELFAST

"On our trip further North we visited Belfast and met with Mr. James Kennedy who took us on a tour of the trouble spots. It was depressing to see how our kind of people are suppressed and the bad conditions under which they live; we saw their burned-out and bombed-out homes, the sheet metal barricades boxing them into confined areas; we saw the British Sentries on their high vantage points, keeping everybody and everything under constant surveillance. Little do we appreciate our freedom here in these great United States until you see our own Irish kinfolk so woe-folly deprived of common dignity that should be afforded to all mankind. In Belfast, we saw new houses built on the site of the destroyed areas by the local people, themselves, for themselves. These people are now living in a manner that you would expect for a healthful and rewarding existence. The work that these people are doing by themselves and for themselves is certainly a credit to the courage of the Irish people.

The "Six County Government" does not finance this housing construction work. The money comes from private contributions."

MEETS THE MEN OF TYRONE

"We met in Dungannon with John Hume, M.P., Father Austin Eustace and Attorney Paddy Duffy. We visited the glass factory in this part of County Tyrone and saw the training program of young Irishmen who were being trained in the profession of glass making and glass cutting. We also visited the construction site of the new glass factory. Then we visited the new housing project where thirty some odd new homes have been built and people are now living in them. The remarkable thing about this is that the men work at their own livelihood during the day and on the home-building in the evening under artificial light. This is a remarkable achievement, our Northern Ireland Relief money is being handled properly and is helping the people in a program that will benefit them for years to come. No money comes to them from the "Six County Government" for the glass factory or housing project."

CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER LENIHAN

"I had a very interesting meeting and conference with Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister of Transport and Power of the Irish Government. The convention and all matters concerning it were discussed. He showed a very decided interest in the subject. Our talk certainly was informative and rewarding. Business matters in relation to tourists and to conventions come under his jurisdiction on the Irish Government level."

GET FACTS FROM P.V. DOYLE -- HOTEL MAN

"On Friday, January 15, I met with Mr. P. V. Doyle the



MR. JOHN LYNCH, AN TAOISEACH, MRS. FAY, EDWARD J. FAY, NAT'L PRESIDENT, AOH, AT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING, DUBLIN, IRELAND.

Hotelier and builder of the P. V. Doyle Hotel Chain. Earlier in the week I had seen him and had insisted on visiting and seeing the construction of the New Burlington Hotel which when I first saw it was about two stories above ground in construction. Mr. Doyle at our Friday morning meeting assured me that the Burlington Hotel will be open and operating for Christmas, 1971. From the plans of the Hotel he showed, the Burlington will be very adequate for the convention headquarters -- for meeting rooms and for sleeping rooms."

TOURIST BOARD AND C.I.E.

Later, we met with Mr. Brendan Murphy of the C.I.E. Tours and with Mr. John Purcell of the Irish Tourist Board. Both assured me that they, now, see no problems with our going to Dublin for the National Convention in 1972 and finding ample hotel space during the last week

of July 1972. Coras Iompair Eireann for which C.I.E. stands is a Gaelic word that means Transportation for Ireland. Planes, busses and railroads are managed by C.I.E."

A BUSY EIGHT DAYS REMOVED OBSTACLES

"Even though this was a business trip on behalf of the National Board of the Ancient Hibernians in America, there was no cost or expense charged to the National Board. The weather there was lovely for winter-time, no snow, no rain. Temperature in the 50's."

"I must admit this was one of the busiest eight days of my life but one of the most enlightening and rewarding experiences of my career. It is hard to believe so much was accomplished in such a short time."

"On leaving Dublin, I felt that any obstacles which heretofore were blocking the holding of the 1972 convention in Dublin had been removed."

'Irish World' To Mark Centennial With Banquet

The Irish World Newspaper Centennial Banquet will be held at the Commodore Hotel on Friday evening May 21, 1971. Many A.O.H. members are working on the Committee of Arrangements. The Irish World Office is at 84 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10011.

Miss Maureen P. Ford is the Publisher and Editor of this historical American-Irish newspaper. In private life, she is Mrs. John Enright. She and her sister, Miss Odele Ford are the granddaughters of Patrick Ford who founded the paper in 1870 in New York City.

The Irish World crusaded incessantly in America from the day it was first published for the Full Freedom and Political Independence of Ireland from Britain. It also was a spokesman through its Editorial voice for better working conditions and higher wages for working men and women in America. As a result, it joined the name "American Industrial Liberator" with its own name. In 1953, the Irish World bought "The Gaelic American" a newspaper which for fifty years had been the official voice of the Clan-na-Gael of America.

Having been recognized as a Catholic newspaper with a circulation covering 40 of the 48 states, the Irish World, prior to 1930, was known from coast to coast as an

Irish family paper dedicated to the Freedom of Ireland, to Justice for the American working-man and to the glory of God.

The Irish World still retains a national circulation in the United States. Irish Americans have often heard from their forbears how the Irish World helped the small farmers in Ireland to fight their landlords during the vicious eviction period initiated by English Landlords in Ireland. This assistance was given by the Irish World during the Irish Land League

Lynch Will Visit Philly, St. Louis

DUBLIN: Prime Minister Jack Lynch will visit St. Louis and Philadelphia during the St. Patrick's Day festivities in the United States. He is expected to arrive in St. Louis on March 12 where he will be greeted by Governor Warren E. Hearnes of Missouri and St. Louis Mayor A. J. Cervantes. He will review the St. Patrick's Parade there on March 13.

On March 17 he will be in Philadelphia to attend the 200th anniversary celebration of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in that city. The Prime Minister is honoring an invitation tendered to him some time ago.

Days beginning in 1879. Strong support was given by the Irish World to the movement called Home Rule for Ireland. But in September 1915 when Mr. John E. Redmond as leader of that movement urged young Irish men to join the British Army and fight for Britain in her battles against the Germans in World War I, the Irish World broke off its support for Mr. Redmond and the Home Rule Movement.

The Irish World backed the 1916 Rebellion in Dublin and supported Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Army during Ireland's War of Independence waged against Britain.

President Eamon De Valera of Ireland has publicly expressed his thanks on behalf of Ireland to the Irish World for the paper's help given again and again to Ireland. The De Valera family of today are very close friends of the Ford family who published the Irish World in New York.

Mr. Thomas J. Ford, Maureen's father, placed the whole power of the Irish World behind Eamon De Valera. During his lifetime, as Editor and Publisher of the paper, Thomas J. Ford was one of the most influential Irish Americans in the United States. Maureen Ford, his daughter, in our day has kept the paper on a very high standard and has

INVITATION TO HOLD CONVENTION IN DUBLIN

"On January 20, 1971 after being back in Pittsburgh a few days, I received from the Minister of Transport and Power, Mr. Brian Lenihan, an official invitation to hold our National Convention in Dublin the last week of July, 1972."

"Up to this point, we had been talking about holding and planning to hold a National Convention of the A.O.H. in America in Dublin which, of course, is a place outside the United States. However, we were doing all this without having been extended any invitation by representatives of the Government of Ireland to hold a Convention in Ireland. After receiving this invitation in Pittsburgh, I knew for certain that my trip to Dublin as your National President had paid off. We all know now much more about the possibility of holding the National Convention in Dublin in 1972 than we ever knew. We now have the facts -- the real facts for the first time."

preserved it as an Irish American newspaper worthy at all times of the ideals of her grandfather and father -- and worthy of the American Irish.

Brooklyn Has Annual Ball

The members of the Kings County Board (Brooklyn) New York held their annual Ball on Saturday evening, January 23.

County President Pete Tierney; Bill Hulton, Chairman of the Ball as well as John Curry and National Director Bill Kinane are most pleased with the great success that this ball turned out to be. They also thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their help.

The St. Bridgets Dinner sponsored by the Kings County Ladies Auxiliary was held on Saturday evening, February 6 at Michels, 342 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. It was also a great success.

The Kings County Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast, March 7, Mass at 8:00 a.m., Basilica of our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 60th Street and Fifth Avenue, to be followed by breakfast in the school auditorium, next door to where Mass will be celebrated.

The only reason some people listen to reason is to gain time for a rebuttal.

Grimes To Be Grand Marshal

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Eastchester Irish-American Social Club and the Irish-American Unified Society of Yonkers.

Grand Marshal Grimes resides in Yonkers just over the New York City Boundary Line. Division 7 A.O.H. Bronx, of which he is a member, is located in the Riverdale Section of The Bronx and is not far from Gaelic Park which is the playing grounds and headquarters of the New York Gaelic Athletic Association.

Mr. Grimes has two sons and one daughter -- they are married. Mrs. Grimes, his wife, died some years ago.

Mr. Patrick J. Grimes was born in Kinnitty, located between the towns of Birr and Tullamore, in County Offaly. He came to New York as a very young man.

The Parade will be held on Wednesday, March 17th on

Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Eleven Aides to the Grand Marshal will accompany the Grand Marshal at the head of the 120,000 marchers and 223 bands. At 12:00 o'clock noon, the Grand Marshal steps off, the big Parade begins and continues for seven hours.

GRAND MARSHAL'S AIDES NAMED

Aides to Grand Marshal Patrick J. Grimes elected by the delegates to the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee are as follows:

Edward P. Hyland, Manhattan; Thomas Murray, Bronx; Thomas Toal, Brooklyn; Patrick Poole, Queens; Joseph Reilly, Staten Island; Edward Kalbflesh, Nassau; Frank Regan, Westchester; Peter Bulfin, Suffolk; James Naughton, Rockland; Martin Killeen, United Irish Counties; and Jeremiah O'Malley, Emerald Societies.

One Of New York's Finest Is Honored



THE MEMBERS of A.O.H. Division 12, New York County recently honored one of New York's finest -- Captain Francis D. Burke, as "Hibernian of 1970." Captain Burke is a member of the New York City Police Department and so is Tom Donohue. The presence of over 400 people at this function was a fine tribute to this very popular member of Division 12.

L. to r.: John W. Duffy, Past President N. Y. County Board; Joseph P. Sullivan, President of New York County Board;

Guest of honor Captain Frank Burke; Thomas F. Donohue, President of Div. 12 and Financial Secretary N. Y. County Board; Judge James J. Comerford, Past National A.O.H. President and chairman of St. Patrick's Day Parade; Thomas B. Galligan, Past President Division 12. Thomas F. Donohue and Thomas B. Galligan were co-chairmen of the event which was held in St. Mary's Hall, Stuyvesant Town, New York City.

Big Doings Planned By Connecticut Divisions

The first State Board Meeting of 1971 was held at the Stamford A.O.H. Hall, Forest Street on Sunday, January 31. State President Jerry Travers gavelled the meeting to order and attended to a large agenda. Of major importance was the discussion on the National Convention of 1972 in Dublin. The State is continuing work on this trip and will keep members informed.

The Great Stamford Hibernian Feis is on its way for 1971! Danny Murphy is once again the General Chairman and Mike Devaney, the immediate Division Past President, is Co-Chairman. The Feis is scheduled to be held close to Labor Day and will be held at Cove Island in Stamford; an island that will be used exclusively for the Feis that day. It looks like a great event, so if any of our members are interested in advance notice on the Feis, write to the Secretary, Mrs. Freida Murphy, 38 Ashton Road, Stamford, Connecticut. Freida is very efficient and you will receive an immediate reply to your request.

Ray Cullen is the new Division President in Norwalk and is planning a busy year for his charges. The first big affair will be the St. Patrick's Celebrations. Observances will begin with a Memorial Mass on Saturday, March 13 in St. Mary's Church at 9:00 a.m. The Annual St. Patrick's Dance will take place at Artom Manor at 9:00 p.m. with the music of the Heeran Mackie Irish-American Orchestra providing the entertainment. On St. Patrick's Day, the usual Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at City Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Danbury Hibernians will hold their Annual St. Patrick's Dance also on Saturday, March 13 at Chatham Oaks on Lake Avenue. Timmy Geraghty and his Orchestra from New York will play for the twinkling feet of the dancers. Newly-elected President, Dan Ryan appointed Pat Morrissey Chairman of the Dance. Pat and his committee are working hard to make this dance a complete success. Pete Hearty is Co-chairman.

We have often mentioned the various radio programs being broadcast from Connecticut but we feel that news items about them are worth repeating. Each Sunday the Danbury Division sponsors a program over W-I-N-E (94 AM-95.1 FM) beginning at 1:00 p.m. with

Past Division President J. Philip Gallagher and Paul Burns as hosts. At 2:35 p.m. over W-S-T-C (1350 AM) Stamford, Pat Murphy from Cork bears forth with his very popular Irish Hour. At 7:00 p.m. over W-C-G-H (1500 AM) Greenwich, Cavan-man Phil McGovern and his pal, Noel McGovern (no relation!) bring great Irish music to their many listeners. We hope that the friends of the A.O.H. as well as the members will listen to these men who give of their time to keep the Irish flag flying over the air waves of radio.

Past National Vice President, Con Collins, has returned to the A.O.H. candidate arena, so to speak, with his election as Division Vice President. The outgoing President, Jim Sugrue, was re-elected to another term. Jim is also Recording Secretary for the New Haven County Board.

John Hogan of Stamford was recently appointed to the Patriotic and Special Events Commission of the City. John was nominated by Mayor Julius Wilensky. John is the son of former National President, Paddy Hogan--that Gallant Hibernian who first saw the light of day in White Chapel, County Clare by the River Shannon.

The very busy Stamford Division has instituted a new policy at their hall. Each Saturday night, Irish Champion Accordionist, Danny Coughlan and Drummer Louis Hughes provide music for dancing in the lower lounge. There is no admission charge; just the cost of your favorite beverage. Recently, the magnificent Flying Column from Syracuse also attended and, as usual, sang their way into everyone's heart. The Stamford Division is filling a great void with these "family evenings" and I hope they are a great, continuing success.

State President Jerry Travers is concentrating on increasing membership in the state. One sure way of doing this is the formation of new divisions. President Travers hopes to form at least two new divisions in the next few months.

Greenwich Hibernians will celebrate St. Patrick's in their usual big way. Saturday, March 6, the division will hold its Annual Dinner Dance which will be held at the K of C Hall on Putnam Avenue with music by Pete Bellew's Orchestra. The

Ladies Auxiliary will prepare their famed roast beef dinner for the patrons followed by dancing until one. This affair has always been a sellout and this year should be no different. The division has also arranged for the raising of the Irish Flag at City Hall on St. Patrick's Day.

The Naugatuck Division has a very busy schedule ahead. They held a successful dance on January 23 at the American Legion Hall. Their St. Patrick's celebrations begin on March 13 with their annual dance which will be held at Falcon Hall. This is a big affair that the division works hard on. Many of the members take March 17 off to attend Mass and then participate in raising the Irish Flag at Town Hall. Newly elected President Bill Brazier has great plans for his division. He reminded me that the division sponsored the 1970 Basketball Champs in the Little Pal Basketball League. The team received green jackets, with the Hibernian name inscribed on their backs, at a reception at a local restaurant.

On the Ladies Auxiliary side we notice that Frances Kearney has been elected to the office of president of the Ladies Auxiliary in Waterbury. She replaces Mrs. Con Collins who was an excellent President for several years. The new Vice President is Anne Larose.

Stamford Hibernians will have their big St. Patrick's Dance on THE Day itself at the Hibernian Hall on 43 Forest Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the Danny Coughlin-Louis Hughes Orchestra. The division will also raise the Irish Flag over City Hall on St. Patrick's morning. Mayor Julius Wilensky will officiate at the raising with prominent members of the Stamford A.O.H.

Up Bridgeport way we were happy to see Joe Callahan elected as Division President. Joe has been a very hard worker for the JFK Division for many years and has served in several offices. He is the perennial ticket Co-Chairman with the inimitable Terry McMahon. Our congratulations to Joe. Staying very active in state and national affairs is the State Junior Past President, Larry Neary. Larry was a very effective State President and it is hoped throughout the state that he will aspire to greater things.

We notice, with satisfac-

tion, that the Danbury Division played Santa to children in the Danbury Hospital. An excellent gesture! Chairman and leader of the visitors was the wonderful Denny Miller. I can't imagine a finer Santa than Denny. Working with him on this committee was Gus O'Neill, Richard Shanahan and Joseph Venus.

State Auxiliary President, Mrs. Edith Duff of Greenwich is keeping her ladies very active. Both Edith and her State Secretary, Julia Lynam keep the State Auxiliary informed by regular mailings from State Headquarters.

The Norwalk Division also played Santa to a needy family at Christmas. Chairman Jimmy Mockler purchased a full turkey dinner and presented it to Catholic Charities. The division was later informed that a young family of eight were the beneficiaries. In passing, may we comment that the Norwalk Ladies Auxiliary have a tradition of providing a turkey dinner for a needy family at Thanksgiving and a complete baby layette at Christmas to a needy mother.

Fairfield County President John White of Greenwich is planning a County Dinner Dance in May. The affair will be held in Greenwich to raise funds for the County Board. Pete Bellew and his Orchestra will provide the music and dinner will be prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are within plane ride of Greenwich, their roast beef dinner makes it worthwhile!! Mike Conlon is the ticket Chairman and Mike tells me that without a prior reservation, admittance will be impossible. When you know Mike Conlon, you know he means what he says!

My man in Waterbury, Tim Carmody, tells me to look for big things on March 13 in Waterbury. That's the date of their St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served to the patrons and then the Martin Orchestra from Massachusetts will provide music for dancing. All Waterburians will attend this great function.

I'm not sure but I think the Greenwich Division may be the only one in the country with its own dramatic players. Well the Greenwich Players took to the boards of February 6 and presented another great comedy. The play was held at the Central Junior High School in Greenwich to the usual capacity audience. Producer of the

Appointees To Constitution Committee Are Announced

William J. Barnett, Jr., National Chairman of the Constitution, Ritual, and Progress Committee has announced the following appointments to the Committee: Mathias Fennell (Elmira, New York), Edward Dugan (Newport, Rhode Island), William Guerin, Sr. (Baltimore, Maryland), Richard Cummings (Elizabeth, New Jersey), Thomas O'Malley (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), and Robert Smith (Somerville, Massachusetts).

In accord with the mandate of the 1970 Indianapolis National Convention, preparations are now being made to hold a National Constitutional Convention of the Order to update our Constitution and Ritual. The Committee extends an invitation to all jurisdictions of the Order to study the Constitution and Ritual, including the major degrees of the Order and to suggest changes where necessary. Please address all communications to the Constitution Committee, 27 Mada Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310.

Dr. Francis J. O'Neill To Lead East Islip Parade

Dr. Francis J. O'Neill is shown with the tri-colored sash he will wear as the Grand Marshall of the Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by Division Seven, Ancient Order play was Phil McGovern and his namesake (no relation!) Noel McGovern was the director. If your division would like to sponsor a visit from the Hibernian Players, drop me a line and I'll try to arrange it. They are a good group who are happy to use their talents to raise funds for the A.O.H.

TID-BITS: George Street of Norwalk recently promoted by Union Trust. - My good friend Joe Conroy of Bridgeport keeps busy putting his division in the good headlines. - Joe is a great Hibernian. - What would a Connecticut column be without a mention of John O'Donnell of Norwalk. John is a long time friend of National Editor Judge Comerford. Both worked on anti-partition programs in the 1940's and 1950's when the Partition of Ireland was not spoken about very much in the U. S. John is keeping well and, come spring, he will be a busy bee again. - Our beloved Dublin soprano Marie McEntegart keeps wooing them with her great voice. How about Marie for the soloist spot at Dublin convention? It's a natural.

of Hibernians, East Islip, in Long Island, New York. The Parade will be held on Sunday, March 14, 1971



at 2 p.m. in East Islip. Doctor O'Neill was chosen by Division Seven because of his long and outstanding service in the field of mental hygiene as well as his contributions to his town and the Islip community in general.

Doctor O'Neill is presently serving as Director of Central Islip State Hospital, a post he has held for the past several years. He traces his roots to Ireland via Vermont. His maternal grandfather, John Aher, of County Cork, was a member of the Young Ireland Movement in Ireland during 1846-1848, the time of the great famine in Ireland.

Plans For Cincinnati Parade Are Shaping Up

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Cincinnati, Ohio will hold their St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 14 in their city. This will be their fifth Annual Parade, sponsored by the Cincinnati's St. Patrick's A.O.H. Division.

The great Ohio Hibernian -- Dick Ormond -- was one of the primary organizers of this parade. As a County Wexford Gael, he has the right Hibernian spirit. Some of it can be seen today in the Cincinnati Parade.

The following are the names of the officers and other officials of the Parade for 1971 as submitted to the Digest for publication by the Parade's executive Director -- Mike Murphy.

Executive director - Mike Murphy; associate executive director - R. Murray Fogarty; grand marshal - Richard Dooley; assistant grand marshal - Thomas P. O'Brien; Hibernian division marshal - John McGuire; Division of nations marshal - William

Henderson, Irene Brown, Joan Stolz; St. Patrick division marshal - Judge Paul Stapleton; Emerald Isle division marshal - Thomas P. Tarmy; St. Brigid division marshal - John R. Murray; American Eagle division marshal - John Holt; band marshal - James Daly, Sr.; Auxiliary Coordinator - Mrs. John Holt; Program chairman - Jack Lynch; publicity chairman - Joseph Tierman; reviewing stand chairman - Richard Ormond; special projects - James Walsh; float chairman - J. James Murphy; essay contest chairman - James Gaffney; T.V. chairman - William McClusky; registration chairman - Mrs. Walter Ungruhn; trophy chairman - James Rigney; parade treasurer - Herman Hessler.

In 1970, according to the publicity, a total of 30,000 persons marched behind the 56 bands and were reviewed by 80,000 spectators from the sidewalks of Lincoln and Central Parkways. The parade was televised.

Dinner Dance To Honor Margaret McAllister

A testimonial dinner dance sponsored by the Kings County Board Ladies Auxiliary will be tendered to Mrs. Margaret McAllister, New York State President, Ladies Auxiliary, on Saturday evening, April 24, 1971 at Michels Restaurant, 346 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. McAllister has filled every office on the Kings County and New York State Board levels.

Mrs. Lillian E. Wilkening is chairman, 4312 Avenue 'M', Brooklyn, New York, 11234, Telephone, 258-3805, and Miss Rita Mills is co-chairman, 4603 Avenue 'M', Brooklyn, New York 11234, Telephone, 252-5648.

Mrs. McAllister is often affectionately described as "one in a million" because

of her constant service to others and her genuine humility in the presence of spoken words giving her rightfully deserved praise for doing good deeds. She is Brooklyn's own type of Hibernian. The proposed honor for her is richly deserved.

Youngest Director Ever Serves In National AOH

National Director John J. Hoswell of Dayton, Ohio is a native of Dublin City, Ireland. It is believed that he is the youngest A.O.H. member holding an elected office on the National Board.

John Hoswell left Ireland

about ten years ago and came to Dayton, Ohio. He followed his trade, there, as a Construction Electrician. Soon after arriving in Dayton, he joined the local A.O.H. He became an active member who worked diligently to keep his Division on a high level among the other Fraternal Organizations located in Dayton and also to keep the Division's own clubhouse in good shape and attractive.

Brother Hoswell is an ardent follower of sports. As a young boy, he learned in Dublin the "Noble Art of Boxing." As to his own accomplishments later in the "Ring," he is very modest in his claims about victories.

But his boyhood-Dublin pal, Danny Power, who became professionally and affectionately known as "Danno" made it big as a lightweight fighter in the boxing circles of Europe. Brother Hoswell has written a rather good story about Danno's fights in London and Dublin -- a story which might interest readers of this Digest.

John Hoswell lives with his wife and family in the City of Dayton.

sey on the national board was past state president Bernard McCreesh.

Elected to serve as officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary Board from the state of New Jersey for 1970-1972 are the following: president - Mrs. Kathryn Hickey; vice president - Mrs. Vera Mitchell; secretary - Mrs. Ellen Martin; treasurer - Mrs. Ann Cosgrove.

Elected to serve on the National Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H. at the national convention held in August, 1970 was Mrs. Margaret F. Rust.



THE OFFICERS of Auburn, New York Division No. 1 of the AOH are (from left to right): Seated -- Thomas D. McNabb, President, State Director; John J. Thornton, State President, Installing Officer; Harold Van Amburgh, Vice President;

John P. Doyle, Jr., Recording Secretary; and Henry D. Montgomery, Financial Secretary. Standing -- Joseph E. Rice, Treasurer; Martin F. Brennan, Sentinel; Patrick A. Maye, Marshal; Joseph A. Ashley, Trustee; Thomas Maye, Trustee; and Charles W. Phillips, Sr., Trustee.



THE OFFICERS of Auburn, New York Auxiliary No. 2 of the AOH are (from left to right): Seated -- Mrs. Edna McConnell, President; Mrs. Diane Van Amburgh, Vice President; Mrs. Anne Greer, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Roselyn McNabb, Treasurer; and Miss Andriene McConnell, Recording Secretary. Standing -- Miss Linda Morehouse, Irish History; Miss Mary Ann Ferguson, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Mary

Schellenger, Mistress of Arms; Mrs. Marguerite McNabb, Sentinel; Mrs. Agnes Tierney, Past President Onondaga County; Mrs. Catherine Barrett, Past President Onondaga County; Mrs. Mary Murphy, Past President Onondaga County; and Mrs. Marion Cuff, State Chairlady Catholic Action and Installing Officer.

Auburn Hibernians Install New Officers

The installation has taken place of the officers of the John F. Kennedy Division #1 of Auburn, New York (Cayuga County) and of their Auxiliary #2. John J. Thornton, New York State President installed the Division's officers on Saturday January 9, 1971 at the A.O.H. clubrooms in Auburn, New York. The two marshals who assisted Brother Thornton were James Glenn, Schenectady, New York, state scholarship chairman and

Francis Dehm, Oswego, New York, chairman, John Barry Committee.

The Auxiliary were installed the same evening by Mrs. Marion Cuff, Camillus, New York, State chairlady of Catholic actions. She was assisted by Mrs. Mary Murphy, Onondaga County President, Mrs. Agnes Tierney, Past County President, Onondaga County and Mrs. Catherine Barrette, Past President, Onondaga County.

John F. Geoghan



NATIONAL SECRETARY of A.O.H. from 1947 to 1968 John F. Geoghan retires after forty-two years of service to the city of New York. He spent the first seven years with the Board of Transportation (now Transit Authority) -- and the last thirty-five with the New York City Police Academy, leaving with the title of Administrator. Brother Geoghan, a very active mem-

ber of our Order since joining on September 29, 1926 (over 44 years) - served on Division and State levels. Rounding out with twenty years as National Secretary - from December 8, 1947 to August 15, 1968. He was Grand Marshal of the 1960 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue, New York City. John lives with his wife Vera at 26M Franklin Greens, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. His son Jack, a CPA, also lives in Somerset with his wife Cathy and their three daughters - Anne, 7 yrs; Kate 5 yrs; and Jennifer Jean, 3 months. Jack is an executive with Eastman Dillon Co., New York City.

Division Officers remember how promptly he answered their letters and how quickly he forwarded supplies to them for the needs of their division. No waiting. No delay. No fuss. No excuses.

Many members keep in communication with John Geoghan. They are grateful for the unselfish contributions and valuable service he gave them for over 20 years as National Secretary of our Order.

Unanimous Mandate Given To NJ Officers

Letters from New Jersey on many things of concern to the A.O.H. show that State President Fastow is busy.

A slate of officers were elected to serve New Jersey, without any opposition. This is a change for the better. Agitators now see no success for their special plans.

The new officers are: president - Robert J. Fastow; vice president - William J. Healy, Jr.; secretary - Thomas M. Conroy; treasurer - John R. Murray.

Appointed to serve as Chaplain of both the men and the ladies organizations, is a truly great and dedicated "Hibernian" Right Reverend John T. Lawlor, also a former Deputy National Chaplain and known throughout the Hibernian circles.

Also appointed were: counsel - Joseph Meehan; sentinel - Joseph P. Duff; marshal - Edward Scannell; Historian - Peter E. Sheridan; chairman of missions - James E. Tierney; chairman of Catholic Action - Harold R. Cass; liaison officer L.A.A. - O.H. - Raymond C. Fowler; Freedom for all Ireland - Martin J. Loftus; constitution and by-laws - Stephen J. Morrissey; rituals - Henry P. Flynn; publicity - Michael J. Miggins.

The New Jersey State

Boards meet quarterly, and we meet in different counties. All information pertaining to the Hibernians can be mailed directly to Robert J. Fastow, State President, 22 Swarthmore Drive, Carteret, New Jersey, 07008, or State Secretary Thomas M. Conroy, 306 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, New Jersey, 07029.

Dates of importance: March 14, 1971, St. Patrick's Day Parade in City of Newark, New Jersey. (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

March 17, 1971, Mass at St. Rose of Lima's Church, Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey. Sponsored by the New Jersey Boards of The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary. Time: 10:00 a.m., details being taken care of by Monseigneur John T. Lawlor, State Chaplain, all invited to attend.

Many divisions in New Jersey are holding St. Patrick's Day functions, beginning early in March but too numerous to mention.

The New Jersey State Board is pleased to report that Thomas M. Conroy, was appointed a national officer by national president Edward Fay, his duties will cover the junior divisions throughout the country. Elected at the convention in August, 1970 to represent New Jer-

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and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall"

--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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Millions Watch New York's St. Patrick Day Parade

President Fay Reviews NY St. Patrick's Parade

After an early morning flight from Washington, D.C., our National President, Ed Fay, reviewed the start of the St. Patrick's Day Parade with Judge James J. Comerford, Chairman of the New York Parade at the main reviewing stand on Fifth Avenue and 64th Street. Many dignitaries were in the stand to review this great celebration honoring our Patron Saint. Among them were: The Honorable James A. Farley, Senator Buckley, Senator Jacob Javits, Congressman William Ryan, Mayor John Lindsay, William Bartnett, National Secretary, as well as Minister Consul General Kevin Rushe, Grand Marshal Patrick J. Grimes and his eleven aides.

The National President led the A.O.H. National Board Marching Unit up 5th Avenue for the 2 1/2 mile parade route. Marching with him were William Bartnett, National Secretary, Bernard McCreesh, National Director, Thomas Conroy, Chairman of Junior Divisions, William McEnery, of Rhode Island, past National President, Jerry Travers, State

President of Connecticut, and John Henry, State Secretary of Connecticut.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, they left the line of march and met with Cardinal Cooke, wishing him a happy St. Patrick's Day. President Fay then introduced his aides to the Cardinal, and then they proceeded up Fifth Avenue and past the main reviewing stand.

Commenting on the parade Brother Fay said, "It certainly makes you feel proud that you are Irish when you see over a million and a half people on 5th Avenue sidewalks pay their respects to the Irish and our Patron Saint. This parade is just unbelievable. Marching for two and a half miles and for five and one half hours, bands, pipe bands, marching units, and the Irish Counties Units with their beautiful county banners representing all the 32 counties of Ireland, together with the A.O.H. Units and all the other Irish Societies when all put together exceeded 119,000 persons that marched and marched in honor of St. Patrick."



JUDGE JAMES J. Comerford, Chairman of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, congratulates Patrick J. Grimes after he was installed as Grand Marshal of the parade.

"I would be remiss not to congratulate Jim Comerford and his great committee, including John Duffy, Joe Sullivan, Martin Dunne, and so many other Hibernians who help make this parade something that the A.O.H., all its members, and all the Irish can be proud of every

March 17. We are looking forward to next year's parade."

National President Fay attended the big banquet of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York that night and flew back to Pittsburgh the next day to meet Prime Minister Lynch of Ireland.

119,500 Marchers; 214 Bands Present 6-Hour Spectacular

Held on Wednesday, March 17 along 5th Avenue under bright sunshine and cool breezes, the 1971 parade attracted 119,500 marchers and 1 1/2 million side walk spectators as well as 45 million TV viewers.

Marching to the music of 214 bands from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and keeping a 16 front file, the marchers set a new record for precision, discipline, and decorum. Such a vast turnout of people on a voluntary basis is a rare thing to see in times like our present ones.

The New York Parade is held under the auspices of the A.O.H. No other activity carried out by our Order measures up to the magnitude, prestige, and importance as does this Parade.

Great skill as well as diligent work can be seen in the preparations of this great event.

Officers of the parade arrangements committee are: Judge James J. Comerford, parade chairman; John W. Duffy, vice chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, recording secretary; Francis P. Beirne, treasurer; Thomas B. Galigan, financial secretary; Martin P. Dunne, corres-

ponding secretary; Terry Connaughton, sergeant-at-arms; Harry M. Hynes, honorary chairman; James A. Doris, executive secretary; John Concannon, public relations director; Nicholas J. Farley, director; John P. Collins, director; Vincent Pat Rogers, director.

Participating organizations are: Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Metropolitan New York and Ladies Auxiliary, colleges, schools, academies, Friends of Irish Freedom, Cumann na mBan, Clan na Gael of Greater New York, Irish Republican Army Veterans, the 32 Irish county organizations of New York City and Ladies Auxiliary, New York City Departments, the United Irish Counties Association and other kindred Irish societies.

These participating organizations come out at their own expense--including the necessity of many of the marchers to take the working day off at a loss of a day's pay or at the loss of a day's vacation--deducted from their regular annual vacation. It is good to know that there are still such people in the U.S.

Irish Wolf Hounds Set Pace For Pittsburgh's 5th Annual Parade

National President, Ed Fay, was General Chairman of the 25th Annual Parade. This is the fifth year he has headed this great event. In the last two years, the St. Patrick's Parade has become the largest and most colorful parade in the city of Pittsburgh.

The 1971 edition consisted of 104 bands, pipe bands, drum and bugle corps, and marching units numbering over 20 thousand marching people in the parade. Over 200 thousand people watched in under heavy rain clouds. The parade was so large this year that officials of the city of Pittsburgh asked that the starting time be moved up from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to help relieve the traffic congestion in the downtown area of the city. The Ancient Order of Hibernians led the parade and have done so for the last five years since Ed Fay has been the General Chairman.

The feature of the parade this year was a contingent of twenty-five Irish Wolf Hounds from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, many of them champion hounds.

Ancient Order of Hibernians National Chaplain, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, and National President, Ed Fay led the parade in an open limousine down Fifth Avenue which was decorated with a green line and a



large shamrock every fifty yards along the way into Gateway Center Park to the main reviewing stand where the numerous clergy and public officials reviewed it. This one was Pittsburgh's greatest St. Patrick's Parade.

The Parade Committee has already started planning on the 1972 parade to make it even greater.

THE ANCIENT Order of Hibernians, Allegheny County Board and their Divisions leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade that is the largest parade now held in Pittsburgh. National President, Ed Fay is General Chairman of the Parade Committee.

His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke was the Honorary Grand Marshal of the Parade. He concelebrated Mass at 9:00 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day with fourteen other priests in St. Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass, which officially opened the Parade Ceremonies, was attended by 3,000 persons.

Constitutional Convention Set For Pittsburgh

We wish to announce that the National Constitutional Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America which was voted at the 1970 National Convention will convene at St. Paul's Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Monday morning, July 12, 1971, and will remain in session until Friday, July 16, 1971. The delegates will be expected to arrive at the monastery on Sunday evening, and can expect to leave after 12 o'clock Noon on Friday.

The formal Call to the Convention will be issued at the appropriate time specified in our National Constitution. Advance notice is being given at this time so that those entitled to attend can plan ahead. The holding of this Convention was authorized at the convention last August. Further details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Digest--Edward J. Fay, National President, William J. Bartnett, Jr., National Secretary.

Rev. Carey's Anecdotes Entertain Division One

Irish anecdotes interspersed a discourse given by the Reverend Stephen Carey, Assistant to the Rector of The Queen of the Apostles Roman Catholic Church, Pennsville, New Jersey, at the annual ladies' night dinner, held recently by members of Division #1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, at The Colonial Arms Restaurant, Penns Grove, New Jersey. As an innovation, Father Carey offered "the Grace before Meals", in Gaelic. The young Priest, who was born and raised in Tipperary, Ireland, described customs and doings of his native country.

Following his ordination in his homeland in 1963, Father Carey was assigned to the United States and the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey. Following charges in several parishes of the diocese, he was named to assist at the Pennsville church, about three months ago. Paul E. Donnelly, Past President and now Treasurer, of the Salem County Division was master of ceremonies for the dinner program. It was "the luck of the Irish" for the McLaughlins and the McCartys on the dinner program. Mrs. Mildred McLaughlin and Mrs. Rosemary McLaughlin (neither are relatives), both of Pennsville,

together with Mrs. Gertrude McCarthy of Salem, were the winners of the Ladies' Attendance Awards, while Mrs. McCarthy's brother-in-law, Justin McCarthy, Sr., also of Salem, was the winner of the men's door prize.

This year's "Keep Christ in Christmas"--a theme advocated by a Digest editorial--was advertised by a billboard display. It was the seventh year that the Salem Division jointly sponsored the display with Father Cannon Council, Knights of Columbus, of Salem, New Jersey, for the entire month of December, on Route #49 (Salem-Pennsville Road) about a half mile outside the city limits. Both of the sponsoring organization's names appeared on the lower part of the display.

At the annual election of officers of Division #1, Ancient Order of Hibernians,

of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, Charles J. McCarthy, of 67 Seventh Street, Salem was elected to the office of president.

An employee of the DuPont Company's Chambers Works, at Deepwater, New Jersey, for several decades, McCarthy is one of seven brothers, all of whom have long been active in athletic and fraternal activities in Salem County and vicinity. With the exception of one of the brothers, who resides elsewhere in New Jersey, the other six along with the president, are all members of Division #1. The new president succeeds Hugh J. McLaughlin, of Pennsville, New Jersey, who was not a candidate for re-election. Donald D. Scanlan, of Carnegy's Point, New Jersey was elected to the office of vice president, which was held by McCarthy for the past two years.

Officers re-elected were: Right Reverend Monseigneur John S. Griffey, Woodbury, New Jersey, as Chaplain; John D. Domenico, Penns Grove, financial secretary; Paul E. Donnelly, Pennsville, treasurer; Thomas J. Slavin, Jr., Salem, recording secretary. All committee chairmen were re-named to the same positions they held last year, with Robert J. Boyle, Pennsville, being named to head The Catholic Activities Committee, to succeed the newly elected Vice President Donald Scanlan.

Treasurer Paul E. Donnelly, Pennsville, was chosen as Chairman for the St. Patrick's Day dinner program, to be held on March 17; arrangements are also being completed for the Division's annual Memorial Mass, to be offered on St. Patrick's Day, for all deceased members of Division #1.

Bernadette-- She Said It!

NEW YORK: Bernadette Devlin arrived here recently and held a press conference.

Asked if she intends to visit imprisoned Angela Davis, she replied: "Yes, I hope to see her." Why? "Well," she smiled, "for one thing we both have prison records." Bernadette reasoned that the blacks in America and the Catholics of Ireland have a common bond as victims of an economic system that keep wealth in the hands of the rich.

Money being scarcer in Ireland than here, Bernadette decided on a speaking tour of the United States to raise funds for a Socialist study center in Belfast.

Bernadette estimated she needs \$7,000, but her itinerary would net her well in excess of that amount as colleges pay handsome four-figure fees to speakers of her stature.

Wearing red corduroy bellbottom pants and a print blouse, and without makeup she looked even younger than 23.

Four have died in the streets since Bernadette arrived here to begin a 28-day tour of American colleges to raise money.

In August 1969, the Mayor of New York city gave her a key to the city of New York as a symbol of admiration which the citizens of the city had for her as a leader in the Irish Civil Rights Movement.

In 1970, she gave this key to the Black Panthers in New York as a symbol of her support of them.

In New York city, a group of Black Panthers have been on trial for a year for attacks on police and for bombing buildings. This Criminal Court case seems to go on and on since it began one year ago.

Welcome Aboard For Ireland



ATTORNEY PAUL O'Dwyer (left) and Joe Malone (right), Irish Tourist Board General Manager in North America, congratulate Tony Corcoran (center) on his appointment as a consultant to the Tourist Board.

Paul O'Dwyer, a member of the A.O.H. and a former President of Division 5 in Brooklyn, is the most widely known Irish born lawyer in the United States. A native of Bohola, County Mayo, he is a brother of the late William O'Dwyer Mayor of New York City.

Joe Malone is a member of Division 3, New York County. He is president of SKAL which is an International Organization composed of 24,000 Travel Executives in 70 countries. He is the first Irishman to head this organization.

Tony Corcoran, also a member of Division 3, had helped the A.O.H. for years to run plane tours to Ireland.

Brother Tom Hayes, Irish Leader, Dies

The following report was received from Brother Jim Mullally of St. Louis, Mo.:

"It is with regret that I wish to convey to the many friends in the National Order of Hibernians, the passing away of one of our stalwarts, Thomas F. Hayes, Division #1, St. Louis, Missouri.

Tommy, as we knew him by name, was born at Ennis-corthy, County Wexford, and educated in Ireland, that country which gave many distinguished citizens to America, including the ancestors of the great John Fitzgerald Kennedy. As long as Irishmen assemble to the Strain of Boulavogue or the Boys of Wexford, so will Irishmen remember him for his famous recitation, 'The Dawn on the Hills of Ireland.'

Tommy came to the United States as a young man and joined the Armed Forces during World War I, which indeed was a factor in molding his later life to the love of Country and his fellowmen.

In 1928, when DeValera, Frank Aiken and the late Mary McSweeney came to St. Louis to raise funds for an Irish Republic, Tom with professor McAnaster of St. Louis University, could be depended upon to promote it, and so he did.

When the depression of 1930 came, Tommy with a few others, formed The Irish American Democratic Club. Members were plentiful, nobody working, being successful in the election of Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann. Tommy was successful in procuring many jobs for the Irish, incurring the wrath of Irish politicians who were so anxious to split the pie, for me.

A man of many parts, Mr. Hayes served with the Internal Service Department for many years, still retaining his first love, Ireland.

During his young days, a fine athlete with his brother, Jack, they won the city championship in handball, in competition with great men of those days, Mike Cunningham of County Mayo and Mike Franklin of County Tipperary.

A great Hibernian, as President of Division 1, his leadership was an inspiration and diligently performed to long be remembered. As a fund raiser, he knew no boundaries; he was there. He served the division with

honor, distinction and individual credit.

His wake and funeral was a tribute to his immense popularity as an Irish leader. Mr. Hayes leaves a wife, Mary, to whom we convey our deep sympathy.

After a long illness, Tommy passed away to join the other immortals of another generation of whom he advocated their cause as a product of illustrious men.

May I in conclusion say that surely in some distant time when Irishmen visit the shrines of their illustrious dead, this lonely Wexford man's grave will not be forgotten, for here reposes in death one of Ireland's truest, bravest and beloved sons, Thomas Francis Hayes."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Digest is grateful to James J. Mullally for informing the Hibernians about the passing of Brother Tom Hayes. It was sad news -- but still Hibernians need to know.

New Cabinet Takes Office

At the annual Christmas party held at Holiday Inn the Ladies' Auxiliary of the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport, Connecticut installed their officers for 1971.

Mrs. Mary Daly, County President installed the following:

Mrs. Albert Murphy-President; Mrs. Edward Simmons-Vice President; Mrs. J. Barry O'Connell-Recording Secretary; Miss Julia Conroy-Financial Secretary; Mrs. Paul Gavell-Treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Tickey-Catholic Action; Mrs. Rosalie Sullivan-Missions; Mrs. Rae Cullen-Irish History; Mrs. John Wynne-Grievance; Miss Mary Kane-Mistress-at-Arms; Mrs. Patrick Sherwin-Sentinel.

The John F. Kennedy Division and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Bridgeport held their annual memorial Mass for the deceased members of the divisions on November 27 at St. Ambrose Church. Father Francis Devey, Kennedy Division Chaplain, celebrated the Mass and Division members--James Rafferty and Steve Roach, Jr. served as acolytes.

The Troubles In The North

by Dick Ormond, A.O.H. Cincinnati

In the field of international power politics these are very busy days. All citizens of this great Republic understand the difficult and dangerous, as well as delicate moves, which our United States must make every day to preserve peace in the world. We know that we cannot be true to the principles of democracy if we are to ignore the plight of the oppressed. Over in the Emerald Isle there is oppression. The recent tragic developments, in the six counties in the North-East corner of Ireland, has brought into tragic focus the unbelievable conditions that have existed in that area for the past fifty years.

The Civil Rights in Northern Ireland concerns the problems of a depressed area -- these are the problems of housing and jobs and the right to vote -- not RELIGION -- and they must be solved. The Civil Rights marches are not a part of a religious war, although that is the picture that the British Government is trying to depict in order to save their own battered image. Protestants as well as Catholics are victimized by the deplorable conditions that exist in Northern Ireland and many of the Civil Rights leaders are Protestants. As a matter of fact, the most abused people in Northern Ireland are not Catholics, but the Protestants who oppose British rule.

One thing should be made crystal clear. Britain is an intruder in Ireland, and has no more right to govern in Belfast, or have British troops on the soil of Ireland, than here in Cincinnati. The **GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND ACT** was formulated and approved by the British in their House of Commons in London. No Irishman from any part of Ireland voted for that Statue. It was made law by the votes of representatives of British constituencies only. Prior to 1920 there was never any division, boundary or partition throughout all the thousands of years that Ireland's existence is known to history. Since its inception of the "GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND ACT" it has been the "Constitution" of Northern Ireland. This Act reserves the supreme control of the partitioned area to the London Parliament. Even the possible unification of Ireland can never be accomplished by the Irish people-- unless approved by the English Government.

Since the British-Belfast Government was established in 1921, it has been operating under Emergency Powers. The notorious "Special Powers Act" has been London's most important "democratic" procedure to insure a continuing British rule in the six counties -- and there has been no change in Government since 1921. No legislative body has any control over the operation of the "Special Powers Act." The matter is left entirely in the hands of the Minister of Home Affairs. This "Act" gives unlimited power of search and seizure. Habeas Corpus is suspended. It allows arrest without charge. Imprisonment without trial, seizure of property without compensation. Persons may be interned indefinitely, on a recommendation of a police officer, and there is no right of appeal against such imprisonment or internment. The British-Belfast policy is very simply aimed at driving all political opponents from the country. Those who stay face imprisonment and repression. Let it be said that some members of the British Parliament have condemned the "Special

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President Nixon made a good speech. His theme was Irish American unity and friendship. He referred to the words in the Soldier's Song, "Sworn To Be Free" and noted that both countries valued freedom for all men, and then he said a great thing--he reminded us that it was Commodore John Barry who gave us our country."

McCann is the man who according to New York daily newspapers was sent by Bernadette from her election constituency here in Omagh as a messenger boy to New

Base to Philadelphia to take part there in the 200th anniversary of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Our annual March 17 Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church. It was a very impressive service with His Eminence Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, past National Chaplain, in attendance, as well as Prime Minister Lynch and Ambassador Warnock. The sermon was by the Reverend Raymond Boland, pastor of St. Hugh's Church in Greenbelt, Maryland.

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I did not personally attend any of the functions, except the White House welcome to Prime Minister Lynch, on St. Patrick's Day because the day was too much filled with memories of happier times when my husband was alive. Had he been alive, he and I would have been at them. It was always our custom to attend all the A.O.H. activities. Mike Dowd would not miss any one of them and neither would I. Most of the items in this column have been supplied by my friends. I am very grateful to them for their interest and help in keeping this column filled with news.

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On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to thank most sincerely all the members of the A.O.H. and of the Ladies Auxiliary who sympathized with us in our recent bereavement caused by the death of my husband--Michael J. Dowd, who was National President of the A.O.H. for the term 1954-1956.

Many members attended the wake and funeral; many sent Mass Cards and notes of sympathy to our home at 3932 Livingston Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

We are grateful to the Editor of the National Hibernian Digest for "stopping the presses" and inserting in the front page a brief notice of his death.

This was done at a time not only when the paper had been locked in type, but also at a time when the first copies of the Digest had started to roll of the big press.

After receiving a phone call in New York City about Mike's death, the Editor telephoned the printer of the Digest in Canonsburg, Pittsburgh, Pa., and asked him to make a last minute change. The big press was stopped. There was no time available to write a long story. A section of type was cut out of the front page to make room for the death notice.

Everyone waited until the news of Mike's death was set in type and placed in the empty spot. The big press then rolled again--but this time with a sad little story appearing on the front page. Mike Dowd, himself, when alive would really enjoy hearing a story like this.

To us, his family, it was better to have a brief notice about the death of Mike in the paper he loved and to have it appear in it near the time of his death than not to have one appear at all at



JOHN R. CONLEY, National Chairman Freedom for All Ireland Committee, National Chaplain Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, National President Edward J. Fay, Msgr. Vincent S. Burke, Allegheny County Board Chaplain at the Annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Breakfast in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

President and Mrs. Edward Fay Dinner Guests at White House

President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon invited our National President Ed Fay and his lovely wife, Dorothy, as dinner guests to the White House on Tuesday, March 16, 1971.

This auspicious occasion was called "Irish Night at the White House." Mrs. Nixon celebrated her birthday. Patricia Nixon's engagement to Edward Cox of New York was another special celebration. Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. John Lynch and Mrs. Lynch were the honored guests of the evening. The entertainment, direct from Ireland itself, was composed of the entertainers from Bunratty Castle. It was a history of Ireland put to music and dancing.

The same group performed for President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon when they visited Ireland in 1970. The guest list, on this occasion at the White House, included the "Who's Who of the United States of America."

The Honorable James A. Farley, former Postmaster General of the United States and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New York City was also a dinner guest for the evening. He introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fay to a number of the prominent guests including Vice President Spiro Agnew and Mrs. Agnew and the Cabinet members and their wives.

Ed and Mrs. Fay were impressed with the warmth of the Nixon family. Both agreed that the Nixon family certainly made all the people present feel at home in their company. Ed added that, "It makes one feel proud to be an American and to be represented by such a wonderful family."

Mrs. Fay, when asked about her impressions, said that the beauty and personality of Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters, Tricia and

that time. Members, as a result of the notice, did not have to wait for two months before reading in the next Digest that my husband had died.

In memory of Michael J. Dowd--my beloved husband--I would like to continue this Column in the Digest as long as its Editor wants it for the reading benefit of members of our Order.

Julie, certainly won everyone over and that the President of the United States by his informality made everyone feel so much at ease.

Prior to the evening and dinner at the White House, Ed and Dorothy Fay attended a reception and cocktail party at the Irish Embassy upon the invitation of Ambassador Warnock in honor of Mr. John Lynch and Mrs. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reilly accompanied Ed and Mrs. Fay to the reception along with Father William J. Fay who is doing graduate study at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Jim Reilly is the National Chairman of

A.O.H. Immigration Committee. Many of the Washington and Maryland Hibernians were at the reception, including Lillian Fay, Past National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan, and Mr. Warren Downey, State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Maryland accompanied by his wife.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Lynch also traveled to Pittsburgh--the home town of our National President--before returning to Ireland. Ed Fay was among the Irish leaders in Pittsburgh who served on the Special Reception Committee that received the Prime Minister.

Paul Jeffers Ohio AOH Official Passes Away

Brother Paul Jeffers a true and dedicated Hibernian, passed to his eternal reward on February 18, 1971. A more true and dedicated Hibernian is yet to come along. just a glance around us will show that his neverending and untiring efforts were not in vain.

A look at his record: 1957-1958, Division Vice President; 1959-1960, Division President; 1964-1965, State President; and 1966-1967, National Director.

Throughout the years, Paul had a dream, that someday the Mark Heffernan Division in Akron, Ohio would have its own home.

His brother, Thomas Jeffers, tells us that: "On June 6, 1970 the dream finally became a reality. This day we signed the papers to purchase our own home and formed the Shamrock Building Corporation. Friday, February 12, 1971, Paul put his signature on the final papers to make the purchase complete, his dream realized."

Continuing, his brother, who is President of the Division, says, "Let us, who are left behind, rededicate ourselves to the principles of Hibernianism and bind ourselves closer to its ties.

This way we shall ever honor and hold close the memory of our beloved brother, Paul C. Jeffers."

"I wish to extend sincere appreciation to all Brother and Sister Hibernians for their kind expressions and sympathy due to the loss of my brother, Paul."

Paul Jeffers was well known as a valuable delegate at National Conventions. He had sound, practical suggestions and ideas. At one Convention, he displayed nice "Hibernian Blazers" for use by members anytime, anywhere.

AOH Supplies

Because sufficient supplies to meet the needs of our Order were not ordered during 1970, there is now a shortage of medallions, medals and other pieces of A.O.H. jewelry required by Divisions and members.

William J. Barnett, who began in January, 1971, to do the work of National Secretary, is now trying to replenish the stock of supplies in order to fill orders placed for many items in 1970 before he took on the work of the National Secretary's Office.

Death Claims Ford Weiss; New Jersey AOH Leader

Brother Ford Weiss died on March 24, 1971, at St. Clare's Hospital, Denville, New Jersey. His age was 59 years.

Ford Weiss had been a member of our Order for 33 years. He served as President of Division 3, Essex County; County President of Essex County; State Secretary and State President of New Jersey. He was also the organizer and first President of Division 1, Morris County.

On the national level, he served on the Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee from 1952 to 1958. In 1952, he was chairman of the memorable National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In cooperation with the National Secretary, in 1951, he helped establish the central membership files of our Order. From that year to 1968, through his company, The AA Addressograph Ser-

vice, Inc., of Wharton, New Jersey, he handled both the membership mailing plates, and the mailing plates for National Hibernian Digest.

He was a Newark policeman in the 1940's and early 1950's and was an instructor at the Newark Police Academy.

Mr. Weiss was a graduate of St. Benedict's Prep Newark and St. Peter's College in Jersey City. He was also a graduate of the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the time of his death he was Circulation Manager of "The Beacon" which is the Paterson Diocesan newspaper.

He was a dedicated Hibernian, a devoted husband, a loyal friend, an outstanding Catholic and a splendid American.

Those wishing to extend their condolences to his wife, Ida, can do so by addressing her at 22 Hussa Place, Denville, New Jersey 07834.

Rev. Carey's Anecdotes Entertain Division One

Irish anecdotes interspersed a discourse given by the Reverend Stephen Carey, Assistant to the Rector of The Queen of the Apostles Roman Catholic Church, Pennsville, New Jersey, at the annual ladies' night dinner, held recently by members of Division #1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, at The Colonial Arms Restaurant, Penns Grove, New Jersey. As an innovation, Father Carey offered "the Grace before Meals", in Gaelic. The young Priest, who was born and raised in Tipperary, Ireland, described customs and doings of his native country.

Following his ordination in his homeland in 1963, Father Carey was assigned to the United States and the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey. Following charges in several parishes of the diocese, he was named to assist at the Pennsville church, about three months ago. Paul E. Donnelly, Past President and now Treasurer, of the Salem County Division was master of ceremonies for the dinner program. It was "the luck of the Irish" for the McLaughlins and the McCartys on the dinner-program. Mrs. Mildred McLaughlin and Mrs. Rosemary McLaughlin (neither are relatives), both of Pennsville,

together with Mrs. Gertrude McCarthy of Salem, were the winners of the Ladies' Attendance Awards, while Mrs. McCarthy's brother-in-law, Justin McCarthy, Sr., also of Salem, was the winner of the men's door prize.

This year's "Keep Christ in Christmas" -- a theme advocated by a Digest editorial -- was advertised by a billboard display. It was the seventh year that the Salem Division jointly sponsored the display with Father Cannon Council, Knights of Columbus, of Salem, New Jersey, for the entire month of December, on Route #49 (Salem-Pennsville Road) about a half mile outside the city limits. Both of the sponsoring organization's names appeared on the lower part of the display.

At the annual election of officers of Division #1, Ancient Order of Hibernians,

of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, Charles J. McCarthy, of 67 Seventh Street, Salem was elected to the office of president.

An employee of the DuPont Company's Chambers Works, at Deepwater, New Jersey, for several decades, McCarthy is one of seven brothers, all of whom have long been active in athletic and fraternal activities in Salem County and vicinity. With the exception of one of the brothers, who resides elsewhere in New Jersey, the other six along with the president, are all members of Division #1. The new president succeeds Hugh J. McLaughlin, of Pennsville, New Jersey, who was not a candidate for re-election. Donald D. Scanlan, of Carnegy's Point, New Jersey was elected to the office of vice president, which was held by McCarthy for the past two years.

Officers re-elected were: Right Reverend Monseigneur John S. Griffey, Woodbury, New Jersey, as Chaplain; John D. Domenico, Penns Grove, financial secretary; Paul E. Donnelly, Pennsville, treasurer; Thomas J. Slavin, Jr., Salem, recording secretary. All committee chairmen were re-named to the same positions they held last year, with Robert J. Boyle, Pennsville, being named to head The Catholic Activities Committee, to succeed the newly elected Vice President Donald Scanlan.

Treasurer Paul E. Donnelly, Pennsville, was chosen as Chairman for the St. Patrick's Day dinner program, to be held on March 17; arrangements are also being completed for the Division's annual Memorial Mass, to be offered on St. Patrick's Day, for all deceased members of Division #1.

Bernadette-- She Said It!

NEW YORK: Bernadette Devlin arrived here recently and held a press conference.

Asked if she intends to visit imprisoned Angela Davis, she replied: "Yes, I hope to see her." Why? "Well," she smiled, "for one thing we both have prison records." Bernadette reasoned that the blacks in America and the Catholics of Ireland have a common bond as victims of an economic system that keeps wealth in the hands of the rich.

Money being scarcer in Ireland than here, Bernadette decided on a speaking tour of the United States to raise funds for a Socialist study center in Belfast.

Bernadette estimated she needs \$7,000, but her itinerary would net her well in excess of that amount as colleges pay handsome four-figure fees to speakers of her stature.

Wearing red corduroy bellbottom pants and a print blouse, and without makeup she looked even younger than 23.

Four have died in the streets of Belfast since Bernadette arrived here to begin a 28-day tour of American colleges to raise money.

In August 1969, the Mayor of New York City gave her a key to the city of New York as a symbol of admiration which the citizens of the city had for her as a leader in the Irish Civil Rights Movement.

In 1970, she gave this key to the Black Panthers in New York as a symbol of her support of them.

In New York City, a group of Black Panthers have been on trial for a year for attacks on police and for bombing buildings. This Criminal Court case seems to go on and on since it began one year ago.

Welcome Aboard For Ireland



ATTORNEY PAUL O'Dwyer (left) and Joe Malone (right), Irish Tourist Board General Manager in North America, congratulate Tony Corcoran (center) on his appointment as a consultant to the Tourist Board.

Paul O'Dwyer, a member of the A.O.H. and a former President of Division 5 in Brooklyn, is the most widely known Irish born lawyer in the United States. A native of Bohola, County Mayo, he is a brother of the late William O'Dwyer Mayor of New York City.

Joe Malone is a member of Division 3, New York County. He is president of SKAL which is an International Organization composed of 24,000 Travel Executives in 70 countries. He is the first Irishman to head this organization.

Tony Corcoran, also a member of Division 3, had helped the A.O.H. for years to run plane tours to Ireland.

Brother Tom Hayes, Irish Leader, Dies

The following report was received from Brother Jim Mullally of St. Louis, Mo.:

"It is with regret that I wish to convey to the many friends in the National Order of Hibernians, the passing away of one of our stalwarts, Thomas F. Hayes, Division #1, St. Louis, Missouri.

Tommy, as we knew him by name, was born at Ennis-corthy, County Wexford, and educated in Ireland, that country which gave many distinguished citizens to America, including the ancestors of the great John Fitzgerald Kennedy. As long as Irishmen assemble to the Strain of Boulavogue or the Boys of Wexford, so will Irishmen remember him for his famous recitation, 'The Dawn on the Hills of Ireland.'

Tommy came to the United States as a young man and joined the Armed Forces during World War I, which indeed was a factor in molding his later life to the love of Country and his fellowmen.

In 1928, when DeValera, Frank Aiken and the late Mary McSweeney came to St. Louis to raise funds for an Irish Republic, Tom with professor McAnaster of St. Louis University, could be depended upon to promote it, and so he did.

When the depression of 1930 came, Tommy with a few others, formed The Irish American Democratic Club. Members were plentiful, nobody working, being successful in the election of Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann. Tommy was successful in procuring many jobs for the Irish, incurring the wrath of Irish politicians who were so anxious to split the pie, for me.

A man of many parts, Mr. Hayes served with the Internal Service Department for many years, still retaining his first love, Ireland.

During his young days, a fine athlete with his brother, Jack, they won the city championship in handball, in competition with great men of those days, Mike Cunningham of County Mayo and Mike Franklin of County Tipperary.

A great Hibernian, as President of Division 1, his leadership was an inspiration and diligently performed to long be remembered. As a fund raiser, he knew no boundaries; he was there. He served the division with

honor, distinction and individual credit.

His wake and funeral was a tribute to his immense popularity as an Irish leader. Mr. Hayes leaves a wife, Mary, to whom we convey our deep sympathy.

After a long illness, Tommy passed away to join the other immortals of another generation of whom he advocated their cause as a product of illustrious men.

May I in conclusion say that surely in some distant time when Irishmen visit the shrines of their illustrious dead, this lonely Wexford man's grave will not be forgotten, for here reposes in death one of Ireland's truest, bravest and beloved sons, Thomas Francis Hayes."

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New Cabinet Takes Office

At the annual Christmas party held at Holiday Inn the Ladies' Auxiliary of the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport, Connecticut installed their officers for 1971.

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The John F. Kennedy Division and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Bridgeport held their annual memorial Mass for the deceased members of the divisions on November 27 at St. Ambrose Church. Father Francis Deevey, Kennedy Division Chaplain, celebrated the Mass and Division members -- James Rafferty and Steve Roach, Jr. served as acolytes.

The Troubles In The North

by Dick Ormond, A.O.H. Cincinnati

In the field of international power politics these are very busy days. All citizens of this great Republic understand the difficult and dangerous, as well as delicate moves, which our United States must make every day to preserve peace in the world. We know that we cannot be true to the principles of democracy if we are to ignore the plight of the oppressed. Over in the Emerald Isle there is oppression. The recent tragic developments, in the six counties in the North-East corner of Ireland, has brought into tragic focus the unbelievable conditions that have existed in that area for the past fifty years.

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On Sunday, March 14, a bus tour to Arlington National Cemetery, followed by a buffet supper, was sponsored by the James Dugan Division. Shamrocks were planted on the grave of James Washington Parke

stiff breeze and the flags flying proudly. Thousands of people were in attendance an hour before the allotted time. Irish and American flags were passed out to the people by White House personnel and President Nixon's beautiful Irish setter was paraded around the lawn.

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were greeted by the President and Mrs. Nixon, Secretary of State Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Mrs. Ryan, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and other officials. The National Anthem of Ireland was played followed by the National Anthem of the United States. There was a 19 gun salute and the two leaders walked the length of the lawn to inspect the Honor Guard. This was followed by the official welcome from President Nixon to Mr. Lynch.

President Nixon made a good speech. His theme was Irish American unity and friendship. He referred to the words in the Soldier's Song, "Sworn To Be Free" and noted that both countries valued freedom for all men, and then he said a great thing--he reminded us that it was Commodore John

Base to Philadelphia to take part there in the 200th anniversary of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Our annual March 17 Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church. It was a very impressive service with His Eminence Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, past National Chaplain, in attendance, as well as Prime Minister Lynch and Ambassador Warnock. The sermon was by the Reverend Raymond Boland, pastor of St. Hugh's Church in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The banquet was held at night at the Mayflower Hotel. Mrs. Warnock, wife of the Irish Ambassador, was escorted by George and Margaret Zahn. Cardinal O'Boyle was a guest of honor and the Chancellor of the Diocese, Monsignor John Donoghue was also present. The speaker at the banquet was Dr. Riley Hughes, Professor of English at Georgetown University, a very witty speaker who also does the book reviews for the Knights of Columbus magazine. Thus ended St. Patrick's Day celebrations for 1971 in the Nation's Capital-Washington.

I did not personally attend any of the functions, except the White House welcome to Prime Minister Lynch, on St. Patrick's Day because the day was too much filled with memories of happier times when my husband was alive. Had he been alive, he and I would have been at them. It was always our custom to attend all the A.O.H. activities. Mike Dowd would not miss any one of them and neither would I. Most of the items in this column have been supplied by my friends. I am very grateful to them for their interest and help in keeping this column filled with news.

THANKS

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to thank most sincerely all the members of the A.O.H. and of the Ladies Auxiliary who sympathized with us in our recent bereavement caused by the death of my husband--Michael J. Dowd, who was National President of the A.O.H. for the term 1954-1956.

Many members attended the wake and funeral; many sent Mass Cards and notes of sympathy to our home at 3932 Livingston Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

We are grateful to the Editor of the National Hibernian Digest for "stopping the presses" and inserting in the front page a brief notice of his death.

This was done at a time not only when the paper had been locked in type, but also at a time when the first copies of the Digest had started to roll off the big press.

After receiving a phone call in New York City about Mike's death, the Editor telephoned the printer of the Digest in Canonsburg, Pittsburgh, Pa., and asked him to make a last minute change. The big press was stopped. There was no time available to write a long story. A section of type was cut out of the front page to make room for the death notice. Everyone waited until the news of Mike's death was set in type and placed in the empty spot. The big press then rolled again--but this time with a sad little story appearing on the front page. Mike Dowd, himself, when alive would really enjoy hearing a story like this.

To us, his family, it was better to have a brief notice about the death of Mike in the paper he loved and to have it appear in it near the time of his death than not to have one appear at all at



JOHN R. CONLEY, National Chairman Freedom for All Ireland Committee, National Chaplain Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, National President Edward J. Fay, Msgr. Vincent S. Burke, Allegheny County Board Chaplain at the Annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Breakfast in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

President and Mrs. Edward Fay Dinner Guests at White House

President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon invited our National President Ed Fay and his lovely wife, Dorothy, as dinner guests to the White House on Tuesday, March 16, 1971.

This auspicious occasion was called "Irish Night at the White House." Mrs. Nixon celebrated her birthday. Patricia Nixon's engagement to Edward Cox of New York was another special celebration. Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. John Lynch and Mrs. Lynch were the honored guests of the evening. The entertainment, direct from Ireland itself, was composed of the entertainers from Bunratty Castle. It was a history of Ireland put to music and dancing.

The same group performed for President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon when they visited Ireland in 1970. The guest list, on this occasion at the White House, included the "Who's Who of the United States of America."

The Honorable James A. Farley, former Postmaster General of the United States and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New York City was also a dinner guest for the evening. He introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fay to a number of the prominent guests including Vice President Spiro Agnew and Mrs. Agnew and the Cabinet members and their wives.

Ed and Mrs. Fay were impressed with the warmth of the Nixon family. Both agreed that the Nixon family certainly made all the people present feel at home in their company. Ed added that, "It makes one feel proud to be an American and to be represented by such a wonderful family."

Mrs. Fay, when asked about her impressions, said that the beauty and personality of Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters, Tricia and

that time.

Members, as a result of the notice, did not have to wait for two months before reading in the next Digest that my husband had died.

In memory of Michael J. Dowd--my beloved husband--I would like to continue this Column in the Digest as long as its Editor wants it for the reading benefit of members of our Order.

Julie, certainly won everyone over and that the President of the United States by his informality made everyone feel so much at ease.

Prior to the evening and dinner at the White House, Ed and Dorothy Fay attended a reception and cocktail party at the Irish Embassy upon the invitation of Ambassador Warnock in honor of Mr. John Lynch and Mrs. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reilly accompanied Ed and Mrs. Fay to the reception along with Father William J. Fay who is doing graduate study at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Jim Reilly is the National Chairman of

A.O.H. Immigration Committee. Many of the Washington and Maryland Hibernians were at the reception, including Lillian Fay, Past National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan, and Mr. Warren Downey, State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Maryland accompanied by his wife.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Lynch also traveled to Pittsburgh--the home town of our National President--before returning to Ireland. Ed Fay was among the Irish leaders in Pittsburgh who served on the Special Reception Committee that received the Prime Minister.

Paul Jeffers Ohio AOH Official Passes Away

Brother Paul Jeffers a true and dedicated Hibernian, passed to his eternal reward on February 18, 1971. A more true and dedicated Hibernian is yet to come along. just a glance around us will show that his neverending and untiring efforts were not in vain.

A look at his record: 1957-1958, Division Vice President; 1959-1960, Division President; 1964-1965, State President; and 1966-1967, National Director.

Throughout the years, Paul had a dream, that someday the Mark Heffernan Division in Akron, Ohio would have its own home.

His brother, Thomas Jeffers, tells us that: "On June 6, 1970 the dream finally became a reality. This day we signed the papers to purchase our own home and formed the Shamrock Building Corporation. Friday, February 12, 1971, Paul put his signature on the final papers to make the purchase complete, his dream realized."

Continuing, his brother, who is President of the Division, says, "Let us, who are left behind, rededicate ourselves to the principles of Hibernianism and bind ourselves closer to its ties.

This way we shall ever honor and hold close the memory of our beloved brother, Paul C. Jeffers."

"I wish to extend sincere appreciation to all Brother and Sister Hibernians for their kind expressions and sympathy due to the loss of my brother, Paul."

Paul Jeffers was well known as a valuable delegate at National Conventions. He had sound, practical suggestions and ideas. At one Convention, he displayed nice "Hibernian Blazers" for use by members anytime, anywhere.

AOH Supplies

Because sufficient supplies to meet the needs of our Order were not ordered during 1970, there is now a shortage of medallions, medals and other pieces of A.O.H. jewelry required by Divisions and members.

William J. Barthett, who began in January, 1971, to do the work of National Secretary, is now trying to replenish the stock of supplies in order to fill orders placed for many items in 1970 before he took on the work of the National Secretary's Office.

Hibernian Men Of Action



LEFT TO RIGHT: Joseph P. Sullivan, president New York County Board; John W. Duffy, assistant editor of Digest and former N. Y. County president; Martin P. Dunne, secretary N. Y. County Board; Patrick J. Thompson, president of Division 4 N. Y. County. Duffy and Thompson are former presidents of United Irish Counties. The four are seen here representing the A.O.H., as well as enjoying a night of relaxation, at the Annual Ball of the United Irish Counties held in the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Each of them is well known for years of loyal and active service as workers in the ranks of the A.O.H. These men do not sit idly around and wait for chance opportunities to run as candidates for high office; instead, they work constantly with their brother Hibernians at all kinds of program activities, whether that work is menial or otherwise, and as a result they attain high office because they earn the respect and support of their fraternal brothers. It is quite understandable how and why the concept developed that "the office seeks the man and not the man seeks the office" when men of the calibre of these four men are around and active in fraternal organizations.

Dayton, Ohio AOH's Are 'On The Move'

After the National Convention Dayton Hibernians were elated to hear that their President John Hoswell was elected as a Director on the National Board.

The division did not rest on its laurels. Immediately Brother Hoswell activated a committee to draw up plans for our clubrooms to be remodeled. The athletic committee put on a fish fry which netted over \$200 towards this project.

In September Bro. Hoswell addressed the Cincinnati Hibernians.

appointed Chaplin is Rev. John Boland C.P.P.S.

Brother Hoswell thanked the members of Dayton A.O.H. for their efforts in the past two years, and reported that with three members on the State Board and three ladies on the L.A.A.O.H. State Board, and with one National Officer, and our treasury healthier now than in years, Dayton looks forward to bigger and even more active membership in 1971.

Tourist Board Liaison Named

A very popular Hibernian, Tony Corcoran, former general manager of the Irish Institute in New York has been appointed a consultant to the Irish Tourist Board in North America.

Mr. Joe Malone, General Manager of the Board, recently announced the appointment from his offices, 590 Fifth Avenue, New York.

In his new assignment, Mr. Corcoran will maintain liaison between the Irish Tourist Board and the Irish-American community. He will represent the Tourist Board at Irish organization functions with a view to promoting Ireland's tourist attractions and encouraging more Irish Americans to visit their homeland.

A native of County Mayo and past president of the Mayomen's Association, Mr. Corcoran was formerly employed as supervisor of the New York City Transit Authority. He is a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, a charter member of the Emerald Society of New York City Transit Association, and a member of the A.O.H.

Mr. Corcoran who has lived in the U.S. since 1927, is a constant visitor to Ireland with his wife, Eileen, who is a native of Callan, County Kilkenny. Both of them are highly popular in Irish circles. Tony is a member of Division #3, A.O.H. New York County in which he is active. His appointment is a most popular one among all the New York Irish Societies.

CLEVELAND'S STOCK HAS THIS TO SAY!

The great Bill Stock of Cleveland, Ohio writes the Digest and says:

"Are you gonna leave me out in the cold...or will you kindly place my name on your mailing list, please? Thanks! They forgot to send me the Digest in 1968-1970. What happened?"

Bill Stock marches every year in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade up front with the Veterans of the 69th Regiment.

P.S. The Digest will be sent to him.

Death Claims Joseph McConnell -- Auburn, New York Hibernian

Joseph F. McConnell, Sr., 60, husband of Edna Wild McConnell of 24 1/2 Gaylord Street, died unexpectedly while on duty directing traffic as a Civil Defense auxiliary policeman at the corner of Seminary Avenue and East Genesee Street.

Mr. McConnell was stricken at about 4 p.m., after being called to action during the disturbance at the Auburn Correctional Facility.

Mr. McConnell was born in Auburn and had lived here all his life. He operated a restaurant and also was a food caterer.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Alphonsus Church and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Auburn, a sergeant in the Civil Defense and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving besides his widow are 10 sons, Patrick J., Robert T., Walter R., James E., Michael D., William G., Gregory P., Donald J. McConnell, all of Auburn, and Joseph F. McConnell of Kirkville; five daughters, Mrs. Kenneth R. Lull, Mrs. Donald J. Marshall, Mrs. John A. Caci, Miss Adrienne A. and Miss Theresa R. McConnell, all of Auburn. Also 17 grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. McConnell's wife is the President of Auxiliary #2 of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. Eight of his sons are members of the A.O.H. and five of his daughters are

Dick Ormond To Speak At Banquet

Dick Ormond will be the speaker at the St. Patrick's Day Banquet of South Bend A.O.H. according to Brother Tom Byrne who is "on the ball" with announcements from the James A. McDivitt Division in South Bend, Indiana. Ormond is a Cincinnati man who was born in historic County Wexford.

Brother Byrne states that things are building up to a grand climax to end on March 17. The kick-off will be the St. Patrick's Day Banquet to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 815 North Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana on March 13, 1971 with cocktails at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:30.

Our speaker will be Mr. Richard Ormond, fellow Hibernian from the great state of Ohio and an ardent booster of the campaign of another fellow Hibernian who has just been elected Governor of the state of Ohio, Governor John Gilligan. As is well known in Hibernian circles, Brother Ormond is also a past national director. Festivities will conclude the dancing to the music of the Eddie Jarrett Orchestra, from 9 until midnight.

Election of Officers took place at the January meeting of the McDivitt Division held at the Hans Haus. Officers to serve for the year 1971 are as follows: William King, President; Tom Byrne, Vice President; William Kelley, Recording Secretary; Bernard Doyle, Financial Secretary; Richard Wells, Treasurer; Bernard Donohue, Marshal; Maurie Hoban, Sentinel; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph R. Crowley, Chaplain; and Rev. Edmund Murphy, C.S.C. Historian.

Being just a stone's throw away from famed Notre Dame and the fact that our Division is known for one of our Country's finest and ablest Astronauts James A. McDivitt makes us very proud of our Heritage. From now on, we will be heard from loud and clear -- as we will write our own stories for the Digest.

Edward P. Hyland To Head Up NY Division 3

On Wednesday evening, January 13, the newly elected officers of Division Three, New York County, A.O.H., were installed in their club rooms by the New York County President, Joseph P. Sullivan. The Marshals were, Martin P. Dunne, Secretary of New York County Board and Edward P. Geoghegan, past president of Division Two and New York State Board Chairman of the Buy Irish Committee. John W. Duffy, past president of the New York County Board was chairman of the arrangements committee. The temperature was down to 7 degrees with threats of snow and icy roads, there was a big crowd present.

The following officers were installed: president, Edward P. Hyland; vice president, Judge William P. McCooe; secretary, Michael G. McGarry; treasurer, Michael Cusack; financial secretary, Frank M. Brady; chairman of standing committee, Judge Aloysius J. Melia; Historian, Judge James J. Comerford; Marshal, Thomas W. Lynch; sentinel, Joseph J. O'Reilly, Jr.; past president, William Burke; trustees, James M. Grundy, Michael J. Carty, John Driscoll.

Among the distinguished guests who addressed the 125 members and 23 guests were: Judge James J. Comerford, Past President of the Division, Past National President and currently serving as National Editor of the Hibernian Digest; Judge Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian and an officer of Division Three; John Lawe, Vice President of the Transport Workers Union and a member of Division Nine, N. Y. County; Terence Boyle, President of Division One, the first Hibernian Division to be organized in the United States. He was accompanied by the three Rogers brothers--Pat, Paul, and Tom--all Past Presidents of Division One. James Mulvihill, President, Division Two, N. Y. County; Patrick J. Thompson, President, Division Four, N. Y. County; Francis Beirne, Vice President, N. Y. County and past President of Division

ion Nine; and Thomas F. Donohue, past President, Division Twelve, N. Y. County.

The new president of Division Three, Edward P. Hyland, who also serves as treasurer of the New York County Board, was also elected as Aide to the Grand Marshal from New York County in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade for 1971.



EDWARD P. HYLAND

Division Three held their Annual Ball on Saturday evening, February 27, Michael J. McGarry was Chairman. Most of the Irish people living in Washington Heights and Inwood, located in the northern tip of Manhattan Island, were present. Division Three is located in this area.

The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary -- Division Three -- were installed on the same evening by Miss Margaret Callaghan, N. Y. County, L. A. President. Details later. Mrs. Sheila Driscoll is the President of this Auxiliary.

Division Three has not suffered from the effects of changing times. Both its activities and membership show a larger increase than what they were 10 or 20 years ago. Experienced leadership on the president level and a rather high percentage of dedicated members to the aims of the A.O.H. have kept the Division up on top. Their monthly meetings attract a large membership attendance.

members of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary.

The A.O.H. members throughout the U.S. tender their sympathy to Mrs. McConnell and family.

Div. 4 Honors Past President

Donald Johnson, Past President of Division 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians was feted at the Long Branch, New Jersey organization's Annual Dinner-Dance held recently at the Holiday Inn.

Johnson, a radar instructor at the Fort Monmouth Signal School, served as President during 1969-70. He presently serves as Captain of the Independent Engine and Truck Fire Company, and is an active member of Council 335, Knights of Columbus. He is a graduate of Jersey Prep, Jersey City, and attended the University of Vermont.

Awards were presented to Johnson by the A.O.H. County President, Joseph Meehan, and by Division 4 President John Hines. Also in attendance were A.O.H. State President Robert Fastow, of Carteret, and State Secretary Thomas Conroy of Harrison.

Johnson is married to the former Doris McCarthy. The couple resides at 152 Branchport Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey with their children, William, Joseph, and Margaret.

New Officers

A record number turned out in December for the election of officers. Newly elected officers are: President, Gerald Laffey; vice president, Bernard McGovern; Financial secretary, Thomas Kain; Recording secretary, Thomas McAllister; Chairman of the Standing Committee, Thomas Connell; Marshal, Fred Kelly; Sentinel, Tony Stoudt; newly

Lawrence, Mass. Auxiliary



SHOWN RECEIVING a check for Catholic Missions is National Chairwoman of Catholic Missions, Miss Margaret Webb by the former and newly elected presidents of the A.O.H. and Ladies Auxiliary. Others in the picture are left to right: Mary Hueston (newly elected President), Rose Conroy (past

president), National Chairman of Catholic Missions, Margaret Webb, Governor's Councilor Thomas Lane (past president), Register of Deeds John J. Buckley, (new elected President). Chairman of the joint installation was David R. Burk.

Bernadette Devlin Discusses Politics

OMAGH, COUNTY TYRONE: Miss Bernadette Devlin, at a press Conference held here, said that the time had now come to stop rioting in the streets and said that the workers, both Catholic and Protestant, should organize themselves to change the system.

Asked by an American reporter if there would be opposition to her because she was so far to the left that she was "almost Communist," Miss Devlin replied: "We are too far left to be Communist, if you speak of it in the Soviet sense, because that type of Communism is on the extreme Right. Soviet Communists are 50 percent Communists who want half-withdrawal from Vietnam and 50 percent changes here and there. We are, in fact, far left and they are far right. In fact, we are true Communists."

Research Center

Miss Devlin said she and her associates planned to set up a socialist research center in Mid-Ulster to make

available to socialist organizations something of the same professionalism already available to the Government and to the Tories. It would provide factual information which, to their shame, she said, they had not at present got in detail, to aid them in fighting their cause.

It is understood that Miss Devlin, despite a heavy schedule in the weeks ahead and financial difficulties in her constituency, will begin soon on the setting up of the research center and on the formation of the loose Socialist alliance. In this, one of her chief political supporters will be Eamonn McCann, who is chairman of the Derry Labor Party, and it is known that the intention is that the movement should extend throughout the whole country.

McCann is the man who according to New York daily newspapers was sent by Bernadette from her election constituency here in Omagh as a messenger boy to New

York to meet the Black Panthers with a special gift of a "Key" from her to them.

In August 1969, Miss Devlin visited New York City and was presented with "The Key of New York City" by the Mayor as a token of the City's admiration for her work at that time on behalf of Civil Rights Movement in North East Ireland.

McCann according to the New York daily papers met the Black Panthers in New York City near Union Square at 14th Street--a well known Communist playground--and presented them with this particular key. Miss Devlin has refused to explain or comment on this "Key" incident to American newspapermen.

Callahan Wins In Bridgeport

Joseph P. Callahan is the new president of the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Other officers installed were: Albert Murphy-vice president; recording secretary-Robert Allen; financial secretary-Richard Callahan; treasurer-William McMahon; Marshall-James Kissane; Chairman of Standing Committee-James Kerr; and sentinel-Michael Clifford.

Brother Callahan was born in Bridgeport. His educational background and training both in the primary and secondary phases were received in the local schools. A World War II veteran, Mr. Callahan saw service in the U.S. Air Force for a three and a half year period as an aerial gunner on the B-24 planes.

Employed in the passenger service division of the Penn Central Transportation Company for over twenty years formerly as a ticket seller and at present as an accountant in the Bridgeport ticket office, Mr. Callahan is a well known and popular personality in the Bridgeport area. Former business experience included a term of employment in the office of the Brooklawn Country Club.

A most active and diligent worker for the local Hibernian Division, Mr. Callahan has held the office of vice president for two years and as marshal for a three year period.

Martin Beirne Uilleann Bagpiper



MARTIN BEIRNE, Irish Uilleann bagpiper and leader of the famous Irish Blackbirds band was featured with the Rutgers University Concert Band in Newark at their concert at the campus auditorium on Saturday evening, February 20. Mr. Beirne, who is a native of Roscommon is one of the very few Uilleann Bagpipers presently in the U.S. This bagpipe is the traditional Irish bagpipe. It is not played by blowing air into it from the lips. Instead it is played by a bellows, held between the arm and the ribs, which when pressed in and out by the elbow blows air into the flute-like reed while the fingers make musical notes.

chairman during the past twelve years for all the Kennedy Division's dinner dances, communion breakfasts, family picnics and other social functions. His efficient handling of the ticket and reservation phase has contributed to the success of these affairs.

Other affiliations include membership in the St. Charles Holy Name Society-Park City Council Knights of Columbus-and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Mr. Callahan is married to the former Agnes Carroll and resides, with his wife and two children, Tim, a student at Notre Dame High School, Bridgeport, and Cathy, at Boston College, Boston, at Huntington Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Study In Ireland Dublin To Be Scene Of 1971 Summer Program

Brother Martin J. Murphy, a member of the A.O.H. in Manhattan, New York City will direct a study course this coming summer in Dublin, Ireland. It will be given by the City of New York Program of Study Abroad.

In a letter to the Digest, Professor Murphy says: "The cost may at first seem high but the University in fact loses money on the operation of the Program since we provide all room, board, transportation, instruction and activities. The major advantage to the brother's children is that credits are freely transferable to any University in the United States, including credits on a graduate level. I shall be directing the course and will be happy to provide further information at the above address."

All undergraduate and graduate students in good standing are eligible to apply. Students from accredited colleges other than the City University of New York may participate and have credit transferred to their home schools.

Martin J. Murphy, a City University faculty member, will serve as Resident Director. Lectures will be given by faculty members of Trinity College and University College, Dublin, and prominent Irish play directors, actors, poets and theatre critics.

Students will be housed with Irish families.

Six weeks during July and August. Air departure date to be announced. There will be a pre-study tour of the West of

Irish World Newspapers Dinner, May 21

The Irish World Newspaper Centennial Banquet will be held at the Commodore Hotel on Friday evening May 21, 1971. Many A.O.H. members are working on the Committee of Arrangements. The Irish World Office is at 84 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10011.

Judge James J. Comerford is Chairman of the Arrangements Committee and John W. Duffy is Centennial Director. Father O'Callaghan is Honorary Chairman. Martin Dunne, active New York Hibernian, is Chairman of Reservations for tables.

Miss Maureen P. Ford is the Publisher and Editor of this historical American-Irish newspaper. In private life, she is Mrs. John Enright. She and her sister, Miss Odele Ford are the granddaughters of Patrick Ford who founded the paper in 1870 in New York City.

The Irish World crusaded incessantly in America from the day it was first published for the Full Freedom and Political Independence of Ireland from Britain. It also was a spokesman through its Editorial voice for better working conditions and higher wages for working men and women in America. As a result, it joined the name "American Industrial Liberator" with its own name. In 1953, the Irish World bought "The Gaelic American" a newspaper which for fifty years had been the official voice of the Clan-na-Gael of America.

The Irish World backed the 1916 Rebellion in Dublin and supported Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Army during Ireland's War of Independence waged against Britain.

Ireland, including visits to Bunratty and Dunguaire Castles, and to Galway city.

The cost is \$925.00. This figure includes a \$25.00 application fee; round-trip chartered trans-atlantic air transportation; room and board during study session; health, accident and baggage insurance; cultural activities and excursions during the study session.

Students should apply by May 10, 1971. Applications received after that date will be considered as places become available. Further information and application forms may be obtained from: The City University of New York Program of Study Abroad, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, N.Y. 11367. Telephone: (212) 445-7500, extension 294; attention of Martin J. Murphy.

Richard Finnegan Is Div. 4 Chief

Richard Finnegan was installed as President of Jeremiah B. Murphy, Division #4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, by New Jersey State President Robert J. Fastow in ceremonies at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Assisting in the installation were Monmouth County President Joseph Meehan and State Secretary Thomas Conroy.

Mr. Finnegan, a postal employee, succeeds John Hines, a pharmacist, as head of the organization.

Installed with Mr. Finnegan were Jack O'Conner, Vice President; Joseph Meehan, Recording Secretary; John Hines, Treasurer; John Caverly, Chairman of the Grievance Committee; William Nelligan, Marshall; and John Martin, Sentinel.

Miss Alice Hahn was seated for a second term as President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Other Auxiliary officers include: Vice President, Nancy Cogan; Recording Secretary, Margaret Fitzpatrick; Financial Secretary, Agnes Duke; Treasurer, Helen Mrakovcich; Chairlady of the Grievance Committee, Ann Catney; Mistress at Arms; and Sentinel, Isabell Lawson.

Monsignor Paul Bradley, Pastor of St. Michael's Church, West End, is Chaplain for the organization.

Pennsylvanian Has 'Staying Power'

Leo F. Haley was elected to his fourth consecutive term as president of J.F.K. Division #2, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Haley is currently serving as president of the Schuylkill County Board and as state historian.

Other officers elected were: Edward Williams, vice president; Hugh J. McGowan, recording secretary; William J. Doran, treasurer; Thomas J. Heenan, financial secretary; Daniel A. Coogan, Marshal; and Edward M. Manion, sentinel.

Following the election of officers, a Christmas Party was enjoyed by the members of the Division and their wives.

The Division's first major project for the new year will be to construct a float to be entered in the "Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Parade." This parade "kicks off" the winter carnival and attracts some of the best bands in the East, including the world champion Cardinal Dougherty Band of Philadelphia. Last year the A.O.H. float was awarded a trophy for the best design.

Death Claims Ford Weiss; New Jersey AOH Leader

Brother Ford Weiss died on March 24, 1971, at St. Clare's Hospital, Denville, New Jersey. His age was 59 years.

Ford Weiss had been a member of our Order for 33 years. He served as President of Division 3, Essex County; County President of Essex County; State Secretary and State President of New Jersey. He was also the organizer and first President of Division 1, Morris County.

On the national level, he served on the Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee from 1952 to 1958. In 1952, he was chairman of the memorable National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In cooperation with the National Secretary, in 1951, he helped establish the central membership files of our Order. From that year to 1968, through his company, The AA Addressograph Ser-

vice, Inc., of Wharton, New Jersey, he handled both the membership mailing plates and the mailing plates for National Hibernian Digest.

He was a Newark policeman in the 1940's and early 1950's and was an instructor at the Newark Police Academy.

Mr. Weiss was a graduate of St. Benedict's Prep in Newark and St. Peter's College in Jersey City. He was also a graduate of the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the time of his death he was Circulation Manager of "The Beacon" which is the Paterson Diocesan newspaper.

He was a dedicated Hibernian, a devoted husband, a loyal friend, an outstanding Catholic and a splendid American.

Those wishing to extend their condolences to his wife, Ida, can do so by addressing her at 22 Hussa Place, Denville, New Jersey 07834.

Past President Michael Dowd Dies Suddenly In Washington

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National Board Meeting In Pittsburgh

A meeting of the National Board Officers has been called for Friday, May 14 and Saturday May 15 in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Send Your AOH News To The DIGEST

Brother Michael J. Dowd, who was National President during the term for 1954-56, died on February 9, 1971 in Washington, D. C.

Aged 77 years, he was in good health up to that time and was attending a public meeting in Georgetown University with his wife, Peggy, when he was stricken by a heart attack for which he was taken to Georgetown Hospital where he died soon afterwards.

As National President, he accomplished many worthwhile things for the A.O.H. He was a good Administrator and had the good sense to appoint qualified men to important offices -- men from whom hard work was expected and satisfactory results obtained. All his appointments were most appropriate for the work to be done and all his appointees produced the kind of programs and accomplishments which pleased the entire A.O.H. membership. Few National Presidents in the life of our Order had had the high degree of success which Mike Dowd had during his time as President.

As a Past President, Mike Dowd in that capacity faithfully attended all the National Conventions -- including the 1970 one in Indianapolis. He was a good "Floor Man" at Conventions and kept the convention business moving by making necessary and proper motions or by seconding such motions. He showed from time to time, great patience, tolerance and understanding with some new delegates who obviously were not steeped in A.O.H. tradition and who spoke frequently and lightly about matters that really belonged to the business of other Organizations and not to the business of the A.O.H. He was one of the most popular of the Past Presidents whether on or off the Convention floor.

At the 1948 National Convention held in Montreal, Canada, Mike Dowd first came to the National Board when he was nominated for National Director by his friend, Jim Comerford of New York and was elected to that office. In 1950, at the National Convention held in Boston, Mike was nominated by Father Tim McCarthy of Washington, D.C. for Vice-President and was elected. Terms for officers then were for four years. In 1952, he was nominated and elected again to Vice President of the Convention held in Atlantic City, N. J.

It was at this Convention that the terms of all officers, except the National Secretary's were reduced to a period of two years. And it was at this National Convention in Atlantic City that the delegates voted to buy a Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for the A.O.H. in America and that they established a Building Fund Committee to raise funds to purchase this Headquarters.

Brother Michael Dowd unselfishly started to work on this Committee and as Chairman of the Building Fund was most successful in raising and protecting a large sum of money to buy this Headquarters. He knew that the A.O.H. had a legal as well as a moral obligation to the subscribers -- both Hibernians and non-Hibernians -- to use this fund only for the purpose of acquiring an A.O.H. Headquarters, which was the purpose for which these subscribers gave their money and for no other purpose.

At the National Convention held in 1954 in Chicago, Mike Dowd was elected National President. In 1956, at the great National Convention held in New York City, he presented a magnificent report showing real solid actual accomplishments for his two years including a big membership increase and a large increase in the treasury.

At this Convention, Mike dramatically and truthfully pointed out that every National Fraternal Organiza-



MICHAEL J. DOWD

tion in the U.S. had a National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. except the Irish.

Mike Dowd worked hard for the elimination of the Partition of Ireland at a time when such a program was not as popular as it later became in the United States.

In April 1955, he as National President and Jim Comerford, who was his National Anti-Partition Chairman, sent a joint cablegram to Prime Minister Churchill of Britain on the eve of his retirement as Prime Minister. The cablegram opened with the words: "Now is the time for you to show your greatness and cause your last hour to be your 'finest hour' by liberating Ireland." Mr. Churchill had made a great figure of speech out of "Finest Hour" some years before that. Because the cable got much publicity, many inquiries were made -- due to the play on words -- "Finest Hour" -- about the matter to Mr. Churchill. But he "could not take it" and so got furious over the inquiries. One year later in a book entitled "Why the Irish Border Must Be," Mr. Churchill through Basil Brook, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, in referring to Dowd and Comerford called them Anti-British Propagandists in America.

Mike Dowd then in his own inimical way told the 1956 Convention in New York, "Well it's good to know that the Belfast Puppet Government as well as Churchill realize that the A.O.H. in America are on the job urging and helping the people of Ireland to continue their fight for full freedom."

It was during Mike Dowd's administration that the title, Anti-Partition of Ireland Committee was changed to "Full Freedom for Ireland." Many other Irish Organizations immediately followed suit by changing their Committee's name. In the 1950's, the A.O.H. Anti-Partition Committee discovered, because so many countries were partitioned, that the words "Anti-Partition" no longer were meaningful to Americans. And so was born the "Freedom for All Ireland Committee" -- which then had and still has a real understandable meaning to friends of Ireland. The New York National Convention in 1956 sanctioned the new name.

Brother Mike Dowd, who had been a career policeman in Washington, D. C. had

retired as an inspector in 1959 after 40 years on the metropolitan police force. Mr. Dowd had been head of the detail charged with protecting the U.S. Senate for 17 years at the time of his retirement.

The District Board of Commissioners twice named Mr. Dowd "policeman of the year" in recognition of his heroism. One of the awards was for capturing an escaped killer who broke Mr. Dowd's nose by hurling a flatiron at him.

Born in County Clare, Ireland near the Northern end of the county close to the edge of Galway Bay, not far from Kinvara in County Galway, he still called himself a "Clare Man." He came to the United States in 1914. He served with the U.S. Army in France during World War I and joined the police department after the war. He worked in Georgetown and then became a detective on the robbery and homicide squads before being assigned to Capitol Hill.

Besides being active in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, he had also been active in the American Legion and Irish War Veterans.

After his retirement from the police force, Mr. Dowd became an aide to Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming until the Senator's death in 1961. In 1965 he went back to work on Capitol Hill as administrative aide to Ohio Congressman Robert Sweeney.

Brother Dowd lived at 3932 Livingston St., NW, Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Meehean Dowd, of the home; three sons, Kevin of Washington, Martin of Silver Springs and Michael Jr. of Arlington; two daughters, Margaret Ann of Los Angeles and Maureen of the home; two sisters, Agnes Flanagan of Washington and Susan O'Connor of Galway, Ireland, and two grandchildren.

The members of our Order throughout the United States -- both women and men -- offer their heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Peggy Dowd on the death of her husband and offer similar condolences to all the other members of the Dowd family.

Mrs. Peggy Dowd is active in the A.O.H. Auxiliary in Washington. A Column entitled "News from Under the Capitol Dome" is written by her in the Digest.

After Requiem Mass was offered at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the earthly remains of Mike Dowd were laid to rest in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Father John Brady, Chaplain of the John Barry A.O.H. Division delivered the eulogy. The Very Rev. Donal M. O'Callaghan of the Irish Carmelites in New York and Chaplain of New York A.O.H. was among the clergy on the altar. The Irish Ambassador Hon. William Warnock attended the wake and the funeral mass with members of the Embassy Staff. His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Boyle was in the Sanctuary during the Mass.

The National Board of the A.O.H. was represented by National Secretary William Barnett and by James Reilly another Officer of the Board. Former National President Walter O'Leary was also present.

Miss Rita McDonough, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Lillian Fay, former Auxiliary National President also attended the wake and funeral

mass.

An escort composed of uniformed policemen from all the units in the Police Department escorted the Funeral Procession, which seemed to be endless, and provided a special color guard carrying U.S. and Irish flags.

Brother Mike Dowd assisted many a Hibernian who went to Washington for either business or pleasure. After talking to a member from another state, Mike usually said, "Should you come to Washington, phone me. Maybe I can help you." And Mike meant what he said as many a Hibernian who had occasion to visit Washington can verify.

Mike was a man of his word. He kept his word. And when a person spoke to him and listened to his conversation, such a person instantaneously felt that he or she was speaking to a man.

Michael Dowd is dead but fond memories of him remain clearly in the minds of all Hibernians. He was a good family man, a good Hibernian, a good Catholic.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary have lost a good friend. And so have many other people who knew Mike.

May his soul rest in peace.

Tom Connors Long Time AOH Member Dies

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Thomas J. "Dutch" Connors, a long time member of the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. Washington, D.C. and Washington, D.C. restaurateur passed away of a recurring heart ailment on March 30, 1971.

Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. joined by other Washington area Hibernians and friends attended the wake and said the rosary for the repose of Brother Connors' soul.

Mass was at St. Dominick's Church and burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Brother Connors leaves his beloved wife Mickey G, a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Michael A., both of Washington, D.C. and three sisters, Catherine Elliott, Mary Mears, both of Washington, D.C. and Evelyn Crawford of Mt. Rainier, Maryland.

A Message From Rita McDonough

Dear Members: During these troublesome times in Northern Ireland, we should all be praying very hard for a lasting solution to the problems they are having. We, in this country, sometimes forget how desperately others are trying to survive.

With this struggle going on while we here are planning our festivities for the summer, it is so hard to say have a "Happy Vacation" as long as people who are our kith and kin are being persecuted.

My best wishes for a successful ending to all your programs designed by the various units of our A.O.H. Auxiliaries for the benefit of our Order. -- Sincerely, Rita A. McDonough, National President, Ladies Auxiliary.

Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than in the one where they sprang up.

Joe 'Pop' Brennan, AOH Member 79 Years

Joe (Pop) Brennan, as he was affectionately known, has died. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety-seven. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for seventy-nine years. He was born in Orange, N. J. on October 28, 1872. Both of his parents came from County Roscommon, Ireland. Condolences may be sent to his daughter Miss Anita L. Brennan at 562 Argyle Avenue, Orange, N. J.

Joe Brennan became a member of Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Essex County, N. J. in February 1892 and served in various division offices until September 1916, when he was elected State Secretary. He served in that office until September 1932. In July 1939 he was elected to the National Board as National Director and in 1944 was elected National Treasurer. He served in that office until July 1950. In 1952 he was appointed Chairman of the National Board of Auditors, a position which he held until 1964. He has attended every New Jersey State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America since 1908 and every National Convention since 1919. He regularly attended division, county and State Board meetings.

In 1905 he married Bridget Gallagher of County Sligo, Ireland, and they had two children - Joseph C. Brennan, now Assistant Chief Engineer of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad in Albany, N. Y., and Anita L. Brennan, Administrative Aide to the United States Marshal for District of New Jersey. His son and his grandson, J. Robert Brennan, are members of Division 3, Essex County, AOH and his daughter is a member of Division 6, Essex County, Auxiliary.

He was the only living Charter Member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange. Also was the only living



JOHN M. BRENNAN

charter member of Branch 624, National Association of Letter Carriers which he helped organize in 1898. Was an Honorary Member of the United National Association of Postal Clerks and the Suburban Essex Branch of Postal Supervisors. He was also a member of the National Association of Retired Civil Service Employees. He had worked with the U. S. Post Office for 50 years and retired as superintendent of mails in 1946 from the Newark area.

Joe Brennan had been a member of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee of Newark, N. J. since its inception and was Grand Marshal of the Parade in 1941. He has marched in, or reviewed, every parade held in Newark in honor of St. Patrick - except the 1971 parade, because of inclement weather. However he did attend the Mass on the morning of March 17, 1971.

In 1968 - at a National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and its Ladies' Auxiliary bestowed the coveted John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal on him as the outstanding American, Irish by birth or descent.

Massachusetts Board Planning Annual Fete

The Massachusetts State Board will hold its St. Patrick's Banquet March 6, at the Lenox Hotel, Boston. The main speaker and the guest of honor will be the new Archbishop of Boston, Humberto S. Medeiros.

On March 14, the Annual St. Patrick Parade will be held in Lawrence, Massachusetts. This large parade is the work of the Reverend James T. O'Reilly, Division #8 of Lawrence, Division President John J. Buckley, and Parade Chairman David R. Burke. Last year's parade was a huge success and this year it is expected to be much larger in the units and bands. Last year's guest of honor was Senator Edward Kennedy and this year the guest of honor will be His Excellency Archbishop Humberto S. Medeiros of Boston. Brother Michael Quinn, Bristol County President, states that among those lost to the A.O.H. in Massachusetts and the Bristol County Board and Divisions as 1970 came to a close were: Bristol County Board Past President, Dennis C. Brophy, NO. Eastern, Massachusetts, a 50 year A.O.H. member; Officer of Bristol County Board and Division #7, New Bedford, Massachusetts, President of New Bedford Acushnet Bank, Eugene

Phelan, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, a 50 year member of the A.O.H.; and Past President of Division #7, New Bedford, Massachusetts, Daniel Hurley, New Bedford, Massachusetts, a 40 year A.O.H. member.



AN IRISHman Toasts You. . .
"May Ye never lack food or raiment
Nor a peaceful bedpillow for your head
And may Ye be forty years in Heaven
Before the devil knows you're dead."
Bill Stock
Cleveland, Ohio

San Franciscans Skip The Light Fantastic

James Hennessy, County Board President in San Francisco, announced that the annual dinner dance of Division #4 would be held on February 20, 1971. This popular and well attended event, featuring a steak dinner, will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall. Joseph Hannan, President of Division #4, is accepting reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hennessey also commended Division #5 on the gigantic turnout for the annual Mass in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy. The new St. Mary's Cathedral was filled to overflowing as the Hibernians of the San Francisco Bay Area joined together to pay tribute to our martyred brother. The County President also expressed appreciation to Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken for extending the privilege of allowing the Hibernians to be among the first to use this magnificent new edifice.

Brother Hennessy also congratulated Division #17 on the extraordinary success of their recent picnic. He noted that it was one of the

Miss Devlin To Visit U.S. Again

Mr. Scott who is the Editor of a Syndicated Column in "Human Events," reports that:

"Bernadette Devlin, member of the British Parliament, is planning another fund raising tour of the United States in February.

This time the fiery glamour gal of the New Left will seek to raise \$100,000 in the U.S. for a Socialist research center in Ireland and establish new links with revolutionary groups here.

Militant anti-war student and black groups in several cities, including the Black Panthers, are planning to sponsor rallies for Miss Devlin.

Efforts are also under way to arrange for a meeting between Miss Devlin and black revolutionary Angela Davis, a member of the Communist party accused of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy. Miss Davis is now in jail in California waiting trial.

Whether the militant Miss Devlin will be permitted to enter the U.S. to carry out her revolutionary fund-raising tour is now being debated by President Nixon and his advisors.

Immigration officials want none of her capers. They have reported to the White House that Atty. Gen. John Mitchell has the authority, if he wants to use it, to bar Miss Devlin from the U.S.

In contrast to this firm position, State Department officials see no reason why Miss Devlin should be kept out of the U.S. Her entry, they claim, is in accordance with the present policy of permitting foreign Marxists to enter the U.S. for brief stays. The Justice Department is still to be heard from.

Should Miss Devlin be permitted to come to the U.S. again, it will be interesting to speculate whether Mayor John Lindsay will give her a replacement key for the city of New York for the one he gave her in 1969.

After receiving the key to New York, Miss Devlin donated it to the Black Panther party as a symbol of her support for their revolutionary activities in the U.S."

outstanding social affairs in the Hibernian calendar.

Hennessy concluded by urging all Divisions to remind their members that the next National Convention would be held in Dublin in 1972, and since charter flights were already being formed we should seek new members. In order to be eligible to obtain a booking on a charter flight at a very reasonable cost, a person must be a member of the Hibernians for at least six months. This, he said, should be an added inducement for prospective members.

Brooklyn-Flatbush Has A New Team

Division #35 of Brooklyn, New York has elected another full slate of officers for the coming 1971 term. At the December meeting before a good attendance, the membership chose and installed the new team and adjourned to an evening of festivities. Our own Tommy Moane gave us some fine tunes on the accordion and Connie McKnight rendered some old and new songs on the fiddle. Many good singers were on hand to give us some old Irish melodies. Brother Larry Frawley sang "The Belfast Brigade" and his wife Julia entertained with some fine Irish step-dancing. The evening proved a great success for all those who attended.

The new officers are: president-William Carroll, vice president-Patrick S. Downes; recording secretary-Patrick McNicholl; financial secretary-George Breler; treasurer-Thomas McGrath; marshal-Michael Cusick; sentinel-Patrick Moriarity.

New York Hibernians congratulate the Hibernians in Flatbush. John F. Geoghan, former National Secretary of our Order, is a member of Division #35.

Wanted: New Members

WANTED--Men of Irish birth or Irish descent to join one of the oldest Irish organizations in the world.

Seems strange for the Ancient Order of Hibernians to have to advertise, but like most organizations, we are in dire need of increasing our membership.

Our National Organizer, John S. Devlin, in the September-October, 1970 issue of the Hibernian Digest asked the question--"Why do some areas with potential Hibernian membership never get organized?" Well, what are we to do about this situation? Naturally, Brother Devlin does not mean New York City.

All of us at one time or another have come up with suggestions for increasing our membership, let's not forget those ideas, but rather increase our efforts to a greater extent in this category. May I offer the following suggestions:

PAROCHIAL--Check with your local pastor for permission to publish your request for new members in the church bulletin, invite your clergy to your meetings, let him know you exist

INDIVIDUAL--Have each member bring in a new member--spread the word that there is a A.O.H. Division in the area.

DIVISION--Concerted drive by each division unit. Pep up your meetings, start them on time and terminate in good time. Arrange for good informative guests, also slides or film (i.e. Columban Fathers Program). If your division has a Newsletter, insert the agenda of the coming meetings, if no Newsletter, perhaps now is the time to start one. Collation after the meetings, it's amazing what little we know about each other. On a semi-annual or annual basis, have a dinner-meeting honoring the past presidents or a Hibernian of the Year in your locality. When a member moves out of your jurisdiction, how about forwarding his name and address to the A.O.H. unit in his new area.

PUBLICITY--We need it and need it badly. Communicate with your local Irish papers and your local radio stations, give them news about your organization, just don't be bashful at this stage of the game.

Comments, criticism or just a plain "hello" will be most welcome by me. Let's hear from you soon.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.-- Thomas P. Landers, State Organizer, 102-26 86th Road, Richmond Hill, New York, 11418.

Auxiliary Gives Generously To Columban Order

The Annual John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Mass sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of San Francisco, November 22nd in St. Mary's Cathedral preceded a brunch at the Red Chimney which was followed by the California State Board meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians presided over by State President Margaret Madden of San Francisco.

Reverend Hugh Conneely, Columban Father of San Francisco, at the invitation of Mabel H. Noonan, Past National Chairman of Missions, was guest speaker representing Reverend Richard Steinhilber of headquarters in Omaha. Father Conneely extended most sincere thanks to all members of the Ladies' Auxiliary in the United States and Canada for their generous offering of \$15,000 to be used in the many Missions of the Columban Order established by the late beloved Bishop Galvin.

Everyone was pleased to hear that Father Richard Steinhilber had been elected Superior General the week before at the General Chapter of the Columban Fathers in Navan, Ireland.

Mrs. Mabel Noonan, National Historian of Ladies Auxiliary sent this piece of good news about thanks from the Columban Fathers for the \$15,000 check received from the Ladies Auxiliary.

Dayton, Ohio Ladies Auxiliary



ON DECEMBER 12, 1970, a joint Installation Dinner was held with the men's division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Dayton, Ohio-Montgomery County at St. Joseph Commercial High School. The following officers were installed as the new officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A.O.H. of Division #1 of Dayton, Ohio.

In the picture in the front row are as follows: (left to right) Vice President-Mrs. John Hoswell; President-Mrs. John Gorman; Recording Secretary-Mrs. Thomas McAllister. In the back row are as follows: (left to right) Irish Historian-Mrs. Adolph Kuntz; Chairman of Missions-Mrs. Steve Donnelly; Chairman of Standing Committee-Mrs. George Daly; Financial Secretary-Mrs. Fred Kelley; and Treasurer-Mrs. Alvin Busse. Missing from the picture are Chairman of Catholic Action-Mrs. John Kiley; Mistress-at-Arms-Mrs. Daniel Mahannah; and Sentinel-Mrs. Bernard McGovern.

Also the Junior Division for girls from eight to sixteen years of age has been reactivated in Dayton, Ohio. In October, 1970, 19 girls joined and in November 4 more girls joined. There is now a total of 23 girls. The girls elected as officers were installed at the December 19 meeting. The President is Theresa Hoswell; Vice President-Mary Kilgallen; Recording Secretary-Mary Keaton; Financial Secretary-Terri Keaton; Treasurer-Kathleen Kilgallen; Chairman of Irish History-Maureen Kiley; Sentinel-Lorraine Hoswell; Mistress-at-Arms-Theresa Kilgallen; and Chairman of Standing Committee-Peggy Coogan. Mrs. Michael Kilgallen is Junior Supervisor and Mrs. John Hoswell is assistant.

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AOH NATIONAL BOARD, OFFICERS HAVE BUSY, SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY SESSION IN PITTSBURGH

AOH President Ed Fay Honored By Notre Dame Alumni Club

On Wednesday, April 15, 1971 the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh and the University of Notre Dame honored Ed Fay as their Man-of-the-Year for 1970. The dinner was held in the main ballroom of the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and over 650 alumni and friends honored our National President and his wife, Dorothy.

The guest speaker for this gala event was Father Edmund Joyce, Vice-President of the University of Notre Dame. Father Joyce presented President Fay with the highest honor given by the alumni each year. In his presentation, he brought out Ed Fay's accomplishments at Notre Dame and his dedication to his Alma Mater since his graduation in January of 1949. In highlighting Ed's career, Father Joyce brought out the fact that to his knowledge, our President was the first Notre Dame Alumnus to be elected National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Ed has been the Executive Secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh for the last nine years and this was brought to the attention of all the guests assembled at the William Penn Hotel. Also in attendance was another distinguished Hibernian, Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pete Flaherty, a member of Division #2, Allegheny County.

Our National President



NATIONAL PRESIDENT of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Mrs. Fay watch the festivities from the sidelines as the Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh and the University of Notre Dame select Edward J. Fay as their "Man of the Year for 1970."

received his B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame in January, 1949. He then did his graduate work at Duquesne University, completing his work on a Master's in Education in 1952. Ed was a Social Stu-

dies teacher and Football Coach at Hampton High School in Allison Park, Pennsylvania. At Hampton High School, one of his products was William "Red" Mack, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh Steeler, Philadelphia

Eagle, and Green Bay Packer football star.

Ed Fay, at present, is the Executive Secretary and Executive Director of the Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh; Assistant Football Coach at Carnegie Mellon University; General Chairman of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Pittsburgh, which is now the largest parade held in the City of Pittsburgh; Allegheny County President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is also a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, a member of International Serra, American Legion Post #5, Lawrenceville Rotary, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Father Joyce in his talk used our National President as the prime example of: **If you want something done and done right, always ask a busy man.**

Many of Ed's former teammates were in attendance at the Universal Notre Dame Night. Some of the Notre Dame greats were John Mastangelo, Joe Gasparella, Bill Gompers, Bill Leonard, and Leon Hart. They talked about the glory days of Notre Dame Football, the years after World War II when Notre Dame won 39 games in a row with only two ties and they were National Champions of Collegiate Football in 1946, 1947 and 1949. Ed was a Varsity Monogram winning guard at Notre Dame.

'72 National Convention Was Top Topic

The National Board of A.O.H. Officers held a most successful business meeting on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 in the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Twenty-four National Officers make up the present National Board. Their names appear on Page 2 of this Digest. Out of this number, a total of nineteen attended. Those absent were excused either for illness or for business reasons.

Because of the great amount of business to be transacted for the needs of 1971 and the urgent necessity of protecting the legal as well as the moral rights of members who did not receive their Traveling Cards within the time specified in the National Constitution, every session of the National Board meeting had a full agenda of matters to be carefully studied and handled wisely for the welfare of all the members of the Order.

National President Edward J. Fay presided at each session.

The first session lasted from 7:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. without a break on Friday night. The Ladies Auxiliary National Board participated in a forty-five minute joint meeting of both National Boards.

The second session opened at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and continued until lunch break at 12:00 noon. The third session convened promptly at 12:40 p.m. and ended at 7:00 p.m. --at which time the Board meeting adjourned.

The absence of social activities was very conspicuous at this particular National Board meeting. Priority was given to clearing up a backlog of work that accumulated after the 1970 National Convention adjourned in August.

Brother William J. Bartnett of Staten Island, New

Monsignor Wolfe Of Chicago Honored

Some 1100 persons attended this gala testimonial in honor of Msgr. Richard F. Wolfe now Pastor Emeritus of Visitation Parish in Chicago. Msgr. Wolfe served as A.O.H. State Chaplain for many years. Those paying tribute to Msgr. Wolfe included John Cardinal Cody, His Honor Mayor Richard J. Daley and past State President A.O.H. Judge McNamara. Leo F. Crotty a member of Division #55 was general chairman of this affair and the co-chairman listed many A.O.H. men and members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

National Treasurer Stephen O'Malley of Chicago was among those present to honor Monsignor Wolfe.

York City was elected by the National Board members at the first business session to the office of National Secretary. That office was vacant since December 8, 1970 as a result of the resignation of the Brother who had been elected National Secretary last August by the Delegates at the National Convention.

Much discussion centered on the plans now being developed for organizing the numerous details which are required to be made this year for the 1972 National Convention in Dublin, Ireland. These plans will soon be finalized in full and published in the Digest for the information of all members --both men and women.

The present situation in the Six Counties of North East Ireland was given serious attention and full discussion. An outline of a proposed program to appropriate for the A.O.H. in America will be made available to members this Summer.

Preparations needed for holding the Constitutional Convention during the week of July 12 in Pittsburgh were discussed and the preliminary steps approved.

Reports given by each officer -- whether elected or appointed -- clearly indicated that each National Officer has been diligently carrying out his specified duties for the benefit of the Order since the last National Convention.

Watching and listening to each officer as he participated in the business of this National Board Meeting was a pleasure. The individual approaches made to problems and the collective analysis given to problems quickly proved to an observer that these National Board Officers are men with Hibernian tradition and with a business "know how" as well.

National President Ed Fay is a lucky man to have such men working as a team with him for the benefit, welfare, and interest of the entire membership of the A.O.H.

The National Board transacted a series of business items to correct some inequities. For example, for over fifty years, it had been the established procedure of the Order to confer "Honorary Membership" on persons who could not be regular A.O.H. members due to their Religion or their Citizenship. These cases covered husbands of wives who were members of the Ladies Auxiliary and covered members of Irish Government Agencies working in the U.S. Each and every one of them had given valuable service on many levels to the A.O.H.

However, in recent years, these men were "dropped" from "Honorary Membership." Result: A small Civil War erupted in some families. The Board voted to restore "Honorary Membership" to these persons. No costs of any significance were involved by such restoration.

WILLIAM BARTNETT ELECTED TO NATIONAL SECRETARY POST

William J. Bartnett was elected by the National Board Officers at a meeting of the National Board held recently in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The naming of Brother Bartnett was brought about by the resignation last December of National Secretary James R. Sullivan.

William J. Bartnett, Jr. was born in the Bronx, N.Y. in 1928. He joined Div. #6, Bronx County, on June 5, 1945. He was elected New York State President, after having served as State Chairman of Freedom for All Ireland, State Chairman of Catholic Action, State Secretary, and State Vice President.

Brother Bartnett holds degrees from Providence College (R.I.), Dominican College of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C.) and the Fordham University School of Social Work.

At present, he is an Attendance Teacher, assigned

to Susan Wagner High School on Staten Island.

Married in 1956, he and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of three children: John-Dominic, Mary Elizabeth, and Martin de Porres. Mrs. Bartnett is currently serving as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Division #1 Richmond.

As Acting Secretary since January, 1971, Bill Bartnett faithfully started this work to protect the right of members and the financial standing of Divisions. He took two weeks of his Summer Vacation early in January in order to straighten things out. He is well equipped to do the job of Secretary not only by education but also by experience. In addition to having the "know how" to do the job, he has the facilities to cope with this type of work. In the basement of his home in Staten Island, he has typewriters, mimeograph machines and other equipment designed for office work. Skilled in handling these ma-



chines and endowed by nature with patience and perseverance, he will be successful.

A Uniform Traveling and Dues Card is issued in the name of each member, who is in good standing, by the National Secretary.

This card is most important. Those going to the National Convention in Dublin, Ireland in 1972 will need it. The membership rights of members must be protected by seeing that their "paid up dues" are recorded by the National Secretary.

Prime Minister Lynch Reviews St. Louis Parade

St. Louis, Missouri had the honor this year of having Prime Minister Jack Lynch of Ireland review its St. Patrick's Day Parade. National Vice President John (Jack) Keane is a member of the A.O.H. in St. Louis.

James J. Mullally, well known Hibernian, who is a personal friend of Eamon De Valera, the President of Ireland, reports that Prime Minister Lynch was well received by the paraders and spectators.

St. Louis Police Captain Thomas Moran estimated that about 90 Marching Units with 3,000 Marchers participated in the 90 minute Parade and that about 200,000 persons watched it.

According to Jim Mullally, the Parade was sponsored by the Sons of the Easter Rebellion, by A.O.H. Divisions No. 1 and No. 2 of St. Louis and by the St. Louis Notre Dame Society.

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Babylon Pipe Band In Need of Funds

Babylon, Long Island, New York is the place where the now famous "Saffron Kilts Irish Pipe Band" is located. Division 2, the sponsor of this Band, has only a small Treasury.

The Band is now requesting funds to provide some

new equipment for young Pipers.

Subscriptions, even small ones, of any amount will be gratefully received by James Sullivan, 12 Doncaster Avenue, West Islip, Long Island, New York 11795. He is President of Division 2, Babylon.

Pittsburgh Hosts National Board

On Friday, May 14, National President Fay convened the National Board at the William Penn Hotel. The National Board of the Ladies Auxiliary met at the same time and Rita McDonough and her officers reported that their meeting was successful and fruitful.

President Fay called on Ladies President, Rita McDonough and her officers to meet with the men on Friday evening. The ladies outlined how they felt about the cooperation that now exists on the National level between the men and the women. President Fay asked for suggestions on how the two levels of the Order could work in closer harmony.

The joint meeting with the ladies was the first order of business, then the ladies went into their own session.

Comments on the meeting by Past National President, James Comerford, was that it was the hardest working and longest session he ever attended on the national level of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The men convened at 7:45 p.m. Friday evening and adjourned at 11:00 p.m. They were called back in session at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, at 12:00 noon they recessed for a forty minute lunch break. They came back to session at 12:40 p.m. and worked until 7:00 p.m. Father Carey closed the meeting with a prayer for all the deceased members of the Order and those recently departed National Board members.

Highlight of the meeting was the unanimous confirmation of Brother William Bartnett, Jr., as National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the compliments to him for the outstanding job that he has done in his new position.

Going Up Ladder Of Success

Congratulations to Patrick Burns of Woodside, Queens, New York on his appointment to the Staff of Congressman James Delaney from Queens

Mr. Burns, who is a native of Darogue, Ballymahon, County Longford, Ireland, is vice president of Division #6 of New York County.



PATRICK BURNS

Pat is a worker who does not sit around waiting for the other fellow to do it. His appointment to the Congressman's Staff is recognition of his ability and his reliability. New York County Hibernians are happy to see Pat Burns going up the ladder of success.

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from



by Peggy Dowd

The March-April issue of the Hibernian Digest seemed to be a particularly sad one with the deaths of so many outstanding Hibernians. May they rest in peace. The day on which a baby is born is almost always a happy day, and so it was when Charlie Vaughan called us one morning to report that he and Ann were the parents of a boy. The Vaughans have several other children and this baby is going to be named Michael in memory of Mike Dowd. Charlie is the Past President of the Washington A.O.H. In our last article we told of the chartered bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery which was followed by a buffet dinner at the K. of C. hall. This was sponsored by the Dugan Division and Ann cooked the food for the 75 people who attended. Nobody knew this until we were helping out in the kitchen. Everyone had a good afternoon socially. Happy times in the past with Hibernian friends later through conversation become happy memories.

This month we celebrated the Golden Jubilees of two of our members in the priesthood. They are Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Past National Chaplain of the A.O.H. and Monsignor Edward Reach, pastor emeritus of Blessed Sacrament parish and Chaplain in D.C. for the A.O.H. and L.A. May God bless them both.

During Mike's wake, His Excellency Irish Ambassador Warneck reminded me that only ten days earlier Mike had asked him about having the law changed in Ireland that prohibits a person over the age of 65 from renting a car. Mike told him that our National Convention would be in Ireland in 1972 and that many drivers with excellent records would no doubt want to rent cars and tour Ireland and would be impeded by the law. We wondered whether this law applied to all drivers in Ireland and checked with the Irish Chancery. We found that the law was changed and that older people in good health and with good eyesight can buy and drive automobiles over there.

We have always enjoyed receiving the monthly bulletin from Division 35 of Flatbush, (Brooklyn) N.Y.

During the month of May, Miss Lucille McGarry died very suddenly. She was the sister of Vincent McGarry who is well known to many Hibernians around the country. When we left her Requiem Mass the sirens of fire engines responding to a general alarm were blasting and the smell of smoke was heavy on a day threatening rain. We said a prayer for those involved but didn't know until after returning from the cemetery that it was the home of Mae McCarthy and her late husband, James T. McCarthy. Mae was riding in the car with me and is a member of Number One Division. This beautiful home was only two blocks from the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

where the funeral Mass had been offered, and had been the scene of many Hibernian parties and benefits. When Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly was National President of the Auxiliary and came to Washington to attend the dedication for the Nuns of the Battlefield monument which the Auxiliary had erected, the party which followed was at the McCarthy home. Extensive damage was done. Five firemen were injured and her dog died of smoke inhalation. Jim McCarthy had been president of the Washington A.O.H. and president of the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic in 1920. He was born in Abbeyfeale, County Limerick. On his arrival in Washington Mr. McCarthy was dismayed to find his homeland represented diplomatically only at the British Embassy. He assumed the duty of trying to see that other arrangements could be made. It was with much pride that when the first United States recognition of Ireland came in the 1920's, the first Minister to this country, set up his offices in a building owned by Jim McCarthy. He was also the one who took our St. Patrick's Day Banquet to the Mayflower Hotel which was comparatively new in 1929, and where it has been held since that time. Up until that time it had been a small affair but Jim added a dance and he and Mike went around among the Irish like two salesmen because they wanted it to be a proud affair. They built it up to about 800 people where it remained for many years.

When we were in Ireland in 1968 the thatched cottages were just being built in Ballyvaughan in County Clare. This is a small village of about 150 people. It is located on Galway Bay. About two years before, Brendan O'Regan, (He's chief of Ireland tourism) said he had in mind to build some thatched cottages in little villages in the west country and would rent them to tourists who want to see Irish village life. He worried about losing the young people from the west country because there is nothing to do socially. They leave and the old people are left alone. He thought new faces on the streets would lift their spirits. They give something to the visitor. The visitor gives something to them. His idea has been a tremendous success. Requests for cottages have run 20,000. Now they are putting up a lot more in other villages but not too many to a village. Says O'Regan, "Not too many to a village. Four or five. It's not my thought to turn them into show villages. You know, with everybody running cute shops and dancing jigs for the tourists and looking Irish." I think the cottages sleep about 8 people. They have a big living room-dining room with a enormous fireplace. And it has an all electric modern kitchen. And the floor flagstones were heated underneath. No cold

feet in the morning. The cost is modest especially if divided among a few friends who plan to attend the convention first. Ireland is noted for its fishing and golf. You can be fishing in Galway Bay while you are singing the same song. Anyone interested should write to Irish-Rent-a-Cottage, Shannon Airport, Ireland to get a free brochure. And it is none too early right now.

Take care of yourselves during the summer. Take the sunbathing easy. Remember that Irish and English skin is very susceptible to skin cancer. God bless.

Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. (Men), Washington, D.C. held a Business-Dinner Meeting at the Kenwood Country Club, Kenwood, Md. This type of meeting is creating an increasingly favorable interest with members of the Emerald Isle Division and their friends. This meeting was especially arranged to provide an opportunity for wives, and friends of members of the Emerald Isle Division to get together. Brigadier General Geoffrey J. O'Flynn (Ret) of the Fighting 69th Regiment, Historian of the Emerald Isle Division, gave a short commentary on the very important and highly significant contributions made in the early development of the United States of America by persons of Irish ancestry. Mr. Art Brown also gave some information concerning the forthcoming Annual Hibernian Day at the Laurel Race Track which will be held in the fall of 1971. Rev. Anthony P. McAndrew, S.M.A. Fathers, Queen of Apostles Seminary, Washington, D.C. acting as Chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. A fine Waterford Crystal Vase was awarded to Mrs. Robert Bannon.

Death of Michael D. Harte

Michael D. Harte, aged 93 of 36 Elmira St., Brighton, Mass., a retired employee of the B. F. Goodrich Company, Watertown, Mass. died on April 5, 1971.

Born in County Sligo, Ireland, November 15, 1878, he came to Boston at an early age and settled in Watertown, before taking up permanent residence in Brighton some years later.

Brother Harte was a loyal Hibernian for 69 years and an Honorary Life Member of Division 14, Watertown, where he was admitted to Membership on August 2, 1902.

He is survived by his son, the Rev. James Harte, Pastor of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, Mass.; two daughters, Miss Mary E. Harte and Mrs. Helena Landrigan, and one grandson, Arthur of California. Father Harte is also a member of Division 14.

A concelebrated Mass was offered at St. Columille's Church, Brighton on April 7th, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. A large delegation of Local and National members of the Order participated in the Service.

'MISSING' HANDBAG IS NOT FORGOTTEN

The woman who had forgotten her handbag at the grocer's shop came back to collect it.

"Did you forget something?" asked the grocer. "No," she replied, haughtily. "I thought of it."

Nature has no beauty
Like the smiling face
of a beloved friend.

Anon.

Irish Consul General Whelan Of New York Is Promoted



PICTURED ABOVE are some friends of Irish Consul General Charles V. Whelan, who tendered him and his wife a farewell dinner in the Commodore Hotel, New York, and presented them with a silver tray with a meaningful inscription as a memento of their stay in New York. Mr. Whelan has been transferred on promotion to London with the rank of Minister Consul General of Ireland. Front Row (l. to r.) Hon. James J. Comerford, Chairman of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Consul General Whelan; Mrs. Whelan; Back Row. Thomas Kennedy, Public Relations Manager for Irish International Airlines; Joseph P. Sullivan, President, New York County Board, A.O.H.; Martin P. Dunne, Recording Secretary,

New York County Board, A.O.H.; Patrick J. Grimes, Grand Marshal, New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; Peter J. Campbell, Chairman of Bands, New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; Martin Killeen, Vice-President White Rock Corporation of America and Aide to the Grand Marshal, New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; John W. Duffy, Chairman of the Dinner and Toastmaster for the ceremony. Consul General Whelan is a native of Dublin as is his wife, Monica. He was very popular with all the Irish Organizations in New York and was most helpful to all those in the Irish Community who needed information about matters in Ireland.

700 Turn Out to Honor Margaret McAllister

A record A.O.H. crowd of 700 Hibernians turned out to honor Margaret at a Dinner held on April 24, 1971 in Michele's Restaurant in Brooklyn. In a City like New York, where there is at least one "Irish Dinner" and sometimes two every week, this was a big attendance. But only a Margaret McAllister could attract such a large gathering for a Hibernian Dinner and Dance. Every Hibernian who holds office in our Order on any major level in New York -- either in the Ladies Auxiliary or in the Men's Divisions -- attended this function. Members of the Ladies Auxiliaries and of the Men's Divisions from all over the City were repre-

sented by delegations. They all came with enthusiasm in their hearts to pay a sincere tribute to Mrs. McAllister for her many years of fruitful but hard work for the good of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Many genuine speeches of praise were bestowed on Margaret. She listened attentively but humbly. Being "a doer" rather than "a talker," she said only a few remarks, including expressions of thanks, when her turn came to speak publicly. However, those who know her, agree that she is a thinker who can talk up effectively at the proper time during A.O.H. meetings. Mrs. Margaret McAllister as a Hibernian Leader be-

lieves that at the National Conventions held by the men, suggestions from the Ladies Auxiliary ought to receive much more serious consideration as well as attention than what they now generally receive from the men delegates. For example, she believes that before the site for a National Convention is voted on at a National Convention that the delegates at the Ladies Auxiliary National Convention, which usually meets next door to the men's, ought to have some say about a Convention Site before the men vote on the matter. Says Margaret, "More women attend these National Conventions than men do. The women spend their own money and pay

their own expenses. Sometimes the delegates from the Ladies Auxiliary to their own National Convention found on arriving at the Convention Site, picked by the men for them, that such site was not satisfactory. The Ladies often found out that the Convention Site was not nearly as nice or appropriate as the men had told them it would be. The ladies should really have the privilege of expressing their views about Convention Sites before such Sites are selected by the men." Mrs. McAllister is a native of County Donegal, Ireland. She has lived in Brooklyn for many years.



THE PICTURE above indicates how representative of the A.O.H. this Dais was. Note that "King's County" is Brooklyn. Top Dais (left to right): Peter Tierney (Kings County President); Ann Irwin (Past National Historian); Timothy Ryan (N.Y. State Vice President); Marion Guilfoyle (N.Y. State Vice President L.A.); Hon. James J. Comerford (Past Nat. Pres., Ch. St. Patrick's Parade); Rita Murphy (National Vice President L.A.); William Bartlett (National Secretary); Rita McDonough (National President L.A.); Margaret McAllister (N.Y. State President, Guest of Honor); Lillian Wilkening (Pres. Div. 17 L.A. and chairman of the Dinner); Rev. Edward Lodge Curran (K.C. Chaplain); Kathleen Smith (Past National President) Rev. Hannon (Chaplain Div. 5); John Thornton (N.Y. State President); and Rita Mills (County Chairman). Lower Dais (left to

right): Sister Mary Roger (Sister of Mercy); Mary Collins (Past N.Y. State President); Lawrence Okeefe (N.Y. State Buy Irish); Marian Cuff (N.Y. State Chairman Catholic Action); Josephine Lynch (Chairman, State Historian L.A.); John Duffy (Chairman of Formation Comm. St. Patrick's Parade); Dorothy Foy (State Treasurer L.A.); Joseph Sullivan (N.Y. County President, Sec. St. Patrick's Parade); William Hulton (Past County President K.C.); Patrick Dalton (State Chairman Missions, N.Y.); Catherine Hanley (N.Y. State Chairman of Missions); Thomas Landers (N.Y. State Organizer); and Helen Fazio (K. C. Vice President). A great tribute beyond any question was recently paid to Sister Margaret McAllister of Brooklyn, New York City. She is President of the New York State Ladies Auxiliary

Troy Hibernians Celebrate Flag Day

Few people know that it was in Troy that the name Uncle Sam (U.S.) originated. The Hibernians in the Capitol District of Albany, New York on Sunday, June 13 held a Flag Day Parade in the City

of Troy. This parade gave an opportunity to all members of the A.O.H. and their friends to publicly show on the streets of Troy the loyalty which they have in their hearts for the Flag of the United States -- the Stars and Stripes.

HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN A NEW MEMBER?

First Feis to be Held In Pittsburgh Sept. 4

The First Feis to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will be on September 4, 1971 at the West View Park Ballroom under the Sponsorship of the Allegheny County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Edward J. Fay, National President of the A.O.H. invites all dancers to participate in the event which will be put in equalized sizes (not to exceed 50 per multiple). A set of prizes will be awarded each multiple. First prize winners in each multiple will then compete for the trophy awarded in that event.

Events scheduled are as follows:

- SOLO DANCING** - May enter 2 out of 3 in own age group --
- JUVENILES** (6 years and under)
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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Jig - Girls | 2. Reel - Girls |
| 3. Jig - Boys | 4. Reel - Boys |
- JUNIORS** (7 years under 8)
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| 5. Jig - Girls | 6. Reel - Girls |
| 7. Jig - Boys | 8. Reel - Boys |
- JUNIORS** (8 under 10 years)
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| 9. Jig - Girls | 10. Reel - Girls |
| 11. Hornpipe - Girls | 12. Jig - Boys |
| 13. Reel - Boys | 14. Hornpipe - Boys |
- INTERMEDIATE** (10 under 12 years)
- | | |
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| 15. Jig - Girls | 16. Reel - Girls |
| 17. Hornpipe - Girls | 18. Jig - Boys |
| 19. Reel - Boys | 20. Hornpipe - Boys |
- INTERMEDIATE** (12 under 16 years)
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| 21. Jig - Girls | 22. Reel - Girls |
| 23. Hornpipe - Girls | 24. Jig - Boys |
| 25. Reel - Boys | 26. Hornpipe - Boys |
- SENIORS** (16 years and over)
- | | |
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| 27. Jig - Girls | 28. Reel - Girls |
| 29. Hornpipe - Girls | 30. Jig - Boys |
| 31. Reel - Boys | 32. Hornpipe - Boys |
- 33. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** (8 under 12 years) Competitors must dance a Lead up and two steps in Jig or Reel.
- 34. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP** (12 years under 16 years) Competitors must dance a lead up and two steps in Jig or Hornpipe.
- 35. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** (16 years and over) Competitors must dance two steps in Reel or Hornpipe and one set Dance.
- NOTE:** Competitors in any of the Championships shall not enter in any other solo dancing at this Feis.
- SLIP JIG** - Free Competition for all Pittsburgh area dancers -
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| 36. 12 yrs. and under | 37. 13 yrs. and under 19 yrs. |
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- FIGURE DANCING** (Boys and Girls)
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| Under 8 years | 38. 3 Hand Reel |
| 8 to under 10 years | 39. 3 Hand Reel |
| 10 to under 12 years | 40. 4 Hand Reel |
| 12 to under 16 years | 41. 3 Hand Reel |
| 16 years and older | 42. 4 Hand Reel |
| | 43. 3 Hand Reel |
| | 44. Rince More |
| | 45. 4 Hand Reel |
| | 46. 6 Hand Reel |
- IRISH SONGS** - Competitors may sing one song and use own accompaniment. Must sing two verses or one verse and chorus --
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| 47. Boys and Girls (Up to 16 years) | The Minstrel Boy | Bendemeer's Stream |
| | Cockles and Mussels | Come Back to Erin |
| 48. Ladies and Gentlemen (16 years and over) | Green Glens of Antrim | The Wild Colonial Boy |
| | The Snow Breasted Pearl | Believe Me If all Those Endearing Charms |
- WAR PIPES SOLO** - Competitors may compete in only one competition -- Irish Airs and must submit the name and selection at time of entry and also furnish judges with a copy of their selection on the day of competition.
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| 49. Juniors - 16 years and under |
| 50. Seniors - 17 years and over |

Anyone interested in contributing to an Art and Needlework Display may contact Feis Chairman, Edward J. Fay.

The Entry Fee must accompany each entry form which may be clipped out below. Entry Fees are as follows:

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| Figure Dances | \$0.50 per competition |
| Solo Dances & all other events | \$1.00 per competition |
| Championships | \$3.00 per Entrant |

All entries must be postmarked no later than July 21, 1971. An additional fee of \$2.00 must accompany each late entry. Mail entry cards and fees to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 286 Main Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. (15201).

PRINT NAME	_____
STREET & NUMBER	_____
CITY & STATE	_____ ZIP _____
Competition by Numbers	_____
Names of Selection (Where Required)	_____
Bir:ndate	_____ Signature _____

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Easter Week -- 1916

Fifty years ago last Easter Monday, the Irish Rebellion of Easter Week, 1916, began. At 9 o'clock that morning, seven Irishmen signed their names to one of Ireland's most historic documents--namely, The Proclamation of the Irish Republic.

Ranking in importance throughout Ireland, today, on a level equal to that held in America by the Declaration of Independence, this document contains words which mean only one thing to Irishmen in Ireland--and that thing is Freedom.

The signers of the Proclamation, as in the case of the men who on July 4, 1776, signed the Declaration of Independence, though known then only to a relatively small percentage of the population, are now immortalized. Here are their names: Thomas J. Clarke, Sean MacDiarmada (Gaelic name for MacDermott), Patrick H. Pearse, James Connolly, Thomas McDonagh, Eamon Ceant, Joseph Plunkett. Unlike their American counterparts, each one of these was executed within a month by an English firing squad. The Irish Rebellion of 1916 lasted only a week after the Proclamation was signed; the American Revolution lasted for five years after the Declaration was signed. The Irish leaders were captured by their enemy; the American leaders escaped capture.

Death by execution is usually the fate of Revolutionary leaders after a rebellion, who are not lucky enough to win the first time.

Expressed by Irishmen in many forms and in many ways between 1169 and 1916, this word **FREEDOM** never was spelled out with such force and clarity as it was in the Proclamation issued on that Easter Monday, 1916--which in that year was April 24.

The English first invaded Ireland in 1169. Although Ireland almost constantly resisted, they still occupied all of Ireland in 1916; they are still by means of superior military force in full control of one sixth of Ireland today--1971.

Unlike other Proclamations, issued from time immemorial in many countries, calling for a rebellion, against tyranny and tyrants, the Irish Proclamation opens with these words of reverence: "In the name of God. . ." And it closes with another acknowledgement of the Supreme Being: "We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God Whose blessing we invoke on our arms and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonor it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. . ." Language like this could come only from men with deep religious beliefs. The men of Easter Week not only possessed but practiced such beliefs.

Easter Week was selected not by accident but by choice as the particular time for the Rebellion. The signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic as well as the other leaders of the Rebellion and the 900 men who fought as rebels in the ranks, that week, knew since childhood the real spiritual meaning of Easter; they could teach their would be conquerors from the neighboring island much about its religious significance.

As a deeply religious people and as outstandingly zealous apostles of the Church of Christ and ever since St. Patrick brought the Faith to their ancestors, the

Irish people had celebrated the glorious Feast of Easter according to Catholic teachings. Brought up in the Catholic traditions as exemplified in the home, the school and the Church, they clearly understood that the Resurrection, as commemorated at Easter, meant that Christ arose from the dead by his own power three days after His Crucifixion. As good Catholics, they believed in the resurrection of the body and attested to it daily in the Apostle's Creed.

The example of the Easter Week Rebellion aroused Americans, particularly in Irish organizations, to a high pitch of enthusiasm in their movement to win freedom for Ireland; their financial contributions and their moral support following the rebellion added up to a very important factor in the Irish freedom campaign. Heavy financial and moral support had been given even before Easter Week by the Clan na Gael of America to the leaders of the Irish Rebellion. The Clan, organized in 1867 in New York, was a physical force-minded organization; its money helped to finance the 1916 Rebellion in Dublin. Its ranks had many Hibernians on the roster. American aid, traditionally, has always been welcomed and received by Irish Revolutionaries. The passage of time in and of itself ought not be permitted to dim the memories of those who were members of organizations in Ireland that were the beneficiaries of Clan na Gael aid before and after Easter Week--financial and otherwise.

It was the sacrifices of the men of Easter Week, made with full knowledge beforehand that an immediate military success for their Rebellion was impossible, that inspired the Irish Republican Army to stand up later unitedly, firmly and effectively against England until England called a Truce on July 11, 1921. Likewise, the men of Easter Week encouraged Sinn Fein, the political weapon in Ireland for Irish independence, together with the many thousands of supporters and friends throughout the world for the cause of Irish freedom to continue the struggle.

It was the Proclamation of the Irish Republic that gave Ireland authority to have her Irish Volunteers in January 1918 become the Irish Republican Army and go into battle against England's infamous "Black and Tan."

After a period of 55 years, the memories and glories of Easter Week 1916 still inspire the young men of Ireland to complete the unfinished task of winning full freedom for all of Ireland; to accomplish this objective, they wish to win freedom for that last one-sixth of their native land--namely the Six Counties in North East Ireland.

It is their aim, their purpose and their intention to make Ireland "A Nation Once Again." Who would wish to dispute their goal?

A HIBERNIAN WORKER EVERY DAY ALL THE TIME

The New York State Board Secretary is John (Jack) Reynolds.

A resident of Lake Grove, Suffolk County, Long Island, Jack Reynolds has a great record of one hundred percent performance in all Hibernian work.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, he has deep roots in County Clare--but has been a resident of Long Island, N.Y. for many years.

Employed now for several years in Long Island in the printing department of "Newsday" which is now one of the Nation's largest daily newspapers, Jack Reynolds is a high ranking Labor Union Official in the Printing Trades of New York.

His wife, Nora, is an active and popular member of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary.



JOHN REYNOLDS

SAN FRANCISCO'S IRISH HERALD GREAT PAPER

A great 8-page Irish American Newspaper--called "Irish Herald" is published every month in San Francisco, California.

Many Hibernians read it regularly. Unlike the Eastern States, where many Irish American papers are published, newspapers with Irish news are hard to find in the Western States. Irish

minded people feel empty without news.

The "Irish Herald" fills this void with its news items about the activities of Irish Societies in California and stories about happenings in Ireland.

John Whooley, who is the Editor of "Irish Herald," deserves our thanks and congratulations. Hibernians salute him.

The paper is published at 2123 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

Our convention headquarters. . . the Burlington Hotel. . . Ireland's newest and largest deluxe hotel (a P.V. Doyle Hotel). Four hundred and fifty bedrooms with private bathroom, shower, television and radio. Plus luxury suites including the Palatial President suite. Rooftop restaurants and Penthouse Nightclub, sauna baths, heated swimming pool, beauty salon. And the Burlington is only ten minutes walk from Grafton Street. . . one of Europe's most famous and gracious shopping centers.

This is where our convention has room to spread itself in comfort. The Grand Hall has provision for three thousand people, large hydraulic stages, simultaneous translation, film and sound facilities and the provision for all modern Audio Visual equipment.

Some other hotels which our A.O.H. members will use are:

- * **Gresham Hotel** -- a name synonymous with luxury in Ireland for over 100 years.
- * **Shelbourne Hotel**: since its inception by William Jury in 1867, a hotel that has always excelled in luxury amenities and style.
- * **Intercontinental Hotel**: does not just attain the high standards you have come to expect of Intercontinental Hotels all over the world. . . it surpassed them.
- * **Montrose, Skylon, Tara Tower and Green Isle Hotels**: . . . all P. V. Doyle Hotels (as is the Burlington). In all these new hotels, all rooms have bath, telephone, television, central heating; sauna baths, beauty salons, boutiques, are just some of the amenities that make these hotels so popular.

Your Convention Package

We know that many of our members will want to stay a while and explore the Emerald Isle--the land of our forefathers. We have all sung songs like the "Lakes of Killarney", or "Galway Bay", or "Moonlight in Mayo". Now, these places are no longer part of "the impossible dream". So we have assembled a variety of "pre" and "post" convention tours that we feel would appeal to the majority of our members. Local dignitaries in the various cities will be invited to meet and greet A.O.H. members.

Details of the Convention Package, flight details and pre and post convention tours are listed below and are identified by code letters.

An application for registration form is also included. Fill in the details and send to your authorized agent for processing:

If your city is not included in the price list, contact the agent nearest you.

Your Choice

CONVENTION PACKAGE - A -
Departing U.S. July 23, returning from Dublin, July 29.

FEATURES:

- * Round trip air transportation from U.S.
- * Five (5) nights hotel accommodation based on twin occupancy.
- * Communion breakfast following Mass at hotel.
- * Business sessions.
- * Arrival and departure transfers by CIE luxury motorcoach w/services of courier and driver.
- * Cocktail reception at Burlington Hotel.
- * Reception at Dublin Castle - center of the Nation's official hospitality.
- * Farewell Banquet dinner and dance.
- * Shuttle transportation to and from official functions by CIE luxury motorcoach.

Hoswell Family Of Dayton, Ohio Doing a Great Job

National Director John J. Hoswell of Dayton, Ohio reports that the A.O.H. is in a healthy condition in Ohio. Keeping the Dayton A.O.H. Clubhouse in good condition is one of his immediate concerns. By trade, he is a construction electrician -- a

trade which he learned in Dublin, Ireland where he was born and educated. John Hoswell, who is the youngest man to hold an elective National Office, came to America about ten years ago and settled in Dayton where he resides with his wife and family. His wife, a very personable lady, is the Vice-President of Auxiliary Division No. 1, Dayton. There is a Junior Auxiliary Division of 23 girls from 8 years to 16 years of

age in Dayton. Theresa Hoswell is President of this Junior Auxiliary. **RICHARD MCMILLAN JOINS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Detroit, Michigan has sent a worthy representative in the person of Richard McMillan to the A.O.H. National Board. Elected at the National Convention last August as National Director, he brings

a fresh, crisp perspective from the Middle-West about Hibernian matters. His presence is a good asset to the National Board. **PENNSYLVANIA LADIES OF MARION COUNTY HELP OUT FAMILIES** The following is a special report from Pennsylvania on Catholic action made by the Marion County Chairman, Theresa La Rochelle, of Catholic Action with the

assistance of St. Clare Division's new Chairman of Catholic Action, Betty Cronin. Thirty-five dollars was donated by the Marion County Treasury and members and family to purchase meat, food and other needed items. Both St. Clare and St. Ann's Divisions donated a considerable amount of canned foods, clothing, toys, and gifts for the needy families for Christmas. Ten dollars was donated out of St. Clare's Division

Treasury to buy meat for two families. The County of Marion, with its donation, was able to buy enough meat and other food items to last three additional families at least a week or longer. Some clothing was purchased for the children of the families also. All five families were very appreciative and we were only too grateful to be able to help them in this way.

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RATES: (Airfare included)

Per Person:	Deluxe Hotels	First Class Hotels
From: New York	\$320.00	\$290.00
Boston	310.00	280.00
Chicago	355.00	325.00
Pittsburgh	357.00	327.00
Philadelphia	336.00	306.00
Los Angeles & San Francisco:	Contact -- Mr. Andrew McKenna 263 Pacific Building 821 Market Street San Francisco, California 94103	

5 DAY PACKAGE - B - Motorcoach Tour.
Departing U.S. July 14, returning from Dublin, July 29.

FEATURES:
* Round trip air transportation from U.S.
* Convention Package A outlined above.
* Ten (10) day pre-convention tour of Ireland by CIE luxury motorcoach, visiting Wexford, Cork, Killarney, Sligo, Galway, Limerick/ Newmarket-on-Fergus - including three (3) meals per day with special features - Mediaeval banquet, Taste of Ireland, Jaunting car tour.

RATES: (Air fare, convention package & Tour)

Per Person:	Deluxe Hotels	First Class Hotels
From: New York	\$577.00	\$500.00
Boston	567.00	490.00
Chicago	612.00	535.00
Pittsburgh	614.00	537.00
Philadelphia	593.00	516.00
Los Angeles & San Francisco:	Contact -- Mr. Andrew McKenna Atlas Travel Service	

5 DAY PACKAGE - C - Self-Drive
Departing approx. July 14, returning from Dublin, July 29.

FEATURES:
* Round trip air transportation from U.S.
* Convention Package A, outlined above.
* Self-drive car (Ford Escort) plus nine (9) nights accommodation at first class hotels throughout Ireland, excluding Dublin. You will have a wide range from which to choose.
* Full Irish breakfast each morning except in Dublin.

RATES:
Per person are based on two people sharing car and twin room occupancy.

Per Person:	Deluxe Hotels	First Class Hotels
From: New York	\$519.00	\$449.00
Boston	509.00	439.00
Chicago	554.00	484.00
Pittsburgh	556.00	486.00
Philadelphia	535.00	465.00
Los Angeles & San Francisco:	Contact -- Mr. Andrew McKenna Atlas Travel Service	

5 DAY PACKAGE - D -
Post-Convention Motorcoach Tour:
Departing U.S. July 23. Returning from Dublin August 7 (approx.)

SEE FEATURES AND RATES - PACKAGE B.

5 DAY PACKAGE - E -
Post-Convention Self-Drive Tour:
Departing U.S. July 23. Returning from Dublin, August 7 (approx.).

SEE FEATURES AND RATES - PACKAGE C

22 DAY PACKAGE - F -
Post-Convention Motorcoach Tour:
Departing U.S. July 23. Returning U.S. August 13. (Dates approximate.)

FEATURES:
* Round trip air transportation from U.S.
* Convention Package A, outlined above.
* 16 day post-convention tour of Ireland by CIE luxury motorcoach visiting: Letterkenny, Sligo, Westport, Galway, Killarney, Cork, Waterford, Limerick (Newmarket-on-Fergus). Three meals a day with special features - Mediaeval banquet, Taste of Ireland, Jaunting car tour.

RATES:

Per Person:	Deluxe Hotels	First Class Hotels
From: New York	\$795.00	\$669.00
Boston	785.00	659.00
Chicago	830.00	704.00
Pittsburgh	832.00	706.00
Philadelphia	811.00	685.00
Los Angeles & San Francisco:	Contact -- Mr. Andrew McKenna Atlas Travel Service	

22 DAY PACKAGE - G -
Post-Convention Self-Drive Tour:
Departing U.S. July 23. Returning U.S. August 13. (Dates are approximate.)

FEATURES:
* Round trip air transportation from the U.S.
* Convention Package A, outlined above.
* Self-drive car (Ford Escort) plus 15 nights accommodation at deluxe or first class hotels throughout Ireland excluding Dublin.
* Full Irish breakfast each day excluding Dublin.

RATES:
Per person are based on two people sharing car and twin room occupancy. . .

Per Person:	Deluxe Hotels	First Class Hotels
From: New York	\$650.00	\$546.00
Boston	640.00	536.00
Chicago	685.00	581.00
Pittsburgh	687.00	582.00
Philadelphia	666.00	561.00
Los Angeles & San Francisco:	Contact -- Mr. Andrew McKenna Atlas Travel Service	

Some people may be interested in the following arrangements:
H. Motorcoach tour of Ireland and Britain.
I. Self-drive tour of Ireland and Britain.
J. Motorcoach tour of Europe.
K. Self-drive arrangements Ireland or Britain with no hotel accommodation.
L. Chauffeur driven tour of Ireland or Britain.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES AND WIVES:

1. Full Day Excursions:
* Special AOH Radio Train to Killarney with deluxe lunch and dinner en route. Jaunting car tour of Lakes etc.
* Sightseeing tours to Glendalough, Kilkenny, Boyne Valley, etc.

2. Half-Day Tours and Activities:
* City sightseeing tour.
* Tour of Powerscourt Demesne and picturesque Enniskerry
* Tour of Guinness Brewery, Irish Hospital's Sweepstakes office.
* Shopping tour and special fashion show at Brown Thomas with morning or afternoon coffee
* Afternoon at the races
* Golf - over 27 courses within Dublin area

3. Special Luncheon Spots:
* Clontarf Castle - Mediaeval meal and entertainment.
* Buffet luncheon at Dublin Zoo
* Special Molly Malone luncheon at Jury's Hotel featuring traditional Irish food and entertainment.
* Other special type lunch at an Irish pub, etc.
4. Evening Fare:
* Evening at the famed Abbey Theatre with after-theatre supper
* Delightful light-hearted Irish cabaret show at Jury's Hotel, dinner included.
* Ballads, ballads and more ballads at the Abbey Tavern in Howth - famed singing pub.
* Night at the Dolphin with variety show or cabaret show and dancing at the Green Isle or Clarence Hotel
* Greyhound racing, pub crawling, mediaeval banquet at Clontarf Castle and lots more to choose from.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS CONVENTION PROGRAM

Monday July 24:	Afternoon: Registration Evening: Welcome Cocktail Reception.
Tuesday July 25:	9:00 a.m. Attend A.O.H. Mass 10:00 a.m. Communion Breakfast 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Business sessions 8:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m. Cocktail Reception
Wednesday July 26:	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Business sessions 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Business sessions 9:00 p.m. Reception at Dublin Castle
Thursday July 27:	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Business sessions. 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Elections 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. A.O.H. Gala Night-Cocktail Reception 7:00 p.m. Banquet dinner and dancing.

OFFICIAL CONVENTION AGENTS

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821 Market Street,
San Francisco, Calif. 94103

Cut this out and send it to one of the above listed authorized agents.

Application for Registration Form (s)

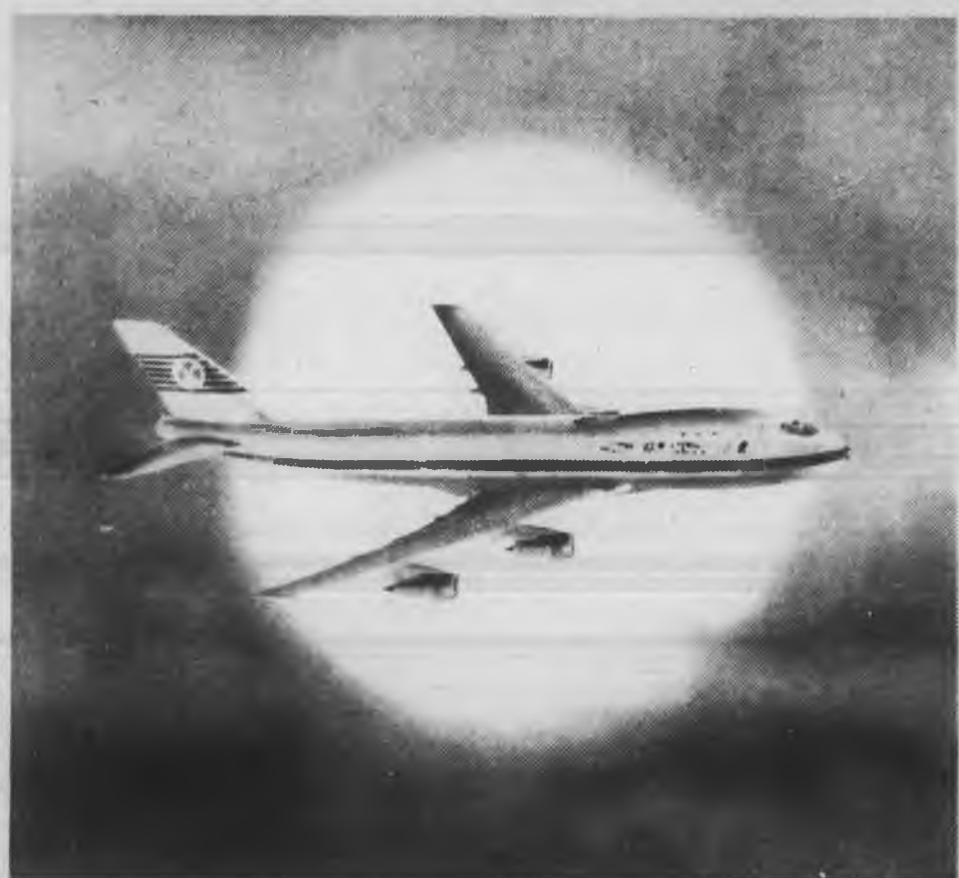
Please send me _____ registration form(s) for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Convention - Dublin, Ireland, July 24-28, 1972.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

If you're leaving from an airport named Kennedy, you deserve an Irish send-off.



*You also deserve a smooth flight
—you'll get one!*

And we'll give you one with all the proper trimmings. Because we're Irish-Aer Lingus, the Irish International Airline, and who should know more about doing things the Irish way?

The Irish 747's

Take our new 747's, for example. We don't offer you just another big plane. Instead, we've divided the interior of each Irish 747 into 5 distinct sections.



*You deserve a good meal
—you'll get it!*

Each with its own hostesses. After all, we don't have much in the way of crowds or traffic jams in Ireland, so we aren't about to have them on our planes.

You also deserve the attention of a lovely Irish colleen like her. You'll have it.



New facilities at JFK

To match the room and comfort of our 747's, we've equally roomy and comfortable quarters at Kennedy. Over 25,000 square feet of space in which to lounge, chat and say fond farewells. There are more check-in facilities and more personnel to man them.

The most flights to Ireland

Of course, we have them. More flights to Ireland than all the other airlines combined. Almost any time you want. And we have the only direct service to Dublin.

Whether you fly our 707's or our 747's, we're sure you'll enjoy your flight. And you'll especially enjoy where it takes you—home.



But, most of all, you deserve the Ireland you love.



And you deserve a warm and friendly atmosphere.



IRISH-AER LINGUS

IRISH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES



MR. JAMES A. Reilly, Chairman, National Immigration Committee, AOH, representing Mr. Edward Fay, National President, places the National Board wreath on the tomb of John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery. Those assisting at the services were from left to right: General William Flood, Chairman, Arlington Ceremony Committee; Miss M. Patti Flynn, Vice President, District Board, LAAOH; Mr. Jack Keefe, President, District Board, AOH; Mr. Reilly; Mr. Edward Ryan, President, Division 1, Northern Virginia.

That Big Little Man-Pete Bulfin

Members of the A.O.H. in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York are lucky to have that human dynamo named Peter Bulfin in their ranks. A great organizer of pro-



PETER BULFIN

grams for Hibernian benefits, Peter Bulfin works hard for the welfare of our Order.

Peter first saw the light of day in a famous village in County Tipperary, named "The Horse and Jockey." Located at a cross roads where the Thurles-Cashel Road crosses the Cashel-Kilkenny Road, it was and is a bustling place for business. Farmers from the rich soil in the area, after working a hot day in the fields, quenched their thirsts at "The Horse and Jockey" and enjoyed themselves in the cool of the evening singing the "Cruiskeen Lawn" and "The Felons of Our Land."

A very successful businessman in his own right, Peter has just opened a new restaurant on Kismet Beach, Fire Island and has named it "The Green Isle." He still retains ownership of his original restaurant in Islip, Suffolk, which is called "Collins's."

AOH News

Hibernians wish and want to read A.O.H. news. Put the stories about the social activities of your division and Auxiliary on paper and mail them to the Digest Editor.

AOH Asked to Aid Friends Of Connaught Rangers

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Through the media of National, State and Provincial Conventions, I made an appeal for financial help to defray the expenses of bringing back the remains of James Daly who was executed by the English Government in India in 1920 and of Privates Sears, Miranda, and Smythe who died of wounds received when they all mutinied far from home, to protest (against) the atrocities perpetrated upon the Irish people by the English Government during the terrible years of the War of Independence. All four were Irish born soldiers serving in the Connaught Rangers Regiment of the British Army then stationed in India.

I have received only \$225.00--all from the state of Connecticut--and a promise of \$100.00 from the National Convention held in Indianapolis in August 1970.

The families of the deceased men want no subsidies from the Irish Government or Irish Political Parties but they will accept financial help from the A.O.H. in America and from the National Grave's Association which secured the repatriation of Roger Casment, Peter Barnes, James McCormick and the heroic priests of the Black & Tan Terror, Father Albert and Father Dominick.

The remains of the four gallant Connaught Rangers arrived from India on October 30, 1970. But there is still a large debt owed for expenses. Because funds are still sorely needed, I do appeal once again to the generosity and patriotism of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Subscriptions may be made direct to me at 1314 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, 06902. Make checks payable to Connaught Ranger Fund.--Sincerely and Fraternally, Patrick Hogan, Former National President.

Constitution Delegates Please Take Notice!

Delegates to the National Constitution Convention of the A.O.H. will be in session from Monday, July 12 to Friday evening, July 16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Convention is to amend the Constitution and Ritual, wherever such amendment of sections is considered necessary.

The main purpose, of course, is to update both

the Ritual and the Constitution. No other business will be transacted.

St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh will be the site of this Convention. Only Delegates named to the Convention will be present. Visitors will not be permitted at any meetings.

Members of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary will not be participating in this Constitutional Convention.

Winners of Ladies National Essay Contest Announced

National Historian Mabel H. Noonan has released the names of the ten winners of the Ladies National Essay Contest conducted among both High School and Elementary students. Essays were received from State Chairmen of California, Canada, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

The five winners selected from the High School entrants were: 1. Bruce Niemans, St. Lawrence College, Quebec, Canada; 2. Pam Haughwout, St. Mary's High School, Greenwich, Connecticut; 3. Phoebe McCoy, Roger's High School, Newport, Rhode Island; 4. (Submitted by New Jersey) Kathleen Rafferty, Notre Dame High School, Easton, Pennsylvania; 5. Mark Patterson, Mount Saint Charles Academy, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Elementary winners were: 1. Margaret Cushing, St. Patrick's School, Baltimore, Maryland; 2. Brigid A. Curtin, St. Mark's School, St. Paul, Minnesota; 3. Patricia E. Maher, Notre Dame School, Naussau, New York; 4. Johce M. Botelho, St. Mary's School, Newport, Rhode Island; 5. Maureen Boyd, St. Mel's School, Fair Oaks, California.

The hard but gratifying job of judging the winning essays was admirable handled by the following panel of National Judges: Rev. Edward R. Boland, S. J., Hibernian Irish Library, University of Santa Clara; Rev. Charles A. McQuillan, S. J., Philosophy Department (Ret.), University of Santa Clara; Rev. Joseph M. Geary, S. J., Chairman, Classics Department, Bellarmine College Preparatory, County Chaplain, A.O.H.; Miss Beryl Hoskin, M.A., Reference Librarian, University of Santa Clara; James E. Wade, Ph.D. (English); Professor of Business; San Jose State College; Rev. John C. Geary, S.J., Instructor Classical Languages; Bellarmine College Preparatory; Division Chaplain, A.O.H.; Mrs. Aileen H. Miner, A.B.: English and Speech; Jr. High-Elementary Teacher (Ret.).

Mrs. Cecelia Costello Dies

Cecilia McHugh Costello, a former president of the Emerald Isle division of the Washington, D. C. Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, died at her home, 8510 16th St., Silver Spring, apparently after a heart attack.

A native of Washington, Mrs. Costello was a grad-

Div.3 Manhattan Has Plenty on the Ball

Division 3 of Manhattan, New York County, is proud to announce that an article written by Brother Peter J. Campbell of Div. 3 has been published in "Aquarius" an Irish magazine. This magazine is published by the Servite Fathers in Benburb, County Tyrone. By purchasing it, you would support the priests of Benburb. Copies will be available at Tara Gift Shop on 207th Street off Broadway or at Jeannie Campbells, 5008 Broadway, New York City.

President Edward P. Hyland is pleased to appoint as Chairman for Division 3's Annual Ball, 1972, Brother Michael Frawley.

Masses for the Deceased Members of Division 3 will be held at Incarnation Church on the following dates: Saturday, July 10, at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday, August 14, at 7:00 a.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Division 3 had their annual drawing on a "Basket of Cheer." This is their main source of revenue. The Ladies are pleased with the financial results.

Division 3 under the Presidency of Ed Hyland has plenty "on the ball" all the time with big monthly meetings and useful programs. Membership is increasing every month, dues payment comes in regularly, and reports of all kinds are submitted on time to all concerned.

The energetic Secretary of Division 3, Brother Michael J. McGarry keeps business moving in between meetings. A native New Yorker born on "The West Side" around St. Gregory's Parish, he could be easily and fairly called "a Secretary's Secretary," who does things and also gets things done.

'72 National Convention To Be in Dublin, Ireland

Attention Men and Women of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Lend us your eyes now to read this announcement and your ears later to hear from your officers.

The time has come for men and women of A.O.H. County Boards, State Boards, District and Provincial Boards, as well as

National and other interested National Officers and other interested Hibernians* to be getting ready for the 1972 National Convention which will be held in Dublin, Ireland, during the last week of July, 1972.

Full details in next Digest. In the meantime, save money for the trip. Find out how many of your members will want to fly.

Division 3 New York Grows Bigger

Strange things sometimes happen.

Five foot nine Eddie Hyland now stands ten foot tall since he heard that his Division #3 of New York County has become the largest division in New York City.

Eddie, a native New Yorker, is President of Division #3.

Yonkers, N.Y. Stages Parade To Please All

The City of Yonkers, New York, had an excellent St. Patrick's Day Parade. It pleased everyone.

Sean Kelly, a native son of County Tyrone, was Parade Chairman.

A Parade of marching people and top notch marching bands, it was impressive, dignified, and Irish.

Sponsored by The Myles Scully A.O.H. Division of Yonkers, as it has been for years, this Parade personified Irish cultural traditions and American pride in those traditions. As a marcher said, "This parade is for real. Irish all the way to American cheers. We don't want 'Stage Irishmen' with floats acting the part of the 'Stage Irishman.'" The A.O.H. gave them the boot a long time ago in this part of the country.

Sean Kelly received well deserved praise from the Citizens of Yonkers for giving them an Irish Parade worthy of St. Patrick and of Ireland and also of the American Irish.

Edward Callanan Is Catholic Action Head

Edward Fay, some time ago, named Edward F. Callanan of San Francisco, California to carry out the A.O.H. Catholic Action Program.

Edward Callanan is Professor of Labor and Public Relations at the University of San Francisco. He is a former A.O.H. National Director.

The Ladies Auxiliary still remembers Mollie Callanan of California who for years was one of their National Officers. She is very well and sends her best wishes to the Ladies. Ed is her nephew.

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Mr. Bill Stock Is Here Again

Bill Stock of Cleveland suggests that Hibernians memorize:

An Irishman Toasts You
"May Ye never lack food or raiment
Nor a peaceful bed pillow for your head
And may Ye be forty years in Heaven
Before the devil knows You're dead"

D. W. (Bill) Stock is a publicity and public relations Hibernian who was awarded the Graphic Arts "Man of the Year" Citation for fresh and workable ideas. He lives like one of the fabled Irish Kings at 17307 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44135.

New Divisions Installed by President Fay

On Friday, May 28, 1971, National President, Ed Fay, installed the new Greentree Pennsylvania Division #4. The National President along with his brother, Joe Fay, who is the Athletic Director of the Allegheny County Board and John R. Conley who is the National Chairman Of The Freedom For All Ireland, have been working since last March on the forming of the new Greentree Division. The meeting was held in the beautiful Greentree American Legion Hall, Division #4, meetings will be held in this hall. Most of the new members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are also members of this very active and progressive Post. The plans for formulating the new Greentree Division stemmed from a gala St. Patrick's Party that was held on Saturday, March 13, the night of the gigantic St. Patrick's Parade in Pittsburgh, Joe Fay organized a Fay Family party group for this affair and it was at this gathering that the new President of the Greentree Division, Dan Deasey, along with Joe and Ed Fay formulated plans for the new Division.

Brother William J. Collins, Chairman of the Kennedy Medal Committee, Dan Bradley, Allegheny County Organizer and his brother, Tom Bradley, Chairman of Allegheny County Board Building Committee, helped to install Division #4.

On Thursday evening, June 17, 1971, National President, Ed Fay, installed the new Swissvale Division #5 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the Swissvale American Legion Hall on Park Avenue in Swissvale, Pennsylvania. President Fay has been working since February of this year on the formation of the new Division #5 with Ronald "Bo" Bryan who is the Grand Jury Clerk for the District Attorney of Allegheny County. Brother John R. Conley and Brother Jack Murray of Division #15 of Hazelwood, were very active in helping to organize the new Division. Present for the installation of the new officers and the Division were National Board Directors: John R. Conley, William J. Collins; Allegheny County Board Officers: Edward Kelly, Joe Fay, Dan Bradley, Tom Bradley, and Division #2 officer, Tom Collins. After the meeting and installation of new officers of Division #5, a grand time was had at a social where the National Officers had a chance to meet the new members individually.

President Fay when commenting on these new Divisions mentioned the fact a great cross section of Irish make up these two Divisions. Both Divisions have a number of professional and average working people to make both new Divisions strong and healthy. Our President mentioned the fact that many men want to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians, others want to form new Divisions. All that is needed is to ask people who are Irish and Catholic to become members. In Indianapolis, Ed Fay asked all assembled to secure new members. He is now proving that he will work towards leading the membership drive that he feels is so important.

In closing, the President wants to know who you asked this week to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the greatest Catholic Fraternal Order in the world. He challenges you to ask Irish Catholics to join our Order.

Brief Notes From Watertown, Mass.

Division 14 of Watertown, Massachusetts reports: "Our Chaplain Father Dan Cronin is attaining 25 years of his forever this year, 1971. A special letter will be forthcoming soon with plans for his fellow Hibernians to pay honor to Father Cronin."

"Our sincere sympathy to the families of Brothers Thomas Hanley and Michael Hart who passed away in April. Both Brothers were members for more than 50 years. "Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

Brother Walter J. O'Leary who was National A.O.H. President, 1966-1968, is a member of this Division.

NASSAU COUNTY HOLDS DANCE

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in Nassau County held their annual Spring Dance on Saturday evening, May 15, 1971 at the Irish-American Center, 297 Willis Avenue, Mineola, New York.

Meeting Held by N.Y. State Board

Members of the New York State Board A.O.H. held their regular meeting on Sunday, June 27 at 26 Locust Street, Babylon, Long Island, N. Y. -- which is the home of Division 2, of Suffolk County.

Hibernians In Washington



SHOWN HERE at the March 16th party at the Irish Embassy to welcome Prime Minister and Mrs. Lynch of Ireland are: (left to right) Miss Lillian Fay, Past National President of L.A.A.O.H.; Edward Fay, National President, A.O.H.; Warren E. Downey, State President of Maryland; and Mrs. Edward Fay.

John J. Thornton, the New York State President, presided. The State Secretary, Jack Reynolds, who lives nearby at 96 Washburn Street, Lake Grove, reports that the meeting was most successful.

The Plan initiated by the State President to raise money for the State Treasury through the means of granting awards to winners in the contest of selling Books is bringing satisfactory results.

The Saffron Kilts Irish Pipe Band of Babylon New York

In 1962, a small group of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America assembled in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, to form an Irish pipe band. None of them had previously played the pipes, but armed with a Hibernian zeal to foster and promote Irish music and culture, they persevered with their chanter and drumming practice sessions until they were ready to make their first public appearance. Originally known as St. Patrick's Pipe Band,

they first marched on Memorial Day, 1965, in Babylon, New York, the hometown of Division 2 in Suffolk County, their founding division.

From that first appearance of five pipers, three drummers and a drum major, dressed in white shirt, green tie, black pants and black balmoral with a green tassel; the band has developed to the splendid marching unit of today--eighteen pipers, eight drummers, a

drum major and color guard of four, all proudly arrayed in the saffron kilt and green jacket of the Irish Army Pipe Band. From this uniform the band adopted the name -- The Saffron Kilts Irish Pipe Band.

In the ensuing years of its young history the band has performed at parades, pilgrimages, dances and picnics, all with great acclaim. Numerous trophies have been received from parades

1971 Essay Contest Results for Divisions

The 1971 National Essay Contest held under the auspices of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has been successfully concluded.

Seven states and Montreal participated. The nine winners, in the three competitions, came from five different states.

In January 1971 the rules and subject matters were distributed to each National Board Officer, State President, State Secretary, County and Division Presidents. Competition opened February 1 and closed April 1, 1971. Each State President or his designee was required to select the three best essays in each category and forward them to the National Historian by April 15.

Three Judges, selected by the National Historian, picked the winners from the essays submitted to the National Historian.

The Judges of the Essay Contest were: The Right Rev. Monsignor John Barry, former Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and currently Finance Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, served as chairman. Rev. Brother Joseph Crowe, O.F.B. of Cardinal Hayes High School, New York and Mr. John Thornton, editor of the Irish Echo, a New York weekly newspaper completed the board of judges. We are most grateful to these gentlemen for their service which was gladly given.

The prizes consisted of Medals carrying a beautiful design of Commodore John Barry, "Father of the American Navy" and bearing the inscription of the Winner's name and the A.O.H. Essay designation. A gold medal was awarded for first prize, silver medal for second and bronze medal for third. Each school which produced a win-

ner received a beautiful A.O.H. Award Certificate suitably endorsed to show recognition of the School's interest in the Essay Competition.

The winner in each of the three competitions follow:

Subject: "What St. Patrick's Day Means to Me." First Prize: Chris Nautert, Our Lady of the Assumption Grammar School, St. Louis, Missouri. Second Prize: Katherine Snello, Baltimore, Maryland. Third Prize: Ann Cushing, Brighton, Massachusetts. Subject: "Commodore Barry." First Prize: Kim Wright, Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Massachusetts. Second Prize: Austin Joyce, Clinton, Mass. Third Prize: Patricia Sullivan, Mass.

Subject: The Famine of 1848." First Prize: Jack McGuinness, A.O.H., Div. 23, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Second Prize: Thomas Murphy, A.O.H., New York City. Third Prize: Jerome Hogan, A.O.H., Elmira, New York.

Heartily congratulations to all winners. Many thanks to all who participated. Grateful appreciation to those National, State, County, and Division Officers, as well as to every Hibernian who cooperated in promoting the contest. Our thanks are also extended to all the schools who encouraged their students to enter the competition.

I would be remiss if I failed to express my thanks to our National President, Brother Edward J. Fay, and to our National Secretary, Brother William Barnett for their assistance in bringing the National Essay Contest to completion.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Aloysius J. Melia
National Historian

and other functions. The band has won 2nd place honors on the two occasions it entered pipe band competition. The drum corp received a 1st place award in 1970 at

The United Irish Counties Feis in New York and several pipers have distinguished themselves by winning top and place honors in competitions in several states.

In recognition for charitable work the band has performed, its most cherished award hangs on a wall in the Hibernian Hall and Irish Culture Center in Babylon, N. Y. -- the home of the Saffron Kilts. It is the Apostolic Blessing from Pope Paul, obtained by the Band's devoted chaplain, Father Virgil P. Power in 1970.

The vitality of the band has been greatly enhanced in recent years by the addition of young boys and girls as pipers and students. Their enthusiasm is a clear indication that the Irish heritage that made Ireland a beacon of light throughout Europe in the dark ages is not lost, that, indeed, Irish culture is alive and well and living in Suffolk County.

Building on the accomplishments of the past, the band continues to grow in both strength and playing proficiency. Looking toward the future, the Saffron Kilts hope to win the honored lead position in the renowned St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York and, also, one day to unite with the Irish on O'Connell Street, Dublin and play the timeless music of the Gael to stir the hearts of the Irish everywhere and charm the ear of all the world.

James Sullivan is the President of Division 2, Babylon, Long Island, New York. This is the Division which organized The Saffron Kilts Irish Pipe Band.



THE SAFFRON Kilts Irish Pipe Band of Suffolk County, Long Island, organized to foster and promote Irish music and culture. Here they are shown wearing their saffron

kilts and green jackets. This was the uniform of the Irish Army Pipe Band and it is from this outfit that the group took its name.

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"Ireland, One and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall"

--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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The National Constitutional Convention Adopts A New Constitution for U.S. Hibernian Order

President's Report to the Members

In preparing for this, my first year-end report to the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, I must confess that this has been a happy year, but also a year of reorganization and confusion, but a rewarding twelve months to both the Order and myself.

First, I want to comment on the appointments that I made to the National Board. At all times, the good and welfare of the Ancient Order was first in my mind and then the competence of the man selected, next and last, but not least, was a geographic balance representation of the Country in general.

The National Digest was reorganized. The Masthead restored and the Editor was appointed because of his long experience in newspaper work including "our own Digest" and many other Irish periodicals and for his professional background. Without any reservation, I believe our National Digest is now something we can all be proud of as the Official Organ of the Order. I must also bring to your attention that our address plates are now in order. It has taken since last January when our new National Secretary took control to the present time to correct wrong addresses, delete deceased members that have died within the last three years from our address rolls, and also to make the Digest available to the Ladies Auxiliary for \$1.00 a year. I must say that with the work of William Barnett as National Secretary the records of the Order are now being handled in an efficient and business like manner.

The Dublin Convention was a very confused issue for the first six months. Nobody really knew what the scope of this undertaking would be. I was told we could go and I was advised we were not wanted in Dublin. To satisfy my doubts, I went to Ireland in January of 1971 for nine days and I got the answers first hand. We received an official welcome from the Irish Government through the Honorable Brian Lenihan, Minister of Power and Transport. We met with Mr. John Lynch, Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Eamon DeValera and Cardinal Conway and all expressed the hope that we would have our Convention in Dublin in 1972.

We then had C.I.E. Tours secure every available bed in Dublin for the week of July 24 to July 28, 1972 for our Convention delegates and members. Next, we appointed four travel agents for the country and they are as follows: Mr. Kevin Durnim of Diners Fugazy, Greenwich, Connecticut and New York; Mr. Pat Glavin of Glavin Travel, Albany, New York.

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National President Appeals To President Richard Nixon

On Monday, August 16, 1971, National President, Edward J. Fay, sent the following telegram to President Richard M. Nixon, U Thant - Secretary General of the United Nations, and William P. Rodgers - Secretary of State:

President Richard M. Nixon
Whitehouse
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America are deeply disturbed and distressed with the deplorable conditions in Northeast Ireland. The despicable application of special internment of the Catholic minorities in this section of Northeast Ireland is inhuman and disgraceful.

Mr. President, we are asking that you use your good offices to bring about an end to this deplorable condition in Northeast Ireland, as the United States of America has done for distressed and oppressed people throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Fay
Edward J. Fay,
National President

Copy to: U Thant, Secretary General of United Nations
William P. Rodgers, Secretary of State

On August 17, 1971, President Fay initiated a National Drive of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the emergency relief of the Irish people fleeing from Northeast Ireland to safety across the natural board that divides Ireland. The initial contribution was ten thousand dollars and it was sent to William Cardinal Conway, Primate of Ireland. This program is to help feed, clothe and house the displaced people from Northeast Ireland.

In making this program our first priority, we should include the support and financial backing of all people and all organizations in helping to alleviate the sufferings of our people. It is a known fact that since 1836 our Order, the A.O.H., has given over 48 million dollars to peoples and countries all over the world when they needed it. Let us now solicit every organization and every person we know to help in this gigantic problem of helping the thousands of homeless and hungry Irish from our divided and troubled Northeast Ireland.

I challenge you as true Irishmen now to help our suffering people and make this emergency relief program a personal effort so that as true Irish Catholics we will be working in the spirit of true Christian Charity.

Make all payments to our National Secretary: Mr. William Barnett, Jr.,
27 Mada Avenue, New York, New York 10310.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Edward J. Fay, William J. Barnett, National Secretary and Monsignor Daniel Brennan discussing the new National Constitution at St. Paul's Monastery.

Old Constitution Amended By Delegates at Recent Meeting

Recently the Constitution of our Order was examined and discussed from cover to cover. Every Article and every Section of it was thoroughly scrutinized by Convention Delegates. Many Sections were amended. Some Sections were eliminated.

In addition, some new sections were added. As a result, "A New Constitution," so to speak, has been provided for our Order. Here are the details:

The Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Incorporated was revised, amended and adopted by the National Constitutional Convention which convened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Monday morning, July 17, 1971 and after five days of work adjourned on Friday afternoon, July 16, 1971.

Proposed Amendments and suggested Revisions of the Ritual and of the Constitution were submitted from various parts of the country. Each one was studied by a Committee.

After each proposed revision or proposed Amendment came out of Committee and was discussed and debated by the Delegates in an open meeting for all Delegates, a vote was taken of the Delegates present and voting at that meeting to decide whether or not that such a proposed revision or Amendment or both should be adopted as presented to them in final form.

NEW CONSTITUTION IS NOW LAW

The Revisions and Amendments adopted by the vote of the Delegates took effect immediately in accordance with the Article in the old Constitution which then governed the making and adoption of Amendments and which at that time also governed the procedure for making changes in the Constitution. In other words, the Constitution which the National Constitutional Convention adopted is now the law for our Order.

How did all this Constitutional Amendment business come about? And why now?

At the National Convention held in August of 1970 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Delegates at that Convention voted for the A.O.H. to hold a National Constitutional Convention in 1971 and to give it full power and authority to revise, amend, and update the Constitution of the Order and to put the new Constitution into effect immediately. Authority was given to also update the Ritual.

DELEGATES ANSWERED CALL

In accordance with that mandate given by that National Convention, the National Secretary as part of his duty sent out to all concerned the Official Call for a National Constitutional Convention: Each jurisdiction, therefore, was notified. The dates and place for it were specified in that Call as well as the qualifications which Delegates must have before they could participate in it. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Order was not required to send Delegates or to participate.

Delegates to this Constitutional Convention were selected in accordance with the legal method authorized by the Constitution to select and send Delegates, as was done in the past, to regular National Conventions. The Sections of the Constitution which gave this information were quoted in the Call that was sent by the National Secretary to all the National Officers, to Past National Presidents, to Officers above the rank of Directors in States, Districts, and Provinces and to all County Presidents, and to all County Boards.

In other words, those who were notified about this National Constitutional Convention were the same A.O.H. members as those who were notified about the 1970 National Convention. The only exception to this procedure occurred in cases where Officers resigned since the last National

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HIBERNIAN NEWS From Maryland

by Pres. Warren E. Downey

The Maryland State Board has been on the go. A six month report of its activities from December 1970 to May 1971 follows.

Warren E. Downey, President of Maryland A.O.H. was a guest at the Christmas Party given by the Ladies Auxiliary, Division #6 of Washington, D. C., which was held at the Broadmoor Hotel. Also attending from Maryland were Miss Rita McDonough, National Auxiliary President; Mrs. Alice Hammer, Auxiliary State President of Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Bauernschub, Miss Sally Murphy, and Miss Margaret O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey attended one of the largest annual Christmas parties held by the A.O.H. of Maryland, given by my own Division Saint Brendans #3, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland, which was held at Loyola Blakefield High School Auditorium.

On Saturday, January 30, 1971, the Maryland State President received the shocking sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. Cecelia Costello, a past District Board President. Her loss will be greatly missed by the L-A-A-O-H and A-O-H. May God rest her soul and grant eternal rest to her.

On Sunday evening, January 31, 1971, he received the second sad news of the death of the Reverend Francis J. Dolan, the beloved chaplain of Division #6, LAAOH, Washington, D.C. Cardinal O'Boyle made the statement it was the largest funeral he had ever presided at, and the most touching, knowing a young priest had achieved such following of young and old. Father Dolan was 41 years of age and loved by all who knew him. Eternal rest unto him.

February 7 was the day of the annual Oyster Roast which is held by the joint Baltimore City Boards of A.O.H. and L-A-A-O-H. No other organization in Maryland has such an elaborate affair. Mrs. Downey and I formed a group of about 55 from Washington, D.C. and nearby Maryland to attend. As our special guests we invited the Ambassador of Ireland and Mrs. Warnock. It was the Warnock's first Oyster Roast and it proved a most fruitful day to us and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Warnocks learned much of the Americans and the American Irish learned much of Ireland.

On February 9 once again shocking news, when John

'Jack' Keefe, AOH District Board President, called and informed us of the sudden death of our Past National President, Michael J. Dowd, our beloved friend and great Hibernian. Just one week to the day that Mike had lead us in prayer at the wake of Cecelia Costello. On Friday, February 12 the Maryland State Boards were present for the wake prayers for Mike. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauernschub, J. Fahy McDonough and wife, Miss Rita A. McDonough - National LAAOH President, Mrs. Alice Hammer, Miss Sally Murphy, Miss Margaret O'Brien and yours truly. Present at the funeral Mass were J. Robert Tweedy, William J. Guerin, Sr., and Warren E. Downey. Our deepest sympathy to the Dowd Family.

On February 19 I attended the Father and Son Communion Mass of my own Division - St. Brendan's of Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland. Our great chaplain, Rev. Martin A. Schwalenberg, made this a really commendable day by saying Mass in the Penn Hotel, which began at 6:00 p.m. The famous Baltimore Oriole baseball player, Brooks Robinson and his three sons renewed their First Holy Communion at this Mass. Brooks is a recent convert to the Catholic faith by our Chaplain, Father Schwalenberg. Brooks Robinson was also our guest speaker along with John (Jack) Dunn, of the Orioles. The attendance was one of the largest of our Father and Son Communion Mass. We, of St. Brendans Division, congratulate you Brooks, and we say "Hats Off" to our never tiring Chaplain.

On March 10, 1971, I, along with the Emerald Isle Division "Men" of the District and the District Board, attended the kick-off festivities for St. Patrick's Day. At 11:00 a.m. just about every Hibernian in and around Washington, D. C. gathered at the Statue of the great Irish Patriot, Robert Emmett, located at 24th and S Streets at Massachusetts Avenue. His Excellency William Warnock, Irish Ambassador to the United States and Vincent Halloran, President of the Emerald Isle Division, placed the wreath at the foot of the statue. After the ceremony we went to Blackie's House of Beef for luncheon in honor of one of the Emerald Isle Members, Brother Francis J. Kane, who played a major part in the erection of the statue in Washington and Ireland. The Ambassador

gave a resume of the history of Robert Emmett, with highlights of his life.

REMEMBER --
Our Membership Drive
HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
A NEW MEMBER?

On Sunday, March 14, 1971, the big annual St. Patrick's Parade was held in Baltimore. There were 40 or more units. I marched with my Division, St. Brendan's of Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland, until we reached the reviewing stand. Immediately after the parade I returned to Towson, Md., for our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. This year we made it a past Division Presidential party, honoring all past division presidents. Special honor was given to past President Frank Dougherty, who was presented with a self-portrait, painted by his lovely daughter. Past Presidents present were: Edmund McGraw, A. Owen Hennigan, John C. Atkinson, Martin Fitzpatrick, Jonathan E. Moxley, John D. O'Neill, Harry P. Stringer, Francis J. Foley, Donald F. Doherty, William B. Kelly, and Edwin J. Gregory.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, attended the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Baltimore, Maryland, which was celebrated by Cardinal J. Shehan, former National AOH Chaplain, and assisted by Rev. George A. Pugh, pastor. There were many dignitaries present.

March 16 was truly a day we will long remember. Through the courtesy of His Excellency William Warnock, Ambassador to the United States, Mrs. Downey and I were invited to the White House grounds to welcome the Prime Minister, John M.

Lynch and Mrs. Lynch, by President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon. The Prime Minister received the 19 gun salute and presentation of the colors of all our states. That

same evening we went to the Embassy where we again welcomed the Prime Minister and Mrs. Lynch. It was surely a delightful way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day when we were welcomed by our homeland people and we in return welcomed them to share our beautiful country here in the United States. Our National President, Edward Fay and Mrs. Fay, were at the White House in the A.M. and also in the evening for the ceremonies, and at the Ambassador's home to welcome and greet The Taoiseach and Mrs. Lynch. This will be a long remembered St. Patrick's eve and day.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IN ACTION

The Transportation Committee handling the arrangements for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Dublin Convention in July of 1972 is daily watching the current International Airfare negotiations going on in Montreal, Canada. The Transportation Committee will move immediately to insure that the lowest possible airfares will apply to the Dublin Convention movement in 1972.

Digest Announcement Stirs Interest In Dublin Meeting

The packaged plans, recently announced in the Digest, for the Dublin Convention July 24 - 28, 1972 has stirred up real interest throughout the country. Travel Agents reporting from San Francisco, Chicago, Albany and Connecticut all report floods of coupon requests for the application forms.

All such inquiries have since been serviced with temporary registration numbers pending distribution of the Official Registration Form currently with the printers. By the time you read this they should be off the press. As applications are being handled on a 'first come first served' basis members are urged to seek registration forms at the earliest from any of the under-mentioned officially appointed travel agents:

Mr. Kevin Durnin,
Diners Fugazy Travel,
17, Greenwich Plaza,
Greenwich, Conn. 06830

Mr. Patrick Glavin,
Albany Glavin
Travel Service
113 State Street,
Albany, N. Y. 12207

Mr. James Rice,
John J. Bowen
Travel Service,
2440 West 63rd Street,
Chicago, Illinois 60629

Mr. Andrew McKenna,
Atlas Travel Service,
263 Pacific Building,
821 Market Street,
San Francisco,
California 94103



FRONT ROW: Judge Aloysius J. Melia - Historian, John Keane - Vice President, Monsignor Daniel Brennan, Edward J. Fay - National President, William J. Bartnett - National Secretary, Stephen O'Malley - Treasurer, Walter J. O'Leary - Past National President, Judge James J. Comerford - Past National President and Editor of the Digest. BACK ROW: Thomas Conroy - Junior Divisions, Bernard McCreesh - Di-

rector, J. Robert Tweedy - Director, James Reilly - Immigration Chairman, Joseph O'Connor - Director, Edward Callanan - Catholic Action, John R. Conley - Freedom for all Ireland, Richard McMillan - Director, John Devlin - Organizer, Charles Vaughn - National Home, John Hoswell - Director.

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HIBERNIAN NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

by John K. Henry

New London-by-the-sea! That is where State President Jerry Travers plans to hold the Summer State Board meeting. I'm sure Division President, Dick Shaw, and his men will provide a good day's entertainment. Each year the New London Division sponsors an "Irish Day" at the nearby beach. This day features cookouts, Irish dancing and singing, and brings a great deal of credit to the Irish.

Busy - busy - busy. That's the format for success prescribed by Fairfield County Presidents John White and Mary Daly. Following their successful County Dinner Dance in the Spring, they are planning another fund raiser in October. Co-Chaired by Pat Morrissey of Danbury and Celine Lynam of Greenwich, the affair will be held at the Stamford A.O.H. Hall.

Tom Walsh is keeping the Hartford Celtic Division very busy. Tom and Secretary P. J. Tierney have a massive Membership Drive underway. Tom is in his second year as President of the Capitol Division and is determined to raise the membership to very large numbers. Already the Drive has shown signs of being very successful. We wish Tom and P.J. every good wish in this Drive and, of course, in their efforts in the future.

Bill Brazier and his Naugatuck Division keep a keen interest in the youth of their city. Last year the Division-sponsored Little League team won the City Championship and were presented Hibernian emblemed-jackets. We hope the Hibernian Little Leaguers of Naugatuck will repeat in this year's Campaign.

Sunday, September 12 is the date of this year's Stamford Feis. The locale will be Cove Island this year which is ideal for a Feis and provides other facilities to suit everyone's taste. Of particular interest to the outdoor types are the spacious cooking grounds available and the swimming facilities. The

Co-Chairmen are Danny Murphy and Michael Devaney. For details and syllabus, write to Feis Secretary Freida Murphy, 37 Ashton Road, Stamford, Conn.

The Norwalk Hibernians once again sponsored the New York Gaelic Pipe Band to march in the Norwalk Memorial Day Parade. Despite threatening weather the Hibernian Unit was the feature of the whole Parade. Led by their green jacketed Color Guard and followed by the Gaelic Pipe Band, the Unit looked good. Also included in the group were the Norwalk members of the Kathleen Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing. A reception for all the marchers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Spangle.

Norwalk will also be hosting a Hibernian Golf Day this year which is tentatively scheduled for August 15. This event is intended to bring Hibernian Golfers together to have a day of Golf followed by a cookout. Trophies will be awarded in various categories. The Norwalk Hibernians will be happy to hear from fellow Golfers. Write to me, John R. Henry, at 24 Fairview Avenue, Norwalk, Ct. 06850 or Gerry Keegan at 5 Weatherly Lane, Norwalk, Ct. 06850.

Too often we men take our Ladies Auxiliary for granted but here in Connecticut recently we were given a fine example of the power of one lady. I refer to Mrs. Jack (Maura) O'Connell of the Stamford Ladies Auxiliary. Most of the credit for the gallant fight against the Abortion Bill must be given to Maura. She must have written thousands of letters to members all over the State and to many newspapers and officials. Well done, Maura! Victory is sweet.

Connecticut Governor Thomas Meskill was a busy man around St. Patrick's Day. On March 13 he attended Norwalk's 80th Annual St. Patrick's Dance. He spoke briefly extending his best wishes to the Norwalk Division. Moving on, the

Governor then attended the New Haven Division's Annual St. Patrick's Ball held at the West Haven Armory. Here he participated in the Presentation of the Annual Friendship Award to John O'Donovan of New Haven. On St. Patrick's night, he attended the Friendly Sons Annual Dinner.

This year's St. Patrick's Day observances in Danbury were the largest in many years. Almost five hundred people attended the Annual Dinner Dance at the beautiful new Chatham Oaks. Pat Morrissey was the Chairman and was ably assisted by Peter Hearty, his Co-chairman. Music for the gala event was provided by Timmy Geraghty's Orchestra from New York. The famed Mulkerin School of Irish Dancers entertained. On St. Patrick's Day itself, the John Gildea Division in Danbury presented the City with a new American Flag. In very impressive ceremonies, the City reciprocated honors by presenting the Key of the City to Division President Danny Ryan, a native of Tipperary.

Bridgeport's John F. Kennedy Division held its Annual Spring Dinner Dance on April 24. As usual, the Division bestowed the honored title of "Hibernian of the Year" which went to Daniel Lapman who is associated with one of Bridgeport's most respected Funeral Homes. Mr. Lapman is a Veteran of the U.S. Army and is a dedicated member of the Bridgeport Division. Each year for the past several years, Mr. Lapman has been very effective at the Division's Communion Breakfast -- making all the arrangements. The Bridgeport Division has also credited Mr. Lapman with the return of some members who dropped out. He spent many hours talking to members to get them reinstated. We believe Mr. Lapman thoroughly deserves the Honor.

And here is another happy note. State President Jerry Travers and his family had a big day on Saturday, April 3. Young Pat Travers made his First Holy Communion at St. Rose's Church, Meriden.

Naturally, as State Secretary, I have to keep up with the President! My daughter, Karen, had her Big Day on May 15. Karen made her First Holy Communion at St.

Mary's Church in Norwalk. How blessed we are.

The Greenwich Hibernians held their Annual Communion Breakfast on May 2. The Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Greenwich, and the breakfast was held at the KofC Hall on Putnam Avenue. Chairlady was Nora Loughran and co-chairman was Hugh Clarke. The Greenwich affair was, as usual, excellent.

HERE AND THERE: Chris Kyne of Greenwich spent a short time in the hospital. Glad to say she is fine again. -- Pat Sherwin of Bridgeport hosted a great Handball Tournament in Bridgeport. The great Pat Kirby gave an exhibition. -- Congrats to the Joe Muldoons of Stamford who became parents for the first time. The new heir was born at St. Joseph's Hospital. -- Happy to see Gene Shiels of Greenwich up and around again after a hospital visit. -- John & Sarah Spangle of Norwalk to visit Co. Mayo this summer with the family. Also journeying will be Kathleen Henry and daughters, Karen and Donna. (They're mine too!) Kathleen is, of course, going to God's country, Co. Louth. -- Special to Joe Callahan of Norwalk. The number is 307! -- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ryan of Danbury visited Ireland in June to visit Mrs. Ryan's ailing parents.

The Norwalk Division was saddened by the untimely death on Easter Saturday of one of its most illustrious members. After a short illness, Don Dougherty succumbed in the Norwalk Hospital. Mr. Dougherty was a specialist in the Creative Art and Design field and had no peer in this sphere. Year after year Mr. Dougherty designed the St. Patrick's Day Program covers for the Norwalk Division and their beauty is a lasting tribute to his memory. His last assignment was the redesigning of the Emblem for the State Board. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary, and children, Terry and Cathy.

Dr. Michael Browne of the Stamford Division was the General Chairman of the Columban Fathers' Concert this year. In a departure from recent years, the complete cast was from the New York area. The success of the afternoon was, in large measure, due to the very hard work by Dr. Browne and his committee.

We notice in Danbury that for the first time, the Irish were represented at an International Culture Festival in that City. The Division sponsored the Emerald Dancers at the Festival; the Premier Group of the Kathleen Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing. We are happy to see Dan Ryan steer his Division in this direction. We should all endeavor to help show the world what Irish Culture really is.

We send our very best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Lanigan of 80 South Street, Danbury who recently observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Lanigan is the former National Historian and regarded with high esteem as one of the Great Ladies in our Organization. A Mass of Thanksgiving was offered for the occasion in St. Peter's Church where Mr. Lanigan and the former Marie Coleman were married by Father John Ryan twenty-five years ago. The couple have five children.

The following day, Mr. and Mrs. Lanigan were the Guests of Honor at a Family Dinner Party.

Mrs. Lanigan imparted an interesting anecdote to Division President, Dan Ryan. The day before her wedding, she went to New Haven to help form that Auxiliary. That, my friend, is dedication. May God bless them and give them many more happy years together.

Looking ahead for Greenwich we notice that their Annual Fall Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 16 at the KofC Hall on Putnam Avenue. The menu will consist of the famed Greenwich roast beef dinner. This affair is held to raise funds for the Division's Scholarship Fund each year which provides tuition aid for two members' children. A worthy cause indeed.

August 1 will be Norwalk Day at Shea Stadium as the members of the Norwalk Division make their annual trek to see the "Amazins." The Mets will be taking on the Chicago Cubs so a good game is assured. Joe Callahan is Chairman and has a fine day prepared including dinner on the way home.

President Jerry Travers is keeping his Board busy on several fronts. One of the most important items to have occurred was the defeat of the Abortion Bill that was before the Connecticut State Legislature. The Hibernians conducted a high-powered campaign against the Bill and it bore fruit. Gov. Tom Meskill had indicated that if the Bill had passed, he would veto it. A great job was turned in by all the members but particularly by the Ladies Auxiliary. Chairlady was Maura O'Connell of Stamford and she did a great job.

The Norwalk Division recently added three men to the honored status of Honorary Life Member. The three are John McDermott, Frank Rogers and Thomas Lyden. All three have enviable records of service to the Order and to their Community. John P. O'Donnell who was awarded Life Membership by the National Board in 1964, was also given a certificate from the local Division.

Fairfield County Board Presidents John White and Mary Daly are quite happy with the result of their Spring Dinner Dance. The Ladies of Greenwich served their usual beautiful roast beef dinner. Chairman Mike Conlon did a good job and the Board surprised this writer, John Henry, with a beautiful Special Award. Phil McGovern of Greenwich was also the recipient of a Special Award for his work with the famed Greenwich Hibernian Players. Another County Dinner Dance is planned for the Fall.

The Bridgeport Ladies Auxiliary had quite a busy June. June 8 they had their Annual Strawberry Festival. At their June meeting they had a strawberry dessert. On June 26, the Auxiliary made their Annual Bus Trip. This year they went to the Winery, Washingtonville, New York.

Not to be outdone by the Ladies, the Men's Division in Bridgeport made their Annual Baseball Trip on June 18. The boys journeyed to Shea Stadium to see the Mets take on the Phils. Sports Director Fred McDougall arranges these sports trips each year and they have become a sellout.

Glen Falls N.Y. Have a Real Ball

GLEN FALLS, N.Y.: The ball conducted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians on Saturday night, April 24 at the KofC Hall in Glens Falls was an overwhelming success.

The hall was filled and the crowd enjoyed a gala evening dancing to the music of the "Galway Blazers," the Irish-American dance band.

The Adirondack Pipe Band, followed by a contingent of AOH members and their families, made up a parade through the business district of the city with David Bartholomew and Martin C. Bethel carrying the American and Irish flags through the late-season snowstorm and the gusty winds.

With pipes swirling and drums beating, the impressive pipers swept into the KofC Hall and received a rousing ovation from the huge throng and proceeded to present a demonstration of precision marching accompanied by the playing of Irish marching tunes.

Entertaining also were the Glens Falls Hibernian Step Dancers in new, blue dancing costumes, prepared specifically for the ball. Performing for the first time publicly were a group of tiny colleens decked out in green and white. Also appearing were Mrs. Myra Jones, teacher of the Irish dance troupe, Mrs. Eileen Boyle, Mrs. Patsy Gardner, Mrs. Margaret Congdon and Miss Sheila Kelly, who presented a demonstration of authentic Irish folk dancing.

After the serving of a buffet prepared by Ella and Lew Varney of the Esquire Restaurant, a community sing was conducted.

Hibernian dignitaries and members of the clergy were recognized during part of the program. There were visiting AOH groups from Troy, Schenectady and Saratoga Springs in addition to a contingent of over 40 Hibernians who had traveled by bus from Albany.

Praised for his many and varied contributions to the success of the Glens Falls Irish brotherhood, was the recently elected Hibernian of the year, Michael Kelly. Michael Boyle, who emceed the affair, listed some of Kelly's achievements, noting that he was one of the committee that had founded the division over a year and a half ago.

Kelly is co-chairman of the building committee and is responsible for designing the Hibernian Hall being projected by the Glens Falls division for construction in the near future.

John P. Higgins and David Bartholomew were co-chairmen. The honorary chairmen were John F. Sullivan and Franklyn J. Linehan.

President Kelly thanked Glens Falls Mayor Robert J. Cronin for proclaiming Saturday to be "Hibernian Day" and Police Chief James Duggan for arranging for the police escort for the early evening parade.

The dynamic James Nicholas is Division Secretary. More than a hundred years ago a large number of men from County Kilkenny, Ireland emigrated to Glens Falls, N.Y. for the purpose of working in the Quarries of that area. In Kilkenny, they had worked in the Limestone Quarries -- particularly where the "Black Marble" was quarried -- and in the Kilkenny Coal Mines. As a result, Glens Falls has many people with names -- like Bibby -- peculiar to Kilkenny.



The Middletown Division recently honored Michael Pasquale. The picture above shows the presentation ceremonies. Dennis Murray, Division President, presented Mr. Pasquale with a plaque for his many contributions to the Division over the years. Also shown are the Co-Chairman, Frank

"Knox" Flynn and Joseph "Bud" Woodstock holding a portrait of Mr. Pasquale. A third presentation was made by Mrs. James Murray on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Pasquale thus became the first recipient of the newly-inaugurated Friendship Award.

The Middletown Division

also held a gala week in June to mark the 10th Anniversary of the purchase of the A.O.H. Home. Bud Woodstock was Chairman of this great week of celebrations during which there were several dinners and bingos. The Week was culminated by a Dinner Dance. Our Congratulations to Middletown on this fine Anniversary.

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IRISH-AER LINGUS

IRISH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Never before in the 135 year history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was the need so great, as now, for Hibernians in America to recall their Irish heritage and to use its ancient basic principles as their guide posts for daily living.

We live at a time in our history when the civilized world is being rocked to the bottom of its very foundations by the forces and agents of Communism -- Atheistic Communism.

The Roman Catholic Church -- which according to history makes it a policy to PLAN 1,000 years ahead -- has been taking serious notice of this situation for many years. As a result, it has in recent years made some proper and necessary changes to strengthen itself against both the present and future threats of Atheistic Communism and to prepare itself to meet any and every emergency which the ever noticeable expanding forces of Communism and the constant grinding daily impact of Communistic philosophy may create in our time.

Should any of us be dubious about the present danger of Communism, we need only look at these premeditated steps which our Church has already taken for the purpose of occupying a position that provides greater strength against potential assaults by the Communists.

The doctrines of Communism are many and varied. Skillfully developed and scientifically applied, they reach far and deep into our institutions and seek disciples for the big crusade which is being expertly organized by the modern leaders of Communism.

Simple samples of this evidence come before our eyes almost daily as we watch the products of some of our own institutions of higher learning demonstrate hostile attitudes toward those old traditional concepts and inherited beliefs which for almost two centuries have been the guideposts used by American families to direct their thoughts and actions for proper daily living in accordance with the laws of God and the laws of the United States.

Very recently an eminent Catholic Scholar in a public address deplored the sight now seen so often of groups of college students "sitting around their cans of flat beer discussing the death and end of God."

The principle of having a Belief in God, a respect for lawful authority, a reverence for sacred things, a loyalty to the flag of our country and a willingness to serve in her armed forces has been transmitted to us through our Irish Heritage; this principle is as solid as the rock upon which Peter built his Church. Let us, Hibernians, review this principle from time to time, think seriously over its meaning and then, transfer to our children the meaning and truth of this principle. Our Order has other principles, too, which merit our attention.

As members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, we belong to the Oldest Catholic layman's organization in the United States. We have always fought against Communism. But it is not the age of our Order or our opposition to Communism that counts alone. It is that precious Irish Heritage which really counts. As handed down to us through our Order, it will forever strengthen our hands and our hearts to fight the onward march of Communism and to help our own United States to stand up and give challenge to all who through the philosophy of Communism deny the existence of God and escalate the State into His place.

A Proud Moment



MRS. MOLLY BARRETT, left, of Westbury, President of the ladies auxiliary, Nassau County Board, congratulates Mrs. Mae Goebel, president of the Massapequa ladies auxiliary on her installation. Joining the ladies, left to right, are Nassau County Board President George W. Waters of New Hyde Park; Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John W.

Burke, a distinguished member of the Commodore John Barry, Division Eleven of Hicksville and Michael Hogan, who is President of Division 15, Massapequa Park, N. Y.

They proudly display a statue of St. Patrick as a symbol of who they are and for what they stand. Even the words "Order, Obedience" are significant in these times.

A Message for the Ladies about Jewelry

Units of the Ladies Auxiliary from various parts of the country report and complain that they could not receive Medallions, or Brooches, or A.O.H. Pins during 1970. They claim that orders for this merchandise were not honored.

National Secretary William J. Barnett announces that he has obtained, since he became National Secretary, a large supply of all these items as well as other pieces of Jewelry used by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Brother Barnett was elected National Secretary this year. It is the National Secretary who keeps a supply of Medallions, Badges, But-

tons and other items of A.O.H. Jewelry in stock for both the Men and the Women. He fills the orders for them on request from both the Men's Divisions and the Ladies Auxiliary Units.

Brother Barnett also wishes to remind the Ladies that they may have their orders for Jewelry filled by writing to him: William J. Barnett, Jr., 27 Mada Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10310.

P.S. Ladies have their own Constitution for Auxiliaries. Copies of this Constitution are obtained from Ladies Auxiliary National Secretary -- Brother Barnett does not have this Constitution.

We are all fully aware that within recent years in the U.S. some Catholic Priests have left the Catholic Church as Priests. They "resigned" as they say. A number of them quietly found employment in laymen's occupations and retained the respect of their fellowman. But others who "resigned" wrote books which criticized the Catholic Church unfairly and unjustly. They promptly went on television "to make their pitch."

Communist agents who are assigned by their Bosses to work in the field of propaganda against the Catholic Church could not have done a better job. Fortunately, we seem to be finished with having to watch these "personalities" on TV and to listen to their propaganda. They are no longer news; so TV needs them no more. They have shot their bolt.

Our Order was founded to protect the Priests. We are still doing that. But while doing this job of protection, we must help these Priests also, to fight Atheistic Communism.

John Cashin Is Dead at 82

John P. Cashin, one of the leading figures in the American Irish community in the New York Metropolitan area, died on July 16 after a brief illness. He was 82.

Mr. Cashin was a past president of the Tipperary Men's Association. He served as a delegate to the United Irish Counties Association for the past 33 years. He was also a charter member of the Irish Institute. He was a member of Division 4, New York County and was an active working member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Cashin served as chairman of the United Irish Counties Feis on several occasions. He was chairman of this year's highly successful event and had promoted Feiseanna (Irish cultural festivals) for over 30 years. In 1969 in recognition of these activities he was named an aide to the Grand Marshal of New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A native of Ballingarry, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Mr. Cashin came to America in 1911 aboard the S.S. Lusitania. In 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the U.S.S. Preble, a destroyer-sub-chaser. While on patrol in the Atlantic the Preble was torpedoed and sunk but all hands were saved by Allied ships. Mr. Cashin was reassigned to another sub-chaser. He served three years and seven months in the Navy.

After his discharge Mr. Cashin established a contracting business in Englewood, New Jersey. He built churches, schools, convents, homes, and business structures. When he retired some years ago the business had become a most successful enterprise.

On a trip to Ireland in 1921 he carried revolvers for the Irish Republican

Army. On one occasion though he was an American citizen he was searched by the British but he had been warned just in time to safely hide the weapons.

Mr. Cashin lived most of his years in America in Englewood and Englewood Cliffs, N.J., where he and his late wife, the former Elizabeth McCallion, were deeply respected by the people.

Mr. Cashin is survived by a son, John W.; a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen C. Doyle; five sisters, Mrs. Alice Tonkens, Mary T. Cashin, Mrs. Ellie McGarry, Mrs. Delia Kenny, and Mrs. Anastasia Mackler; and by six grand children.

After a Mass of the Resurrection at Holy Trinity Church, Fort Lee, N.J., on July 20, burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y.

The Hibernians in New York County and City and in New York State have lost a great worker and a good friend.

Morgan Davoren Of Pittsburgh Praises Digest

An ardent reader of the Digest is our Brother member--Morgan Davoren of Pittsburgh.

Recently he sent a message of congratulations to "The Irish World Newspaper" on its hundredth anniversary in which he said that he first received that paper in 1915 while in Ireland.

Morgan is well known to Friends of Irish Freedom. It is good to see that he is still solid in his views.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE DIGEST

Britain's Shame

Do you know that 665,000 Irishmen and Women in Northern Ireland. . . have to suffer the following under the provisions of the notorious Special Powers Act of the British puppet regime in Ireland's historic Six Northeastern Counties:

The Special Powers Act, Northern Ireland

1. Arrest without warrant;
2. Imprison without charge or trial and deny recourse to habeas corpus or a court of law;
3. Enter and search homes without warrant, and with force, at any hour of day or night;
4. Declare a curfew and prohibit meetings, assemblies (including fairs and markets) and processions;
5. Permit punishment by flogging;
6. Deny claim to a trial by jury;
7. Arrest persons it is desired to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions, under penalties, even if answers may incriminate them. Such a person is guilty of an offense if he refuses to be sworn or answer a question;
8. Do any act involving interference with the rights of private property;
9. Prevent access of relatives or legal advisers to a person imprisoned without trial;
10. Prohibit the holding of an inquest after a prisoner's death;
11. Arrest a person who "by word of mouth" spreads false reports or makes false statements;
12. Prohibit the circulation of any newspaper;
13. Prohibit the possession of any film or gramophone record;
14. Arrest a person who does anything "calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of peace or maintenance of order in Northern Ireland and not specifically provided for in the regulations."

Donohue and Farley Honored in New York

Over 400 guests attended the function which included an elaborate cocktail party.

Division 12 is based in the area of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village on the

east side of Manhattan. The Division is constantly growing larger and more influential. Being located in an affluent section of Manhattan helps to keep the Treasury healthy and the Membership

large.

Thomas B. Galligan, who organized this Division, was Toastmaster for this function. He is Financial Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



DIVISION 12, New York County, on April 25, 1971, conferred Special Honors on two of their members--Thomas F. Donohue and Thomas M. Farley--for their outstanding services to the Division. The two honored brothers are shown above in picture after being presented with Plaques as a symbol of the high esteem with which both of them are held by the membership of Division 12. Many leading Hibernians from New York County attended the impressive ceremony. Left to right: John W. Duffy, Past President, New York County Board; Joseph P. Sullivan, President of N.Y. County Board; Thomas F. Donohue, Guest of Honor, and Financial Secretary, N.Y. County and Past President of Division 12; Judge James J. Comerford, Past National A.O.H. President and now Chairman of New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; Thomas M. Farley, Guest of Honor; John E. Cook, President of Division 12; Martin P. Dunne, Recording Secretary, N.Y. County Board.

Yorkville Ladies Auxiliary New York Hold Annual Fair

Mrs. Winifred Ryan, President of the Lieutenant Patrick J. Walsh Division 29, Ladies' Auxiliary, New York County Ancient Order of Hibernians reports that the "Standing Room Only" sign was out at the Second Annual May Fair sponsored by the auxiliary on May 11 at its clubroom at 155 East 88th Street, Manhattan.

For display and sale were hand made knit articles, needlepoint, baked goods, art work and other articles made by the members of Auxiliary 29. The capable chair-lady, Mrs. Margaret Collins, New York County Chairman of Missions and a Past President of the auxiliary, worked diligently with her hard-

working committee of officers and members to achieve a successful social evening and fund raising endeavor. Auctioneers for the evening were New York State Vice President Marion I. Guilfoyle and New York County President Margaret Callaghan, both Past Presidents of Auxiliary 29. Mary Sullivan and Mrs. Beamina M. Guilfoyle, Miss Collins. Auxiliaries Nos. 1, 2 and 5 (New York County) were represented, as well as Auxiliary No. 10, Bronx County. A sizeable group of friends from Yorkville and Stuyvesant Town also enjoyed the festivities.

The Fair concluded with community singing and entertainment by Monica Burke, Catherine Callaghan, Margaret Callaghan and Marion Guilfoyle.

Hope to see you at the 1972 Fair of the Ladies Auxiliary of Yorkville A.O.H. New York County.

The membership was honored in having in attendance the following County Board Officers: Miss Rose Callan, Mrs. Monica Burke, Mrs. Mary Rose Ford, Mrs. Er-

New York Co. Dinner Dance November 20

County President Joseph Sullivan announces that the Annual Dinner Dance of the New York County Board will be held on Saturday night, November 20 in the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

The personable and popular Tom Donohue of Division 12, located in the Stuyvesant Town area, is Guest of Honor.

Peter Campbell, an energetic member and a younger member of Division 3 in Washington Heights, is chairman.

Thomas Francis Meagher

A Man for All Seasons

By
Hon. Aloysius Melia
National Historian

Every man should be familiar with, and proud of, his ancestral roots and cultural heritage.

The good fruit that fell from the Irish ancestral tree should cause us to want to know the tree better. That is, the stock that came over from Ireland and gave birth to such a crop of splendid Americans who always gave faith, loyalty and constructive service to our Country.

Much has been written about the contribution of Americans of Irish ancestry to the growth and prosperity of the United States. The Al Smiths, Jim Farleys and John F. Kennedys are well known to the current generation.

But Thomas Francis Meagher of Waterford was a man whose roots were buried deep in Irish soil and who occupied a prominent place in both Irish and American history. He was born on August 3, 1823 and was educated by the Jesuit Fathers, first at Clongowes in Kildare and later, at Stoneyhurst in Lancashire. He excelled at debate and English literature. At Stoneyhurst, over 500 competitors, he won the silver medal for composition.

As a young man Daniel O'Connell's speeches on Catholic Emancipation and the writings of Thomas Davis had a profound effect on him. As a consequence he became very active with the young Irishmen in the cause of Irish freedom. His great oratorical ability earned him recognition as the spokesman for this most gifted group of Irish patriots. "His speech on the liberating power of the sword earned him the nickname Meagher of the Sword."

In 1847, the worst year of the Great Famine, Meagher said:

"...if the Constitution opens to us no path to freedom, if the Union will be maintained in spite of the will of the Irish people, if the government of Ireland insist upon being a government of dragons and bombardiers, of detectives and light infantry--then up with the barricades and invoke the God of Battles. Should we succeed--oh, think of the joy, the ecstasy, the glory of this old Irish nation, which in that hour will grow young and strong again. Should we fail, the country will not be worth more than it is now. The sword of famine is less sparing than the bayonet of the soldier."

In March 1847, he went to Paris and returned with a new flag for the Irish people--the tricolor or orange, white and green. According to Meagher, "the white symbolized peace between the green of the Catholics and the orange of the Protestants of Ireland."

In 1848, he and other patriots were tried in Clonmel for revolutionary activities, found guilty and sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. Thereafter the sentence was commuted to banishment for life in the penal Colony at Van Diemen's Land.

In 1852, he escaped to the United States. This young, handsome, personable and articulate Irishman was widely and warmly welcomed. His oratorical abilities quickly gained him a nationwide reputation. State legislative bodies extended invitations for him to address them.

Since he was unable to return to Ireland, he resumed legal studies under Judge Emmet of New York. Although not yet a citizen, he was granted special permission to be admitted to the New York Bar.

His law practice flourished and in 1855 he married Elizabeth Townsend, the daughter of a wealthy merchant.

In 1865 he published the Irish News. In its columns he vigorously defended Irish and Irish-Americans against the vicious attacks of the Know-Nothings--which was then a "Political Party" in America.

The first shot fired at Fort Sumter propelled him into the defense of his adopted land. He organized the Irish Brigade of the 69th Regiment. On February 3, 1862 he was appointed a Brigadier General in the Army of the Potomac. He led the Irish Brigade in the Seven Days Battles, at Gaines Mill, Chancellorsville, Bridgehead, and other places. At White Oak Swamp a disgusted Confederate Officer was heard to say, "Here's that damned green flag again."

At Antietam, his horse was shot out from under him. But it was at Marye's Heights above Fredericksburg that Meagher's Irish Brigade "wrote one of the most stirring and heartbreaking chapters in military history. Up impossible slopes, against massed artillery and infantry, they charged again and again, falling in even lines as their attacks were shot into the ground. Of the five regiments that had marched out of Fredericksburg that morning with sprigs of green in their caps, only 263 men remained alive. The finest epitaph for the dead was written by an English correspondent:

"...the bodies which lie in dense masses within forty yards of the muzzles of the smoking cannon is the best evidence what manner of men they were who pressed on to death with the dauntlessness of a race which has gained glory on a thousand battlefields, and never more richly deserved it than at the foot of Marye's Heights on the 13th day of December, 1862."

General Robert E. Lee observed, "Meagher...rivalled Cleburne in bravery and in the affection of his soldiers. The gallant stand which his bold Brigade made on the heights of Fredericksburg is well known. Never were men so brave. They ennobled their race by their splendid gallantry on that desperate occasion."

Meagher said, "History has no power to bestow upon me any higher distinction than that I have been the General in command of the Irish Brigade."

After the war, he became acting Governor of the Montana Territory. There Thomas Francis Meagher died, on July 1, 1867, at the age of 43.

In New York, Richard O'Gorman, his fellow-rebel from Ireland, gave Meagher a fitting epitaph in his funeral oration:

"Through all the vicissitudes of his life he bore himself like a man loyal to the good cause he first loved--the salvation of his native island and her people, faithful to the flag he followed--the flag of the republic which gave him a welcome and a home; loyal and faithful, not in seeming or in words alone, but the deeds of earnest devotion and sacrifice of self, wherein men put at hazard what men most prize on earth, ease and pleasure, and liberty and life."

A massive statue of this son of County Waterford stands today, in front of the State Capitol at Helena, Montana.

The Battle flag of the 1st Regiment of the Irish Brigade of the "Fighting 69th," green in color, bearing the battle honors of the Regiment embossed in gold lettering, was presented to the people of Ireland by President John F. Kennedy on his visit to Ireland in 1963.

In addition, the N. L. Hibernians make a presentation each year of a "Distinguished Service Award." The first recipient was former Governor John M. Dempsey of Connecticut. The most recent, in 1970, was Principal William L. Foye of New London High School.

The chaplain for the New London Hibernians is Msgr. Terence P. Finnegan, pastor of St. Mark's Church in Westbrook, Connecticut, and the former chief of chaplains of the Air Force. He is honored every year by the Division during Chaplain's Night. He recently gave the sermon at the annual Hibernian Mass here for President John F. Kennedy and for other deceased A. O. H. members.

James B. Hennegan Is JFK Division Executive

NEW LONDON, CONN.: Richard C. Shaw, a staff engineer with the Southern New England Telephone Co., is the 1971 president of John F. Kennedy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians here.

Shaw succeeds James B. Hennegan, a retired Navy commander. Other officers are:

Thomas A. McGarry, vice president; John Hanrahan, financial secretary; Alvin J. Darling, treasurer; Arthur J. Walker, marshal; John Linicus, sentinel, and August Nunes, chairman of the

Grievance Committee.

The New London Hibernians have been one of the most active groups in the state since they reorganized their division in 1963.

They are the co-sponsors, with Ocean Beach Park in New London, of the annual Irish Weekend in the summer. This has drawn thousands each year for the free Irish music, dancing and bagpipe shows. The weekend has been capped for the last five years by a dance featuring the Paddy Noonan Band of New York.

Observations on the National Constitutional Convention

By Edward P. Hyland

Through the good offices of the New York County Board, I was privileged to attend the National Constitutional Convention in Pittsburgh. Our County Board last June voted to send delegates there.

Those who traveled were: Joe Sullivan, County President; Frank Beirne, Vice President; Martin Dunne, Secretary; Ed Hyland, Treasurer; Peter Campbell; Tony Corcoran; John O'Rourke; and Bill Burke.

Companions from Manhattan who were with us and who represented National and State Boards were John Duffy, N.Y. State Chairman of Catholic Action; Judge James J. Comerford, Editor of National Digest; Judge Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian.

These men are also members of New York County Board. As a result, the nine A.O.H. Divisions from Manhattan had a strong delegation of experienced Convention men in Pittsburgh to protect the rights of all A.O.H. members in our Order--During the many debates on proposed changes in their constitution.

Although I have a bundle of notes, I shall not discuss here the New Constitution. The Editor would "blue pencil" at this time any comments made by me on the changes made by the Convention in Pittsburgh. I shall not try to explain why they were made and why some others were not made. Next September, the New Constitution will be ready for all members to examine. After that, we can all discuss it in writing and in conversation. Mistakes cannot be made too easily, then, as everyone will have the new document before his eyes and words cannot be misquoted from it by error or mistake.

There was a fine large representation of Delegates at this Constitutional Convention. All were able men in debate. Men from the Western States blended their voices with those from the Eastern States and both exchanged views and blended voices with the men from the Middle West States. It was both grand and interesting to listen to the different points of view--all sincerely and ably put forward throughout every day of the five days we were at the Convention.

Of course, all debates on proposed Motions came to an end eventually and a vote was taken of all the Delegates as to whether or not a debated motion should be adopted.

It was at this stage that the value of votes could be seen. The mover of the motion who could rally votes behind his motion as a result of sound reasoning and logical argument always won his point and his proposed Amendment to the Constitution usually was adopted and became part of the Constitution immediately. Having ideas back home about Amendments to the Constitution is wonderful and must be admired. But to get such Amendments put into the Constitution, I could see required the presence of a Delegate or Delegates to propose them and to debate in favor of them and then to have enough of votes with him present to win--when the vote was taken on the proposed Amendment at the full meeting of Delegates.

The site of the Convention--namely, in St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh--was most suitable. There were no distractions here as

are sometimes found in Convention Hotel Lobbies. Every Delegate had to stay put at this Convention and "do his thing" without the benefit of noise and bustle and without the aid of hospitality

programs that are usually furnished by the various States at A.O.H. Conventions.

I liked this Constitutional Convention and so did all my buddies without exception.



by Peggy Dowd

The Washington, D.C. Hibernians and Auxiliary suspend meetings during July and August and we hibernate. Jim Reilly, National Chairman for Immigration was in Pittsburgh for the National Board Meeting in May. In July, he accompanied Charlie Vaughan, National Chairman for the Building Fund and Ed Ryan, President of

Division One in Arlington, Va. and went back to Pittsburgh for the Revision of the Constitution Meeting. Jim arrived home in Washington barely in time to escort his daughter Kathleen down the aisle for her wedding. Kathy has attended several National Conventions with her parents.

Monsignor Edward Roach, Pastor Emeritus of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and our local Chaplain for the A.O.H. and Auxiliary celebrated his golden anniversary in the priesthood and was twice honored. The parish had a concelebrated Mass at seven in the evening with the sacristy filled with visiting clergy, and the church thronged with parishioners, Hibernians, and other friends. It was presided over by His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop John Spence who spoke warmly of Monsignor Roach. Bishop Spence also remarked that Monsignor was such a joy to be around, that unlike many people as they are getting older, he retained his keen sense of humor. He always had a ready smile and joined easily and happily in any topic of conversation. The mass was followed by a reception. Later in the month the Emerald Isle Division of the AOH honored Monsignor with a deluxe picnic. Music, solid and liquid refreshments and entertainment were enjoyed by all. A beautiful large cake topped with an altar and chalice decorated the head table.

The Auxiliary now is beginning to be excited over next year's National Convention in Dublin. The months go by so fast it will be here before we know it. The girls want all the details and await each issue of the Hibernian Digest to see what is new on that front. There is talk of Washington Hibernians having a chartered plane leaving from Dulles Airport. Ours will be a two week trip. The Maryland people will leave from Friendship Airport in all probability, and if they plan to stay for three weeks we may end up exchanging some passengers. In Ireland, they tell you that your trip can't possibly do you any good if you stay less than six weeks. The last issue of the Digest listed several differ-

ent package deals which seemed a little confusing to many of us. I do hope we can all be at the Headquarters Hotel. It makes the Convention more simple to be able to go back to one's room in the Convention Hotel instead of having to leave the hotel and go to another one some distance away. At the last Montreal Convention, the English Government took over the Hotel reserved by the A.O.H. and Auxiliary only about a month before the Convention. The Committee was hard pressed to make other arrangements. We were all quartered in different hotels and the night of the Banquet I discovered at the door to the ballroom which was on an upper floor, that our banquet tickets had been left on the bureau in our room in another hotel that was far away. This entailed waiting for an elevator, (and those who have attended conventions know how frantic this wait can be on the night of the banquet) and hailing a cab to get back to the other hotel. After waiting for another elevator to go to an upper floor in our own hotel and after getting the tickets reversing the whole procedure. Need I say that several dinner courses had been served before my return? Others had similar experiences. So here's hoping that the Committee, when making arrangements, will keep these things in mind.

Rockland County N.Y. Celebrates



RECENTLY THE Hibernians in Rockland County N.Y. had a most successful Dinner Dance. Over 600 persons attended and thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. Left to Right: Denis Mulvihill, Chairman of function; Shirley Clifford, Co-Chairlady; Thomas Murray, Rockland A.O.H. County President; and Betty Lynch, County Chairlady from Ladies Auxiliary Division 3 Suffern.

Quotes From

Minnesota Ladies 'Go-pher Irish'

Some news items appearing in the "Go-pher Irish" which is a newsletter issued by the State Board of the Ladies Auxiliary in Minnesota has reached the Digest.

Some Quotes from it:

"The National President's visit with us was most successful and fraternal. Sr. Rita McDonough, National President and Sr. Sally Murphy, Maryland Past State President, enthusiastically

and graciously expressed their thanks and appreciation to Minnesota Hibernians for the activities planned for them. We want them to know it was a privilege and a pleasure to have had as much of their time as we did."

"The Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Sullivan, Pastor of Visitation Church has graciously consented to be Chaplain of Hennepin County LAAOH. He is succeeding our beloved

Fr. Cogwin, who has retired and is now residing at Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis."

"Washington County Juniors were busy planning their spring schedule. Here are the highlights: A skating party in March; A visit to the International Institute in St. Paul in April; A Mother-Daughter breakfast in May; and in June they made a trip up the St. Croix River in the Charlsen House Boat. They had a horseback riding party in April."

the greatest convention we have held in the history of our Order.

The Northern Ireland Relief program is at a standstill. As of this date we have not received the records from the previous administration. We have talked with Archbishop Boland and he agrees to carry on as our National Chairman of the Fund. All we need are records so we can proceed properly. We saw first hand that our money was used properly in Northeast Ireland. I saw the results myself this past January and Cardinal Conway was very appreciative along with our suffering Irish countrymen in Northeast Ireland.

Our Constitutional Convention was held at St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh the week of July 12 to July 17, 1971 and the results of that convention are covered in another story appearing in this issue of the Digest.

You will be receiving your National Awards Books soon and we urge you to help in promoting these awards. The results are very important to the Order in general.

I want to thank each and every member for their many kind letters of congratulations and support. We realize that there is a lot of work ahead for us in the year to come. We are stressing membership in the Order. Again, we challenge you to secure a good Hibernian member within the coming month and set this goal for yourself. A new member every month. Many a fine Irish Catholic is waiting for some Hibernian to invite him to join the oldest Catholic lay organization in America, and the greatest Fraternal Organization in the world.

I wish that each member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and our Laides Auxiliary and their families the best of health and financial well being in the years to come. Let us build this great Order together.

President's Report

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York; Mr. Jim Rice of Bowen Travel, Chicago, Illinois; and Mr. Andy McKenna of Atlas Travel, San Francisco, California.

These men were selected after consulting with the Irish Government, our own Government and advisors in the travel business. Again, they were selected on ability, reputation, and geographic location in connection with our membership concentration. Mr. Kevin Durnin is our chief coordinator, and he was the General Manager of North America for the Irish Tourist Board for 17 years before going into business for himself and he is a member of our Order. One last point. I recommend that those who are planning to attend the convention in Dublin to contact the agent

closest to you immediately because it will be first come, first served basis on handling reservations and no reservations will be handled unless they go through these official agents. The most important thing to remember is that it is our plan that the overall membership would benefit by this program, that no free seats would be given away to me as President or anybody else. In this way we can give to the delegates and members attending the convention the best price available. All airlines used by this official National Board Program will be scheduled airlines such as: Irish, T.W.A., Pan Am., etc. No unscheduled airlines. Safety and convenience are most important in my mind. At this point I would say

Mollie Owens Callanan

Mollie Owens Callanan, a native of Clones, County Monaghan, Ireland, has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians since 1912.

Mrs. Callanan joined Father Peter C. Yorke Division No. 3, the same year she came to the United States, at the urging of the late Reverend Michael Crotty of Tipperary. Mollie came to San Francisco after her mother died to live with her Aunt Kate and became so enchanted with the City that she decided to stay.

For the past fifty-eight years Mollie has served every level of office in the Hibernians, as a Division President, State President and National Chairman of Missions, serving on the latter board for twelve years.

Among her friends was the beloved Bishop Edward Gal-

vin and he imbued Mollie with such a zeal for the missions that she was moved to conduct annual affairs to raise money for the Columban Fathers. Up to this day she is the California State Chairman of Missions for the Ladies Auxiliary, continuing to espouse the Columban cause.

Mollie Owens married Michael Callanan, a Sergeant of the San Francisco Police Department in 1931 and their home became a center of Irish activities. Mollie, in addition to her Hibernian activities, went on to become President of the United Irish Societies, President of the Ulster Ladies and President of the Irish Freedom League of California.

In the latter connection, Sister Callanan has helped to raise funds for the freedom of Ireland over the years and met and entertained such

outstanding historical figures as President Eamon DeValera and former Minister of External Affairs Frank Aiken when they visited San Francisco, and she has been received by President DeValera on her many trips back home.

Michael Callanan, a member of Division 4 in San Francisco, died in 1956 and the "home of Mike and Mollie" hasn't been quite as active since, but the dedication of this former Irish school teacher has never waned. Her devotion to the cause of Hibernianism is just as strong as ever and her aspiration for a free and undivided Ireland remains as a dream unfinished.

Edward F. Callanan of San Francisco, who is National Chairman of Catholic Action and a member of the National Board, A.O.H. is Mollie's Nephew.

The National Constitutional Convention Adopts A New Constitution for U.S. Hibernian Order

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Convention or who did not return to Office when their last local elections took place.

After each jurisdiction had received the Call, it was up to that particular jurisdiction to decide whether or not to send Delegates to the National Constitutional Convention and to pay the expenses of such Delegates should a decision be made to send them.

WIDE REPRESENTATION

Seventy-nine Delegates representing eighteen States attended the National Constitution Convention. All of them served on the various Committees whose work was to examine the Sections of the existing Constitution and also examine proposals submitted in writing from members throughout the country or presented verbally by Delegates at the Convention to amend existing Sections or to add new Sections.

Seven working Committees were set up to carry out the important task of revising, amending and otherwise updating the Constitution. Delegates themselves, picked the particular Committee on which they wished to serve. The Constitution Book, itself, was cut up into seven parts and one part was given to each Committee for its members to work on by way of having discussions on essential changes and making recommendations for Amendments.

A Chairman was in charge of each of these seven Committees. His duties were to keep his Committee members thinking and working on the Sections in that part of the Constitution assigned to his Committee. As soon as the members had presented all their views and debated the matter among themselves, a vote was taken of these members in order to decide what recommendations they should make. The decision arrived at, then, became the recommendation of that Committee. The Chairman, in turn, wrote up the recommendation as to each Section and then by a motion presented it for discussion and vote by all the Delegates at an open meeting. Any Delegate at this meeting could also offer an Amendment to the recommendation made by the Chairman on behalf of his Committee. As soon as the vote was taken, the changes adopted by the Delegates for any Section became the Official Section for the "New Constitution." In like manner, new Sections were added to the Constitution by vote of the Delegates.

The Constitution as revised and amended and adopted at the recent National Constitutional Convention will be available to all members of our Order in September, 1971.

BASIC SUBSTANCE STAYS

A comparison between "The Old Constitution" and "The New Constitution" will show many changes. But despite these many changes, the basic substance of "The Old Constitution" is preserved in "The New Constitution." For example, the name--"Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Incorporated"--remains the same. The purpose of the Organization also remains as it was.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT PRESIDES

National President Edward J. Fay presided at all the general meetings of the National Constitutional Convention. It was at these open meetings for all Delegates that each of the seven Chairmen who headed each one of the seven Committees presented the recommendation on behalf of his Committee as to the final action taken by the Committee on each of the various proposed Amendments. This Chairman then made a motion to accept his Committee's recommendation.

The entire body of Delegates then expressed their views through debate on his motion. Sometimes his motion was adopted. Sometimes it was amended by Delegates and then debated on again. After all had been heard, then National President Fay called for a final vote. And the result of that vote finished the matter.

WORKING STAFF

National Secretary William J. Barnett was the Chairman of the National Constitutional Convention. He had multiple duties to perform and an enormous amount of physical work to do. It was he who made most of the arrangements for the Convention. During the daily proceedings, he had to keep the vast amount of clerical and paper work moving. Philip McCusker was his Assistant Secretary.

Deputy National Chaplain, The Reverend Thomas P. Carey, of Indianapolis, Indiana was present every day. Amicable and interested as well as talented, he was like "a balance wheel" among the Delegates. Knowledgeable about A.O.H. matters, he contributed many valuable suggestions to Delegates.

George Waters of Nassau County, Long Island, New York, was the Legal Advisor to Committees. A learned and prominent Attorney as well as a real hard working A.O.H. member, he was a useful asset to the proceedings.

William Burke of Manhattan, New York, was Secretary of the Convention. Although still young, he has been a Delegate to National Conventions since 1934.

Judge Aloysius J. Melia of Manhattan, New York was the Parliamentarian. An expert in the field of Parliamentary Law and in the working procedure of organizations, he also is a seasoned lawyer in the field of Civil and Criminal Law.

DELEGATES VOLUNTEERED

All the Delegates to the National Constitutional Convention distributed themselves among seven Committees which handled the details connected with changing the Constitution through Amendments and Revisions. This distribution was on a voluntary basis. Each Delegate selected the Committee which he liked best to serve on as a worker.

There was no "stacking" of a Committee with specially selected Delegates for the purpose of "putting through" a particular Amendment at the Committee level and, thereby, making it possible for this Amendment to be presented unanimously later by that Committee to the general and open meeting of all the Delegates and, therefore, as a result creating a situation by which it would be presented then to them with the prestige and endorsement of the Committee behind it.

BUSY DELEGATES

Because each of these Committees had one seventh of the "Old Constitution Book" to examine searchingly and study carefully as well as to examine in the same manner all the new proposals for changes, every member of these Committees was a busy man.

As one member said: "A mountain of stuff had to be gone over in order to catch up with the reading and study of all the resolutions, all the letters of suggestions, and all the other drafted proposals for changes which were sent to us here in this Constitutional Convention."

Contained in the abundance of written matter received by each of the seven Committees for their use were all the proposed Amendments to the Constitution, all suggested changes, in the sequence of Sections, all recommended deletions of archaic words and ungrammatical sentences, all explanations for adding new Sections to govern new conditions and situations which did not exist ten years ago or less, and all other ideas calculated to revise and update the Constitution for the benefit of the A.O.H. in America.

In addition to this written matter, each Committee heard verbal proposals for Amendments and Revisions from all the Delegates at the Convention who appeared before the Committee and presented their views. For example, a Delegate serving on Number 5 Committee might find it necessary to go before Committee Number 2, or any of the other Committees except his own, for the purpose of offering his proposals for Amendments or Revisions. He had to make his proposals in this manner, only, if his own Number 5 Committee was not handling the Constitution Sections about which he was concerned.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

The principle of "checks and balances" was maintained by having each Committee discuss all proposals made to it, then come to a conclusion among themselves about them, then come up with recommendations which they arrived at by vote as to these Amendments or Revisions which they thought were necessary and then present these recommendations to all the Delegates at an open meeting for their consideration and for final action by a vote.

At this open meeting, the Delegates could reject all the recommendations, or some of them, or they could accept all the recommendations, or some of them. In addition, Delegates at this meeting could propose their own specific Amendments to any of those offered by the Committee. After discussion and debate in accordance with the established parliamentary procedure, the entire body of Delegates to the Constitutional Convention voted on the matter. Whatever or whichever proposed Amendment was the winner by this vote of all the Delegates became the Official Amendment to the Constitution. It was now the law.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Seven committees were formed and the following men were selected as Chairmen: James Reilly - Preamble, Basic Unit of Order, Membership Qualifications, Transfers, etc.; Jack Reynolds - Officers, Boards, Powers and Duties of Officers, Salaries and Expenses; Matt Fennell - Conventions, Nominations, Elections and Installations;

Steven O'Malley - Initiations, Per Capita, Fees, Merchandise, Books and Supplies; Judge Al Melia - Trials and Suspensions, Appeals, Offenses and their Punishments, By-Laws, Amendments; William J. Collins - Benefits, Donations, Solicitations, Ritual; John W. Duffy - Digest, Kennedy Medal, Charities and Missions.

The National Constitutional Convention was held in St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Located in its own extensive park grounds on top of a hill, the Monastery is a large four story red building with almost two hundred rooms--sleeping rooms, meeting rooms, business offices.

GOOD FACILITIES

The St. Paul's Monastery, according to the opinions of Convention Delegates, was particularly appropriate for them and the Convention. Each Delegate had his own individual room. Each of the seven Committees had its own private meeting room. The general meeting of Delegates was held in a very large bright room equipped with modern facilities for such meetings. A large dining room with modern kitchen attached provided Delegates with a pleasant place in which to eat, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A Chapel, most beautiful in itself, gave Delegates the opportunity to attend Mass every morning.

The facilities provided in the Monastery for meetings made it possible for the Delegates to concentrate on their duties and to produce a large volume of work each day. Each Delegate worked in Committee from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. every day with the exception of an hour for Lunch. Chairmen of Committees and some Delegates had also to give some hours at night to the work of their Committees.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business transacted at this Convention except business on the Constitution Amendments. There was no meeting of the National Board held.

This National Constitutional Convention was really a working Convention every day for five days. There were no visitors. Only Delegates were in the building.

This Convention brought together Delegates from California on the west, from the States in the middle West, from the States on the east coast. Collectively, they possessed an abundance of talent and experience suitable for the task of Amending and Revising the A.O.H. Constitution. Such an array of talent with business Hibernian experience is not so easily assembled these days to work voluntarily for the benefit of a Fraternal Organization like the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Brooklyn Flatbush Hibernians on Job

Division 35 of Flatbush, Brooklyn, New York City, publishes a most useful Bulletin.

The Editor is John T. Ridge. The Assistant Editor is Patrick Mullin.

Under the Masthead is this dynamic quotation: "In Ireland we have been blamed for being agitators. I thank my God for being one. Whatever little we have gained, we have gained by agitation, while we uniformly lose by moderation." -- Daniel O'Connell.

William D. Carroll is Division President. His members are busy and always on the job.

Division 35 paid a well deserved tribute recently to its Past President -- Mike O'Connor.

The following quotation taken from the Bulletin expresses the thoughts of the Division.

"During 1970 the division was quite fortunate to have had the services of a fine number of men who served faithfully and efficiently their terms. All the old officers did a fine job in helping the work of the Hibernians to reach more and more of the Irish community. Their work has brought a new spirit and rebirth to Division 35 and Hibernianism."

We can't fail to thank specifically the special effort of the past president, Michael J. O'Connor. No one worked harder than Mike in the office of president or as the past county secretary. His efforts in the many social and charitable activities of the division won him the deserved praise of all his brothers in the division and Irish community at large. Mike, of course, will continue the struggle to make Division 35, the A.O.H., and the Irish community to gain its proper place again with us in the rank and file. The entire membership of Division 35 joins in presenting its deep thanks to a great Hibernian and fine Irishman -- Brother Mike O'Connor.

John F. Curry, an active officer in Kings County (Brooklyn) Board, is a member of this Division. Former National Secretary John F. Geoghan, now residing in New Jersey, held every office in this Division.

The deadline for the next Digest issue -- September, October -- is October 16th.

Type or write by pencil or pen your news items and mail to Editor. Address on Page 2.

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and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall"

--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS at a luncheon given by the Mayor of San Francisco, Joseph L. Alioto, in honor of National President Edward J. Fay, are shown above. From the left, they are: Bernard McHugh, Consul General of Ireland in San Francisco; Edward F. Callanan, National Chairman, Catholic

Action, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Mr. Fay; Mayor Alioto; Thomas J. Cahill, President, United Irish Societies, Former Chief of Police, San Francisco; Michael J. Driscoll, Member, Board of Supervisors, City and County of San Francisco; and George R. Reilly, Past National President.

National President Edward J. Fay Is Honored On Visit To California

Edward J. Fay, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, journeyed to San Francisco on an official visit on August 18, 1971.

Soon after his arrival, Ed Fay, and his lovely wife, Dorothy, were greeted at City Hall by Mayor Joseph L. Alioto who presented the National President with an ornate key to the City and offered him the services of his office to make certain that his stay would be a pleasant one.

Among the large crowd witnessing the presentation of the key were Past National President George R. Reilly and National Chairman of Catholic Action, Edward F. Callanan.

Following the civic reception, President Fay was guest of honor at a luncheon held at Rocca's restaurant in the heart of the City's Civic Center, and which was sponsored by the joint County Boards of the A.O.H. and L.A.A.O.H.

The luncheon guests included the National Historian of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mabel Noonan from San Jose and National Organizer for the West of the Ladies Auxiliary, Alice Curtin. Also, at the head table were Homer Jordan, State President of the A.O.H. in California and a resident of Sacramento, and the State President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Margaret Madden.

Ed Fay was eloquently

greeted at the luncheon by the President of the United Irish Societies, Thomas J. Cahill, retired Chief of Police of San Francisco and a member of Division 17, and by James Hennessy, President of the County Board.

George R. Reilly, Past National President of the A.O.H. delivered a stirring address to the assembled crowd, which represented every one of the Divisions of both Ladies and Men's organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Reilly recalled his days as National Editor of the Hibernian Digest as well as those as President and reminded the group that we are the only true Irish-American organization with a strong national voice and that to keep alive we must exercise that voice in the cause of Irish Freedom and in the area of a fair immigration law.

Reilly also urged the assemblage to travel to Ireland next year for the National convention and he promised that he would introduce them to his countless Hibernian friends from all over the country.

President Fay responded to the many gestures of friendship that were so evident by expressing his appreciation for the warm welcome and said that such a visit by a National President was indeed an acknowledgment that the A.O.H. extends from "sea to shining

sea".

Ed Fay went on to say that since assuming office in August of last year he has made a concerted effort to meet as many members of the Order as he possibly can so as to strengthen the web of friendship and unity that is so essential to progress. He closed his address by inviting everyone to join the great pilgrimage to Dublin to enjoy both the educational and social advantages of a National convention.

A stop at the Chancery Office was the next step on President Fay's busy schedule where he was greeted by Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken. The Archbishop spoke highly of the Hibernians in his diocese and of their devotion to the Church over many years. The National President and the Archbishop discussed the activities of the Catholic Youth Organization at length since both were so obviously concerned about the future of the young people of America.

After this rather extensive visit with Archbishop McGucken, Ed Fay met Father Cornelius Burns, a former State Chaplain of the Hibernians in California and now Secretary to the Archbishop.

Next on the schedule for President Fay and his wife, was an evening with the Consular Corps of San Francisco, the second largest in the United States.

Mayor Alioto had extended this most unique invitation to

such a function because, as he said, "my high regard for your organization and its members."

National Secretary Bill Barnett had arrived that same afternoon and was also extended an invitation to the event, which was attended by 59 Consuls General assigned to the City. The National President and National Secretary were the table guests of Bernard McHugh, the Irish Consul General in San Francisco and his beautiful wife, Katrina. Mayor Alioto presented President Fay to the Consuls for their recognition.

Michael Driscoll, a member of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco and a long-time member of the Hibernians served as the City's host to President Fay at this dinner which was held in the extraordinarily beautiful surroundings of the Santa Clara Valley hills, and specifically at the Paul Masson Vineyards. Here, the wine, the food, the fading sunlight, and the sparkling lights of the night in the Bay Area capped a most eventful few days.

During their stay the National President and National Secretary had an opportunity to discuss problems and plans with many Hibernians who were eager to learn of such plans from two of the highest sources in the Order, and the feeling of solidarity that characterizes a national

A.O.H. Official Urges

Make Convention Reservations Now

Arrangements To Be Made Through Listed Travel Agents

It should be clearly understood by all who are planning to attend the National Convention in Dublin in July, 1972, that all arrangements should be made by the travel agents listed in the May-June issue of the Digest. All available rooms in the Dublin area are blocked off in the name of the Ancient Order of

Hibernians. Some people are being misinformed that rooms are available in Dublin at this time, and this is incorrect. This is the peak season for tourist travel, not only in Ireland, but all of Europe. It also has been made clear that reservations would be taken on a first come, first served basis. There is no other way that a movement so large and so popular can be handled on a fair and equitable basis.

All travel will be handled by scheduled carriers: Irish Air Lines, TWA, Pan-Am, etc. The safety and convenience of our people is foremost in our minds. The land arrangements are being handled by C.I.E. Tours International, 590 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, 10036.

The National Convention program has been geared to provide the best accommodations at the best possible

price for the delegates and members of the A.O.H. and the Ladies Auxiliary. You should contact the travel agent closest to you to make your reservations. All State, County and Divisions should clear through that agent and they are as follows:

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Mr. Jim Rice, John H. Bowen Travel Service, 244 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60629.

Mr. Andy McKenna, Atlanta Travel Service, 236 Pacific Building, 821 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94103.

NEW YORK WRITES PROTEST LETTERS

The New York County A.O.H. Board has written strong letters of protest to many U.S. Public Officials and to others about their arrest and internment with our charges of 300 persons in Northeast Ireland.

County President Joseph P. Sullivan sent letters to Senators Kennedy and Javits, to Secretary of State Rogers and U.S. Representative George Bush in the U.N. as well as to the entire Delegation of New York Congressmen in the House of Representatives.

For 50 years, the N.Y. County Board has been active in protesting against the Partition of Ireland and active also in supporting Programs and Organizations dedicated to the full freedom of Ireland.

EAST ST. LOUIS 75th ANNIVERSARY

Division No. 1 Ladies' Auxiliary East St. Louis, Illinois celebrated their 75th anniversary on October 30th with Mass in Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, by Father Maurice Driscoll their chaplain. This was followed by dinner and a dance at the K of C Club. Rt. Rev. Bishop Albert Zuroweste attended, and was presented with a \$100.00 check for the Bishop's Bursar.

Sister Regina Powell of Loisel Drive, East St. Louis reports that the Anniversary was well attended and that the Auxiliary were completely satisfied with the final results.

Mrs. Tim Ryan Acknowledges

The family of the late Timothy Ryan (R.I.P.), Brooklyn, New York and President of the New York State Board AOH, extend a sincere thank you to the Reverend Fathers, National, State, County Division officers and members, for the many Mass Cards, flowers, condolence letters, and the beautiful tributes extended at the time of the wake and Funeral Mass. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. It is impossible for us to give personal acknowledgments. Trusting this notice will be acceptable -- God Bless you all.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ANNUAL BALL

The Annual Ball of the Suffolk County Board, Long Island, N.Y. was held on Saturday, October 16, at the Larkfield Country Club, East Northport. Tickets were \$25.00 per couple -- menu included a Prime Ribs of Beef dinner. Dancing to the Mulvihill Irish Band as well as other entertainment. Brother Pat Fitzpatrick was Chairman of the function.

organization were evident.

President Fay was invited back to California by State Presidents and Ladies' and Men's groups so that he may meet our many members in Southern California.

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Dance To Be Held At Binghamton

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Broome County, New York and its Auxiliary are planning a kick-off dance for Saturday, November 27th at the Treadway Inn, Binghamton in preparation for the New York AOH State Convention to be held here in June 1972.

Music for dancing will be furnished by John O'Neil and the Statesmen, a well known Irish-American band from New York City.

Miss Helen M. Hickey of 97 Evans Street, Binghamton, N. Y. is Secretary of the Convention Committee.



JAMES M. GRUNDY

James M. Grundy An Active Member

James M. Grundy is a Hibernian member who does things for his Division and for our Order-things that we need done well and on time.

A native New Yorker, he inherited the Irish tradition for reliability in performance and loyalty to principal from his Irish born-Kerry and Dublin-parents.

Jim Grundy, who is a Charter Member of Division 3 of New York County, has held every office in that Division. Located in Washington Heights, Manhattan, this Division is the largest Division in New York City and State.

It is members like Grundy by bringing in members constantly, who made 3-the big division that it now is.

Competent and diligent, pleasant and patient, he is Confidential Secretary to New York State Supreme Court Abraham J. Gellinoff.

Active in many other fraternal organizations, Jim is Treasurer of the Brian Boru Clan-Na Gael Irish Patriotic Club. He is Secretary of Washington Heights Democratic Club. He is a member of the Executive Council of the American Irish Historical Society of America. He does a good job in all these offices-as the record shows.

Dorothy Grundy, his wife, is a former President of Division 3 A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary. They live in Washington Heights, New York City.

HIBERNIAN NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

by John K. Henry

Possibly one of the most memorable evenings in the history of the Celtic Division in Hartford, was Thursday, October 7. At their regular meeting that night, the First Degree was given to 19 candidates which included the Governor of Connecticut, the Honorable Thomas Meskill, and the newly elected President of the Hartford Irish American Club, Jim O'Connell. Held at the Irish American Clubrooms at Glastonbury, the First Degree was administered by Jim McKay of the Celtic Division. I must say Jim made this one of the most moving experiences I have had in some time. State President Jerry Travers was in attendance as were John White (Fairfield County President), John O'Donnell (Fairfield County Treasurer) and Dennis Murray (Middletown President.) The meeting was presided over by Division President Tom Walsh who is responsible for the upsurge in the Hartford membership.

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Fairfield County Hibernians were saddened by the death of J. Augustus (Gus) O'Neill of Danbury who died following a heart attack. Gus was a dedicated member of the John Gildea Division and was one of its founding members. He was the first elected President of the Division and was active up until his death. At a meeting of the Fairfield County Board last month, the Charter of the Danbury Division was draped in honor of Gus. Our deepest sympathies to Mrs. O'Neill who is also a dedicated member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

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The Bridgeport Division will hold their Annual Fall Dinner Dance on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Mary Journey's Inn. The ever-busy Bud McDougall and James Kissane are Co-Chairmen of the affair. Music will be provided by the Pete Bellew Orchestra.

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The State Board has been contacting many members of

the Congress with regard to the Northern Ireland Crisis. Former National President Pat Hogan is active here. Strong letters were written to the following: President Nixon, Secretary of State Rogers, Secretary General

(U.N.) U Thant, Senators Ribicoff & Weicker, Cong. McKinney, Gaimo & Monaghan, Senators Javits, Buckley, Kennedy (no reply) McGovern, Humphrey, Muskie, Harris and Con. McCluskey. The replies received from the Executive Branch indicate little hope of intervention by the U.S. Cong. Mario Biaggi of New York seems to be the only one in Congress really interested and has introduced a Resolution (H. Res. 195) which deserves support. Write your Congressman to support this Resolution. Sitting back and saying that letter writing is no good is a defeatist attitude. Do what other ethnic groups do. Write letters.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Con Collins of Waterbury on the birth of their first child. The little lass, Brigid Mary, was born at St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury and christened at SS. Peter & Paul Church. Con is the past National Vice-President who remains very active in Hibernian affairs.

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John Boyle of the New Haven Division led a picket of Hibernians at the appearance of the Queen's Grenadiers at the New Haven Arena. John is the Chairman of New Haven's Irish History Round Table.

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The Norwalk Division holds its third Annual Turkey Social on Saturday, Nov. 20 at St. Mary's Community House. Harold McCabe is Chairman. Twenty-five turkeys will be awarded.

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On Oct. 30, the ever-busy Ladies Auxiliary of the Danbury Division held their Annual Tag Sale. Mrs. Evelyn Flynn was the Chairlady.

REMEMBER --
Our Membership Drive
HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
A NEW MEMBER?

Hibernian News From Canadian Ladies Auxiliary

Canadian Vice-President Miss Ann Burgess of the Ladies Auxiliary writes the Digest to say that they are very sorry to inform the membership of the AOH and Ladies Auxiliary of the death of State Chaplain, Rev. Gordon J. Carroll, who passed away July 6, 1971. Father was ordained in 1924, and served in many parishes as curate, and then Pastor to two parishes and founded one. He will be missed by the Auxiliary as he was a wonderful Spiritual Advisor. He was also a member of the AOH since he was a boy.

They are also sorry to have lost two long-time Hibernians -- Miss Helen Houston and Mrs. Anne Price. Mrs. Price was Past Division President of the Verdun Division and Past County Board President.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary in Canada are planning to attend the National Convention in Dublin, 1972. They have their plane reservations, just waiting to have hotel reservations and they'll be all set, looking forward to a good convention on the green soil of their home land.

A.K. Willoughby Death Reported

The death of long-time member, A. Kenneth Willoughby, took place recently. Ken Willoughby was an active Hibernian for over 35 years, many of them in Division 35 of Brooklyn, N.Y., in which he, for the more recent years, held membership. He held many offices in the A.O.H., and participated for a long while on the Kings County major degree team, the Round Tower Club.

Bridgeport Picnic Connecticut Flavor

With the weather man cooperating to the fullest extent in providing a warm and sunny day for an ideal outdoor setting, the John F. Kennedy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians held their seventh annual Family Picnic at the Knights of Columbus Grove, Fairfield, Connecticut on July 18. The fine weather plus the added ingredients of an excellent and varied menu of food and refreshments served throughout the day, fun and the element of competition in the sports and game program blended together to insure a successful Hibernian outing.

Unlike most catered picnics, the Bridgeport family outing was a strictly all-Hibernian membership affair with a committee under the direction of John Brophy, general chairman and Martin Devaney, co-chairman functioning in top notch fashion in the task of ordering, transporting, cooking, and serving all the food so as to insure a most enjoyable day for the 400 Hibernians, their families, and friends in attendance.

Highlighting the afternoon hours, was the presentation of a varied program of sports and games by George Mahoney, games chairman, with prizes and awards for the youngsters of every age group participating in the various events.

AOH Ladies Auxiliary Announces 71-72 Student Essay Contest

Only FOUR essays, TWO from each contest in each State may be entered for National judging.

SUBJECTS: For High Schools and Academies -- "THE IMPACT OF IRISH IMMIGRATION ON OUR COUNTRY." For Grammar Schools -- "WHY I WANT TO VISIT IRELAND."

TIME: Contest commences September 10, 1971 and closes February 1, 1972.

LENGTH OF ESSAY: Not less than 750, nor more than 1,500 words -- For High Schools and Academies.

Not less than 500, nor more than 1,000 words -- For Grammar Schools.

ELIGIBLE: All children attending PUBLIC, PAROCHIAL or PRIVATE Schools, in the above-mentioned grades.

PRIZES: Prizes for each Essay Contest as follows: \$100.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00.

JUDGING: All Essays shall be judged on the knowledge and organization of the subject material, originality being a deciding factor.

The State Chairman shall select from her State the TWO best essays from each subject and forward same to the National Chairman postmarked not later than March 17, 1972. The prizes to be presented at the closing of the schools.

Only two of these essays on each subject should be sent to the National Chairman.

Subject for High Schools: "THE IMPACT OF IRISH IMMIGRATION ON OUR COUNTRY."

Suggested Bibliography--other sources may be used. 'It's the Irish' - Robert Bernard Considine; 'The Contributions of the

Irish' - William Connor; 'From Famine to Fame' - Ruth Holland; 'A History of the Irish Settlers in North America' - Thomas D'Arcy McGee; Irish in America (paper) - Michael J. O'Brien; 'To the Golden Door' - George W. Potter.

Subject for Grammar Schools: "WHY I WANT TO VISIT IRELAND"

Suggested Bibliography--other sources may be used. 'We Go To Ireland' - S. L. Corbridge; 'Let's Visit Ireland' - Peter Eadie; 'Encyclopedia of Ireland' - Figgis; 'Shell Guide to Ireland' - Lord Killanin; 'Wonders of Ireland and How to Find Them' - Eric Newby; and 'Ireland Explored' - W. Retler.

IMPORTANT: Each essay must have the following: Name of Contestant, Age, Grade, School (full address), Number of words in body of Essay (Does not include Forward, Introduction or Bibliography).

In view of the fact that our 1972 National Convention will be held in DUBLIN, I hope that you may feel that the subject for the Grammar Grades, "WHY I WANT TO VISIT IRELAND," may also arouse the interest of our members and friends to make this sentimental journey.

One of the primary purposes of the Annual Irish History Contest is to inspire students to learn about our Mother Country and develop a Pride in the great accomplishments of her Sons and Daughters of Irish birth or descent.

With this aim in mind, your National Board enlists the help and interest of ALL our members in making this 1971-1972 contest the success it has always been.

Mrs. Mabel Noonan,
National Historian

Michigan Resolution

The following Resolution was adopted by our Michigan State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians on September 11, at Detroit, and copies sent to President Nixon, as well as to the two Michigan Senators, and all Michigan Congressmen. It was sent to A.O.H. officers in other States for their consideration and adoption.

Michigan A.O.H. Resolution

WHEREAS, the original invasion of Ireland by the British took place in the year 1172 and marked the beginning of the longest and most brutal oppression of a small nation by a larger one, in the history of the world, and

WHEREAS, the Irish people, by armed action, supported by world opinion, achieved, in 1921, the Republic of Ireland, in 26 of its 32 Counties, the British Government, by an Act of Parliament, created, in the remaining 6 Counties, Northern Ireland as a part of the British Empire and holds it by force, with a standing army stationed there, and

WHEREAS, it is a fact of history that, in our War of Independence, the Irish, who had been driven here by the British oppression in their own country, volunteered for service in the War in numbers far in excess of their proportion to the total population, estimates ranging from 1/3 to 1/2 of the entire American Force, and

WHEREAS, no less a person than Colonel John Parke Custis, the adopted son of General George Washington, is quoted as follows:

'Of the operations of the war - I mean the soldiers - up to the coming of the French, Ireland furnished at the rate of 100 to 1 of any nation whatever. Then honored be the old and good services of the Sons of Erin in the War of Independence. Let the shamrock be entwined with the laurels of the Revolution, and, truth and justice guiding the pen of history, inscribe on the tables of America's remembrance: 'Eternal gratitude to Irishmen.'

And, from the British side, Lord Mountjoy, speaking in the House of Lords, following the defeat of the British, told them: 'We have lost America through the Irish', and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1917, Lloyd George, to induce the United States to come to the aid of the British Empire in World War I, and to overcome the opposition of Americans of Irish descent, proclaimed, in the House of Commons: 'Centuries of brutal and often ruthless injustice and centuries of insolence and insult have driven hatred of English rule into the very marrow of the Irish race. The long periods of oppression, proscription and expatriation have formed the greatest blot on British fame of equity and eminence in the realm of government,' and

WHEREAS, on the United States entry into World War I, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed: 'We are concerting with our Allies to make not only the liberties of America secure, but the liberties of every other people as well,' and

WHEREAS, the British War Cabinet announced 'No man can read these words without applying them to Ireland *** Will Ireland fight for this freedom? America will see her rights are secured' and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 1921, Winston Churchill said: 'A lasting settlement with Ireland would not only be a blessing in itself, but, with it, would also be removed the greatest obstacle

Cardinal Conway Urges Support For Ireland's Relief Fund

The following letter was received by President Ed Fay:



Ara Cobi,
ARMAGH,

21st September, 1971.

Dear Mr. Fay,

Thank you very much for your letter of 16th September informing me that the sum of ten thousand dollars has been lodged in my name in the Bank of Ireland, Dublin, for the relief of distress arising from the present disturbances in Northern Ireland.

I am very grateful indeed for this very generous donation and can assure you that the money will be devoted to the purposes you mention - to provide food and clothing for poor, homeless and displaced persons.

The situation here continues to give grounds for serious concern. Many of the refugees have now returned to Belfast but we do not know when the flood may start again. Your kind interest is most deeply appreciated.

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop of Armagh.

Mr. Edward J. Fay,
National President,
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1416 Powers Run Road,
PITTSBURG,
Pa. 15238, U. S. A.

We have two important jobs in connection with our national program for the relief of the six Northeastern Counties of Ireland. First, we must subscribe every member of the Order plus every friend, whether he or she be Irish or not to financially help our suffering people. We should also solicit other Fraternal Clubs and Organizations for their financial support. These funds should then be sent to

which has ever existed to Anglo-American unity, and, far across the Atlantic Ocean we should reap a harvest sown in the Emerald Isle' and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the promises of the British Government made more than half a century ago, Ireland remains a partitioned country, perpetuating centuries of oppression of the people of Ireland,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Michigan State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in meeting assembled in the City of Detroit, on this 11th day of September, 1971, hereby petitions the President and the Congress of the United States to initiate such measures, with the Governments of Great Britain and Ireland, as may be necessary to bring to an end the Partition of Ireland and to bring the Freedom for All Ireland, to which the people of Ireland are justly entitled. --ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS OF MICHIGAN By: President James J. O'Kelly; Vice-President Phillip C. Kelly; Secretary Clare Cunningham; Treasurer John Rooney

our National Secretary, William Barnett, 27 Mada Ave., Long Island, New York, New York 10310.

Next phase of the program is for every member of the A.O.H. to write his United States Senators and Congressmen to put pressure on our Government and the United Nations to bring about a peaceful and just solution to the Irish problem in Northern Ireland.

'The Answer: One Irish Republic consisting of 32 free Counties.' Each member should call ten people that he knows and ask each one of them to call ten people that this person knows to write their Senators and Congressmen. This can be done and it must be done. The A.O.H. can and must be the leading force behind the Freedom for All Ireland. With close to 30 million Irish and Irish-Americans in these United States, we must bring pressure on our government to help our suffering Irish Brothers and Sisters. Our elected officials respond to the electorate. You must insist that if they want our support, they must act on behalf of the suffering Irish Catholic minority of the six northeastern Counties.

Britain's Shame
Do you know that 663,000 men and women in Northern Ireland have to enter the following under the provisions of the notorious Special Powers Act of the British puppet regime in Ireland's historic six northeastern Counties:
The Special Powers Act, Northern Ireland
1. Arrest without warrant;
2. Search without warrant;
3. Enter and search homes without warrant, and with force, at any hour of day or night;
4. Declare a curfew and prohibit meetings, assemblies (including fairs and markets) and processions;
5. Permit punishment by flogging;
6. Deny claim to a trial by jury;
7. Arrest persons it is desired to examine as witnesses, forcibly detain them and compel them to answer questions; under penalties, even if answers may incriminate them. Such a person is guilty of an offense if he refuses to be sworn or answer a question;
8. Do any act involving interference with the rights of private property;
9. Prevent access of relatives or legal advisers to a person imprisoned without trial;
10. Prohibit the holding of an inquest after a prisoner's death;
11. Arrest a person who 'by word of mouth' spreads false reports or makes false statements;
12. Prohibit the circulation of any newspaper;
13. Prohibit the possession of any film or gramophone record;
14. Arrest a person who does anything 'calculated to be prejudicial to the preservation of peace or maintenance of order in Northern Ireland and not specifically provided for by any other law.'

or trial and deny recourse to habeas corpus or a court of law;

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Montclair, N.J. Reports Activities

The President of Montclair Division, New Jersey reports that their Dinner Meeting and Chaplain's Night at the Robin Hood Inn, attended by 25 members, was a welcome change from the usual monthly meeting; some members thought there should be two dinner meetings each year. They are particularly pleased to announce that Fr. John J. Brown, Pastor of St. Casians, a long time friend and supporter of the Hibernians, formally joined their ranks at that meeting.

Harold Cass was appointed by County President John Joyce as Chairman of the Annual AOH County Communion Breakfast. However, this year there was a Communion Supper at the Robin Hood Inn prior to which Mass was said at St. Philip's Church, Valley Road, Clifton. The supper speaker was Fr. Peter McHugh, of St. Patrick's in Chatham. A native of Roscommon, he is a nephew of Brother Terry McHugh. It was held on Sunday, October 31 -- the cost, \$4.50 per person.

The Bus Trip to the Irish

Festival at the Garden State Arts Center in July was enjoyed by the participants; but, expenses were higher than anticipated because of the additional cost involved in securing an air-conditioned bus.

John Dougherty Of Homestead Dies

Mrs. Jean Shanbaugh, Chairlady of Catholic Action of Homestead, A.O.H. Auxiliary in Pennsylvania writes that they are saddened to report the death of Mr. John E. Dougherty on March 15, 1971. He was a member of over 40 years in Div. 34, Homestead, Pa. He served on the Standing Committee. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Catherine Dougherty, Chairlady of Catholic Action (National), three daughters and six grandchildren. Mr. Dougherty attended many State and National Conventions, including the National held in Indianapolis, Ind., August 1970. He is sadly missed by the members of Div. 34 and the L.A.A.O.H. Div. 13.

N.Y. Board Raises Funds For The Needy In Northeast Ireland

By direction of the National President, Edward J. Fay, a meeting of the County Presidents and other representatives of the Hibernian in the New York City Metropolitan Area, was held on Friday evening September 16, 1971. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate plans for a coordinated effort to raise funds for the relief of the needy in Northeast Ireland. It was also to make clear that a united effort was necessary to achieve any measure of success.

After a full discussion, the following program was formulated:

1. The program will be that as laid out in the July-August issue of the **National Hibernian Digest** by the National President. This was carried on Page 1, and is to be copied by all County Presidents and distributed to them.
2. All monies collected will be distributed immediately by the National Treasurer. There will be no professional fund raisers used. The total gross collected will go directly to Cardinal Conway.
3. County Presidents are to use all possible means of propaganda to place the Irish Question before the public. Where TV and radio programs are noted that are unfavorable to the Irish or defame our race, equal time should be obtained from that station and answers made that will give a favorable picture.
4. County Presidents are to contact all political leaders to get them to put pressure on the elected Representatives and Senators. We must have the politicians state where they stand on the Irish Question. If possible, have speakers from the AOH address political clubs.
5. Write letters to all office holders -- Start a deluge. County Presidents will supply Division Presidents with the names and addresses of public officials.
6. Inform your Divisions that they may raise funds by all and every means possible. All monies are to be sent to the National Secretary, with the notation on the check **Northeast Ireland Relief Fund**.
7. The name of the AOH is not to be used in connection with the raising of funds for any other purpose than as stated in item No. 1 above.

I should like the Directors in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 to consider the formation of similar groups. While this may not be possible in your particular area some program should be planned for the obtaining of funds to aid in the relief of the Northeast Ireland sufferers.

Fraternally and Sincerely Yours,

/s/ John J. Thornton
New York State AOH President

If you're leaving from an airport named Kennedy, you deserve an Irish send-off.



*You also deserve a smooth flight
—you'll get one!*

And we'll give you one with all the proper trimmings. Because we're Irish-Aer Lingus, the Irish International Airline, and who should know more about doing things the Irish way?

The Irish 747's

Take our new 747's, for example. We don't offer you just another big plane. Instead, we've divided the interior of each Irish 747 into 5 distinct sections.



*You deserve a good meal
—you'll get it!*

Each with its own hostesses. After all, we don't have much in the way of crowds or traffic jams in Ireland, so we aren't about to have them on our planes.

You also deserve the attention of a lovely Irish colleen like her. You'll have it.



New facilities at JFK

To match the room and comfort of our 747's, we've equally roomy and comfortable quarters at Kennedy. Over 25,000 square feet of space in which to lounge, chat and say fond farewells. There are more check-in facilities and more personnel to man them.

The most flights to Ireland

Of course, we have them. More flights to Ireland than all the other airlines combined. Almost any time you want. And we have the only direct service to Dublin.

Whether you fly our 707's or our 747's, we're sure you'll enjoy your flight. And you'll especially enjoy where it takes you—home.



*But, most of all, you deserve
the Ireland you love.*



*And you deserve a warm and
friendly atmosphere.*



IRISH-AER LINGUS

IRISH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Visitors Discussions On Politics And Religion In Ireland

Many Hibernians will be going in July, 1972 to the National A.O.H. Convention in Dublin. It will be the first time for most of them to see the land of their ancestors.

Having a knowledge of Irish History -- past and present -- will be most valuable to them. About eight years ago, many Divisions placed books on Irish History in their local libraries.

It is well to remember that questions on matters about Politics and Religion take up more than half the total pages of Irish History Books. These questions which are the heritage of the past, have left a deeper mark on the face of Ireland and on the minds of the Irish in Ireland than similar questions have left in other parts of Europe.

While modern reasonableness in Ireland has dissolved and sweetened some of the bitterness that these questions raised in their time of occurrence, their importance in Irish History are still easily recognizable. The national character of today's population of Ireland has been shaped by these forces.

The Politics and Religion of Ireland are not to be discussed superficially in Ireland by people who are not familiar with Irish History.

On the question of Politics in Ireland, there are 11 separate and distinct political organizations in Ireland. Each one has its own principles and objectives. Woe betide any stranger who "butts in" and starts to criticize these principles or objectives -- or even the methods -- of any one of these 11 organizations. There are, of course, thousands who are not active in any Political Party. They just go out and vote on Election Day.

On the question of religious differences in Ireland, a person who discusses these topics walks on sacred but dangerous ground. One has to treat conscientious religious beliefs with the respect that they deserve. In Ireland, despite opinions expressed by those who fleetingly pass through that country, the three dimension distinction of "Catholic, Protestant, Presbyterian" has for Irish people a clear and historic significance as well as meaning.

Any one of these religious names can be used in conversation, writing, or speeches without giving offense or making apology. Irrespective of their denominations, they are all Irish. The natural ties between them as Irishmen are much stronger than their political or religious divisions and differences.

In the total population of the Island of Ireland, the majority of that population is composed of Catholics. Visitors to Ireland should remember that Protestants of all denominations in Ireland have played a prominent part in the development of modern Ireland.

Irrespective of whether they are Church of Ireland Episcopalians, or Methodists, or Presbyterians, or of other Protestant Denominations, the Irish Protestants have an honored place in the pages of Irish Patriotic History.

Some figures may be useful as information: There are 3,200,00 Catholics in all of Ireland. They make up 95 percent of the Republic's population. This means that:

Division Nine Helps Cause

Division Nine, located in Montclair, New Jersey, is diligently working at the task of helping the oppressed people in North East Ireland.

The Division reports progress in the following communication sent to the Digest:

"At our Special Meeting on September 23, to discuss the Northern Ireland situation, it was agreed that we would:

1. prepare and furnish each of our members with two stamped post cards, containing an appropriate message, same to be, by each of us, (a) addressed to one of our State's Senators and the other to our respective Congressman, (b) signed and mailed; and

2. request each member to send a contribution for Relief purposes, c/o National A.O.H. Secretary William Bartnett, (212-SA 7-9031), 27 Mada Avenue, Staten Island, New York, for his forwarding thereof to Cardinal Conway, in Northern Ireland.

Make your check payable to: "AOH NORTH EAST IRELAND RELIEF FUND" and mail it as soon as possible to Brother Bartnett."

Eugene J. Byrne is President of Division 9. Patrick Hynes is Secretary.

The address of the Division is 42 Park Street, Montclair, N. J. 07042.

Big New Division Near Pittsburgh

A big new Division has come to being in the Pittsburgh District. Called the Daniel J. O'Connell Division No. 5, it is located in Swissvale, Pa. The energetic officers who are doing a great job of organizing it into the fastest growing Division in Western Pennsylvania are: Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Daniel Conway; President, Ronald G. Bryan; Vice President, Charles R. McLeigh; Recording Secretary, John E. Keane; Financial Secretary, Thomas J. Joyce; Treasurer, Anthony L. Fisher, Jr.; Marshal, Vincent Byrne; Sentinel, Vincent Nolan; Historian, James R. Flesse; Grievance Committee--Andrew P. Murray, Chairman; John M. Trainer, James J. McCann.

The enthusiasm already generated by these brothers promises a great future for another new group in our Ancient and honorable Order.

There are a half million Catholics in the Six County Area -- or 35 percent of the population in that Area.

There are 450,000 Episcopalians in all of Ireland -- and of these, there are 104,000 in the Republic.

There are 400,000 Presbyterians in all of Ireland -- and of these a total of 16,500 are in the Republic.

Methodists have 80,000 in all of Ireland.

There are 4,120 Jews in Ireland, of which 3,000 are in Dublin.

Quakers have 2,000 members in Ireland.

In addition, there are several groups of people who are identified with the Lutherans, Baptists, Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Russian and Greek Orthodox.

Discussion in Ireland on subjects such as Religion and Politics is something that informed and prudent visitors to that country avoid.

National Organizer Devlin Issues Call To Service

To all of the officers of our organizations in the USA and Canada including ALL of our Ladies Auxiliaries:

--A CALL TO SERVICE--

The call for a strong, vibrant and aggressive AOH in the USA and Canada is as URGENT today as it was in its beginning.

Objectives

1. A 32 county REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

2. A peaceful solution to all of the problems of North-East Ireland.

3. A just, fair and equitable U.S. Immigration law for IRELAND.

This is the UNFINISHED BUSINESS on the AOH CALENDAR OF TIME.

These are sufficient reasons to GO FORWARD and organize ALL eligible persons of our race under the banner of Hibernianism, the largest organized group of our race on this continent. These objectives should command the attention of our race in America.

Embark on a campaign to enlist the financial support of prominent Irish in America, who have money, to contribute over a three or five year period, to donate \$25-50-75-100-150-200-all the then effectively organize each state for membership and effectuate programs to have our race organized under the banner of the AOH for all into our divisions and for all into our divisions and Ladies Auxiliaries.

Ask all of those who have been the recipients of AOH scholarships to take a leading part in such an undertaking, such as Pat O'Brien.

Yearly Memorial events to former leaders of our race.

Take the initiative to weld together, on a regional basis, an outstanding promotion, beginning in the winter of the year, such as a Feis, Field Day, C.Y.O. Band Concert or some promotion to cause our race to come together. Use local facilities, i.e., arenas, stadiums, etc. This could be the kick-off in December. The net proceeds could go to our relief program for Northeast Ireland, or for some other of our charities.

Perhaps a diocesan project could make for better public relations.

Utilize facilities of Catholic colleges or Universities for activities.

A closed circuit TV Irish Concert. Some diocese have many auditoriums that could

be utilized. This idea has been tried by colleges and universities for a closed circuit football game.

Arrange with a theatre, to show Irish movies, pictures from Irish Airlines, Tourist Board, etc.

Where legal -- raffles or drawings or a trip to Ireland. Prizes for card parties of goods and products of Ireland and Family Coats of Arms. This type of operation lends to low costs, limited to printing, phone expense and costs of prizes.

Ask American Hierarchy to publicly endorse membership, as a matter of policy.

Encourage priests, brothers and nuns to take initiative to help us to promote membership in AOH. Most helpful would be those who are Irish -- 365 days a year.

Have we fully realized recruiting new members, as a result of March 17 parades that are held each year?

Organize an Irish radio program locally. Secure sponsors preferably Irish-American business men to participate.

Stage an all Irish Amateur Show, featuring recitations, singing, instrument playing and other forms of entertainment. Award prizes.

Sponsor and encourage Irish plays staged by talented players.

Promote interest in an Irish Center.

Awar' a yearly recognition to a outstanding person for his or her contribution to things -- RISH.

As a promotion -- Cause interest and action for Irish American newspapers to be circulated among our members. Do not let your mailing lists get away. Have papers give you their copies -- mail them out yourself -- then give them a bill for mailing.

Cultivate C.Y.O. for potential membership.

Work for a Race Convention under AOH auspices.

Arrange with your diocese or parish to have an all Nations show featuring the songs, dance groups, and instrument playing -- feature of course, Irish groups.

Establish Credit Unions for our members.

Take a number of Irish records and put on a concert in places where senior citizens are domiciled.

Develop Irish Choral groups.

Pick out a priest, brother or nun to go to Ireland next year with our Charter group to take pictures and then come back and put on a showing of their pictures locally. Then take the proceeds to finance a similar venture the next year. They in turn, can educate Irish-American youth. Purchase a movie camera or secure the loan of one for this purpose.

Perhaps you can use any or all of these ideas in your program. These ideas should activate your membership, accelerate interest and cause new membership for you.

Peter J. Campbell Gets Master's Degree In Social Service

Peter J. Campbell recently graduated from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service with a Master's Degree in Social Work. His major is in Case-work, with a specialty in Psychiatric Social Work.

Mr. Campbell has been in the field of Social Work since graduation from University College of St. John's University, Brooklyn with a B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology. He has worked with Angel Guardian Home, Brooklyn and the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Mt. Loretto, Staten Island prior to joining the Youth Counsel Bureau in the New York County District Attorney's Office on July 26th, 1965.

Peter's father is from Strokestown, Co. Roscommon and his mother is one of the Harkins from Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim where they still maintain their ancestral home. Peter is married to the former Loretto McHugh of Greagharragh, Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim and they have an eight month old son, Peter Joseph.

Mr. Campbell has kept in close contact with Ireland and the Irish, having made eleven trips to Ireland and being an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America where he is Historian of New York County Board; Chairman of their Annual Dinner-Dance; and Secretary of Division 3, Manhattan. He has been the Chairman of Bands and Music for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York for the past two years. Pete is also a member of the Leitrim Society and the United Irish



PETER J. CAMPBELL

Counties Feis Committee. When he was younger he won many medals and prizes for step-dancing and playing the flute at various feisanna. In College, Pete was the President of the Irish Society and he instituted an Annual Irish Variety Show and Annual Literary Publication. He also wrote for the newspaper and belonged to other extracurricular activities.

Peter is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Society of Clinical Social Workers, and he recently had an article on Social Work printed in the Irish Publication, AQUARIUS, which is sponsored by the Irish Servites at Benburb, Co. Tyrone, and can be had at your neighborhood Irish Store.

In October, 1971, he attended the International Convention of Social Workers which was held in Dublin, Ireland. Pete was a Delegate from U.S. to that prestigious Convention.



ON A RECENT VISIT to Pittsburgh to witness the World Series held at the Three Rivers Stadium, Bill Donovan, State President of Massachusetts, and John Devlin, National Organizer, took time out to chat with Danny Murtaugh, Manager of the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates. Shown above, from the left, are Mr. Donovan, Mr. Murtaugh and Mr. Devlin. Danny is a Life Member of Division 2, Allegheny County.

Kevin Barry, Boy Patriot

By John K. Henry
Connecticut A.O.H. State Secretary

"In Mountjoy jail one Monday morning,
High upon the gallows tree,
Kevin Barry gave his young life,
For the cause of liberty..."

So goes the Irish ballad of Kevin Barry, who never grew to what is commonly accepted as manhood. Yet, at the end of eighteen short years, he died as a man, like a man.

Kevin Barry was born in Dublin City on January 20, 1902, the fourth of a family of two boys and two girls. His father was a farmer from Tombeagh, Racketstown, County Carlow, who also had a dairy farm near Dublin City. Kevin attended National School at Rathvilly and later attended St. Mary's College, Rathmines and Belvedere College, both in Dublin. Belvedere College is one of Ireland's great Rugby Colleges. Barry was a very good student and received honors in what was then known as the Senior Grade. He was the recipient of a College Scholarship from the Dublin Corporation and in the Fall of 1919, he entered University College, Dublin to study medicine. It was a noble profession which destiny decreed he would never enter.

Throughout his young life, Barry was thoroughly indoctrinated in Republicanism. It was not surprising, therefore, that he joined the Irish Volunteers in 1917 when only fifteen years old. The following year, 1918, he became a part of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He was a dedicated worker and an avid learner. His first duty with the Dublin Battalion was to deliver dispatches to the men on a Saturday afternoon. Sundays he would train with the Battalion at various locations, one of which was in Parnell Square, still a great Gaelic bastion which has meeting rooms for many organizations and in which is located "The Garden of Remembrance" -- Ireland's park-style setting erected in memory of her patriots.

Throughout 1919 the fighting against English Crown Forces became stronger. Shootings became the order of the day. The British Forces and the I.R.A. fought a Guerrilla War. It was then

that Ireland felt the real brunt of the Black and Tans and other British agents. All over the country the Tans drove along the roads shooting at anything that moved and were not particular whether it was man, woman or child. Barry, observing all this, worked his way up in the I.R.A. Organization and became highly respected as a cool leader and professional soldier. He took part in several arms raids with H Company of the Dublin Battalion which was commanded by a Captain Kavanagh. Of course, it must be realized that with the continuing desperate quest for arms which were scarce with I.R.A. men, the raids became equally desperate and infinitely more daring. This then, was the atmosphere leading to the raid for arms by a selected group of H Company men at Monk's Bakery on Church Street, Dublin. Soldiers from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment made several trips weekly to Monk's Bakery with an armed escort. The plan was for the I.R.A. to take over Church Street and place men within the bakery. A truck in a nearby street was to be used for the arms getaway. Barry, along with a Sean O'Neill and others, were to cover the British soldiers with guns after the truck had stopped. Over 20 men were assigned to this operation on September 20, 1920. The failure of one British Soldier to drop his gun, probably wrecked the effort. There was a wild spree of shooting and then silence. Barry, whose weapon had jammed, took refuge under the truck when he realized his companions had been forced to retreat. It is conceivable that Kevin might have gone unnoticed were it not for an excited group of women, who were friendly to the Soldiers, gathered and pointed him out to the British troops. No doubt these people later regretted their impetuous act.

And so Kevin Barry fell into British hands and thus began the last short phase of his young life. On September 20, the date of his arrest, he was interrogated at length by British Officers. Barry himself, in later testimony, told of the brutality of the

interrogation. The ballad goes on with these facts:

"British soldiers tortured Barry,
Just because he would not tell
The names of his companions
And other things they wished to know."

Barry was confined in Mountjoy Prison and, indeed, remained there the rest of his days. On October 20 he was tried by a British court martial. After one day of deliberations, the board of officers returned a verdict. To the great surprise of no one, this "unbiased" panel of "English Army Officers and Gentlemen" found Kevin Barry guilty of murder and sentenced him to be hanged on November 1, 1920; the first Irish Patriot to die by execution since 1916.

The people of Ireland did not believe England would execute an 18 year old. Nevertheless, many efforts were made to spare his life. Lloyd George would not budge in his adamance to carry out the execution. Kevin's comrades laid several plans to bring about his escape but they were all thwarted.

On Monday morning, November 1, 1920 at 7:00 a.m. Kevin Barry attended Mass and, as the hour of eight approached, he was taken to the gallows --

"Then to death walked softly smiling,
That old Ireland might be free."

With the suddenness reserved only for death, the deed was done by hanging. The British had proven they would indeed execute an 18 year old and uphold English Law in Ireland.

But Kevin Barry, in his glorious death, had proven a few great things. He had proven the strength of his own character in the face of death. He had proven that it takes more than torture to make a man betray his friends. He had also proven his indomitable courage. It has been said that several of his guards wept at the sight of this brave young Patriot facing death for his Country without flinching.

Regretfully, the world

Hibernian Priest Dies While Visiting Ireland

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to Fr. Cornelius M. Crowley in Mercy Hospital, Cork, Ireland on July 19th. Father Crowley and his brother Dennis had just arrived in Ireland five days before for a visit to the homes of their parents and for a tour of Ireland.

Father Crowley was ordained as a Missionary of the Holy Family on June 26th, 1971 in Sacred Heart Church, Sacramento, California by Bishop Alden J. Bell. On the following day, he celebrated his First Mass at St. Rose Church, Crockett, California where in 1936 he joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and continued from then on to be proud of his membership.

Father Crowley was a belated vocationeer. He started his studies for the priesthood at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Mass. He subsequently became a

member of the Missionaries of the Holy Family and continued his studies at St. Leonard College in Dayton, Ohio.

The late Father Crowley was an army veteran and served in the Pacific theatre, with five years of active duty. He was a graduate of St. Mary's College and prior to his entry into the seminary, had worked for the naval department of the U.S. government.

Left to mourn the late priest are brothers Dennis, a former National Director of the AOH; John of Sacramento, Calif. and Mary Twomey also of Sacramento. Fr. Crowley was laid to rest in the priest's plot in St. Mary's cemetery in Sacramento, after Requiem Mass in Sacred Heart parish where he was ordained.

Brother Dennis Crowley lives in Glendale, Los Angeles, California. His address is Box 6005, Glendale.

Delaware County, Pa. Shares Its News

Brother John J. Sweeney, an Officer of Div. 1 in Havertown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, reports as follows:

We are deeply saddened at the death of our Brother, Jack Murtaugh, the great Irish Musician of the Delaware Valley, who was killed on June 12, 1971. In his loving memory, the Brothers gave a chalice to the Missions. To us, the members, it is an everlasting memorial of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

On the weekend of November 5-7 our division is sponsoring a bus tour to Pittsburgh to see the Fighting Irish, Notre Dame, play Pittsburgh.

Our Division has started a campaign in the Delaware Valley to have the new bridge which is about to be built between Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania and Brighton, New Jersey to be named after Commodore John Barry, a native of County Wexford, Ireland and Father of the United States Navy. The Division has written letters to the Governor of Pennsylvania and to the U.S. Representative of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, advising them that AOH members in Havertown, Pa. wish to have this bridge named after Commodore John Barry.

Concerning the sad crisis in Northern Ireland Division No. 1 Delaware County sent letters to the following: His Holiness Pope Paul VI, John

does not know the full story of many of Ireland's fallen Patriots. Barry, only 18, because of his youth was considered to be one of the greatest. As the ballad continues: "Another martyr for old Ireland, Another martyr for the crown, Whose brutal laws may kill the Irish But can't keep their spirit down."

Kevin Barry was buried inside the walls of Mountjoy Jail and there he still rests with many other comrades who were later executed in that prison. Only their bodies lie in their exalted graves. The Spirit of Kevin Barry lives on and will continue to do so until the goal for which he gave his life -- One Ireland -- United -- and Free -- is achieved. May we live to see that day.

Cardinal Krol - Archbishop of Philadelphia, President Richard M. Nixon, Senator Mike Mansfield - U.S. Senate, Congressman Carl Albert - Speaker of House, Senator Richard Schweiker - Penn., Senator Hugh Scott - Penn., U Thant of United Nations, William P. Rodgers - U.S. Sec. of State, Prime Minister Brian Faulkner - 6 counties, Prime Minister Jack Lynch - Ireland, and Prime Minister Edward Heath - Britain.

The following letters indicate what their contents were:

John Cardinal Krol
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Your Eminence:

We, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 1, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, are deeply distressed with the deplorable conditions in Northern Ireland. This despicable application of special interment of the Catholic minorities in this section of Northern Ireland is inhuman and disgraceful.

We now humbly plead with you, Your Eminence, in behalf of our relatives and friends in Northern Ireland, if it is at all possible for you to announce a day of prayer throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia so that this sad crisis in our fatherland will come to a speedy and quick end.

Sincerely Yours,
/s/Joseph Kelly
President
Div. 1, AOH
Havertown, Pa.

Senator Mike Mansfield
Senate Majority Leader

Dear Senator Mansfield:

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We now humbly plead with you in behalf of our relatives and friends in Northern Ireland, as the United States of America has done for distressed and oppressed people throughout the world.

Sincerely Yours,
/s/Joseph Kelly
President
Div. 1, AOH
Havertown, Pa.

Thomas Donohue Guest Of Honor At N. Y. Dinner

Thomas F. Donohue has been selected as the Guest of Honor for the New York County Board Annual Dinner-Dance to be held in the Hotel Commodore on Saturday evening, November 20th 1971.

Mr. Donohue is quite active in all Hibernian affairs and was instrumental in developing Division 12 of Stuyvesant Town Manhattan. He is past president of Division 12 and was awarded its 'Hibernian of the Year' award. He is presently Financial Secretary of the New York County Board and a delegate to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Tom, a fine example of Hibernian idealism, is involved in the Parish Council of the Immaculate Conception and is active in the Catholic Youth Organization for which he has been the recipient of many awards. He also served as basketball coach for the 'Ave Maria Squires', Knights of Columbus, and led them to the New York State Championship in 1968.

Tom is a member of the New York City Police Department and holds a Degree from City College. An Alumnus of Power Memorial Irish Academy, Christian Brothers, he is active in their Alumni Association and for his involvement in their Sports Program, he received the 'True Spirit of Power' award in 1969.

A Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, Tom Donohue has resided in Stuyvesant Town for the last 22 years with his wife Eleanor. They have three sons: Kevin and Stephen in College; and Terrence in Power Memorial. Tom's father, now deceased, was from Dungarvan, County Waterford, and his mother (nee Fitzpatrick) was born in Ennistymon, County Clare. She now lives in Bayside, Queens, New York.

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HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
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TO THE DIGEST

Testimonial Dinner For Rita McDonough

A Testimonial Dinner was given in honor of Rita A. McDonough, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, on October 9 at the Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Maryland. This was a great event in the history of the Ladies Auxiliary of Maryland.

Many Hibernians from other States were present. Among the distinguished guests were: His Excellency, William Warnock, the Irish Ambassador to the U.S. The Honorable Francis B. Burch, Attorney General of the State of Maryland, who presented a distinguished citizen Citation to Rita from Governor Mandel; the nominee for Mayor of Baltimore, W. Donald Schaeffer; Edward J. Fay, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; John Geoghan, former National Secretary of the AOH, as well as many former National Presidents and many members of the current National Board. Mrs. Mae Schackert, National President of Ladies Auxiliary of the Catholic War Veterans made a presentation to Rita. Father Justinian, C.P. the former Chaplain of Division No. 14 was the principal speaker.

Rita Agnes McDonough, a native Baltimorean, attended Saint Brigid's School, Seton High School and the University of Maryland, College Park. She is the daughter of the late Edward Patrick and Christina McDonough. Her father, a life long Democrat, was Executive of the First Ward for fifty years. He was with the Circuit Court No. 2 for 35 years.

Rita's love for the Hibernians had been instilled during childhood when her father served on Division, City and State levels of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He also served two years as National Director of the organization. In recognition of his dedicated service to the Hibernians, Division No. 10 of Anne Arundel County, Maryland was named in his honor -- the Edward Patrick McDonough Division. Mr. McDonough was also the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership Certificate from the National Board in recognition of 50 years of service to the organization.

Rita, as a child, accompanied her parents, brothers and sister to local Hibernian functions and National Conventions. Upon reaching the age of 18, she joined the Ladies Auxiliary, AOH Division No. 14 in Baltimore. She served with distinction in many Division offices as well as on the Baltimore City Board and Maryland State Board. In 1956 she was elected State President and re-elected in 1958 to her second term.

Her spirit of dedication and fruitful accomplishments locally were recognized Nationally, and in 1960 she was elected to the National Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary as National Chairman of Missions.

In this position she instituted locally the first annual Mission Festival for the benefit of the Columbian Missions, the recipient of all funds raised for the Missions by the Auxiliary. This year, 1971, the 11th annual Mission Festival sponsored by the Maryland State Board raised nearly \$2,000.00 for the Columbians. Rita spurred other states on to similar projects. As a result national contributions to the Columbians increased by 50 percent during her term of office.

After serving two terms as National Chairman of Missions, Rita was elected as National Director-Organizer. She was instrumental in reorganizing Division

No. 4 in Baltimore which soon became a hard-working and thriving Division with its sister Division No. 14.

The 1966 Biennial National Convention brought the honor of election to the office of National Historian to Rita and to Maryland. One of the subjects selected by Rita during her term, for the National Irish History Essay Contest was: THE LABOR MOVEMENT - FROM CARDINAL GIBBONS TO THE PRESENT DAY. Among the National Judges of the Contest was an official of the Communication Workers of America which organization also contributed a savings bond to the first prize winner in the State.

In 1968, the National delegation at the biennial convention elected Rita as National Vice-President. Rita formulated for the first time a national program of competition suitable for participation by all Junior Divisions. The three phase competitive plan included a Pen-pal program, photo contest of activities, and a poster contest. It was most successful and is the base upon which the current Junior programs operate.

She also instituted and published the *National Newsletter*, a quarterly publication of the National Board, for the purpose of promoting better communication between the Board and the State Presidents.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, the delegates to the 1970 National Convention unanimously elected Rita as National President. She will serve in this capacity until the conclusion of the 1972 Convention in Dublin, Ireland.

Rita has been employed by the United States Government of the Department of the Army since 1942.

Her career in Government Service began in the Army Signal Corps at Fort Holabird. With the Baltimore Signal Depot, Rita initiated and organized annual Christmas parties for various orphanages throughout the City. Approximately three thousand dollars in donations solicited by Rita and her committee made Christmas happier for many of Baltimore.

Dance Raises Money For N. Ireland

Frank Beirne of Leitrim reports that J.F.K. Div. 9, A.O.H., New York County held a dance in the Trocadero Ballroom, Dyckman Street, October 22, 1971. Total proceeds were turned over to the Northern Aid Committee to help the oppressed people of Northern Ireland. The Dance Committee left no stone unturned to make this an enjoyable evening for all and a successful money raiser to help the suffering people in Belfast and Derry.

Gene Farrelly and the Hibernians, featuring Frank McKenna, donated the music for the evening. Patsy McLoughlin and her group of step dancers provided additional entertainment. Division 2 A.O.H. bagpipe band of Babylon, Long Island, and Chris McLoughlin also entertained.

Honorary Chairman was John Lawe; Chairman, Frank Beirne; Co-Chairmen, Chris Cameron and John Martin; Treasurer, Phil Redmond; Secretary, Bob McLoughlin. They were assisted by a large, active committee.

The support given to this worthy cause was certainly appreciated by the people back home.

more City's children each year.

From 1954 to 1956 Rita was with the Chemical Corps Material Command in the Butler Building in Baltimore. In 1956 she was transferred to Edgewood Arsenal where she is now employed as a Production Equipment Specialist.

Rita resides on Linwood Avenue in the former home of her parents and is a member of Saint Elizabeth's Parish.

She is also a member of the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary and the Guild of Saint Joseph's Spiritual Center. She has held office in both these organizations.



The main topic of interest in Washington, D.C. Hibernian circles is the National Convention in Dublin, 1972. Who is the A.O.H. officer in charge of transportation? Does he also make hotel reservations? Each issue of the *Hibernian Digest* is eagerly awaited for the latest information as to price of bedrooms in the Convention Hotel. How do

we make reservations for rooms? Will children be allowed to go with Hibernian parents?

A fund raising party was held for the Catholic Cause in Northeast Ireland at the home of Francis Farley in Silver Spring, Md. Gerry Fitt, leader of the opposition party in the Belfast Parliament which is composed of the Social Democrats and Labor party, and himself a member of the Belfast Parliament at Stormont was in Washington to tell his people's side of the story. Mr. Fitt is 45, married and the father of five daughters. He is a great vote getter and has 7,000 more Protestants in his district than Catholics; so, if the trouble was just over religion, he wouldn't have a chance of being voted in. He said he came to America because "the British sent over a couple of chaps to propagandize about the virtues of their army and I wanted to have the Americans know of the atrocities the British soldiers are committing in my country."

Mr. Fitt predicts a complete breakdown of the Government in Northern Ireland as the result of total civil disobedience. The members of his party did not go to Stormont Belfast Parliament when it convened in October; city and council members have withdrawn also from their local assemblies. "People are being urged not to pay their rent (most housing is public); those owning homes are urged not to pay their rates (taxes)."

With a little "give and take," Mr. Fitt predicts a victory for his party, who are a 40 percent of the Catholic minority. He also said that if Prime Minister Harold Wilson had remained in power, that he was sure the situation would not have gotten so out of control.

Among the guests were Chairman of Immigration James Reilly, Chairman of the National Home Charles Vaughan, National Director J. Robert Tweedy, D.C. President Jack Keefe and Past National Auxiliary President, Miss Lillian Fay.

Our First Lady, Mrs. Nixon was hostess at an event

Brother Tim Ryan Dies In Brooklyn

The New York State Board was stunned and shocked upon learning of the sudden and untimely death in Brooklyn, New York City, of our State Vice-President Timothy Ryan, on August 17, 1971. During the week of July 11-17 he attended and participated in the proceedings of the National Constitutional Convention in Pittsburgh. His passing leaves a void in the State's Hibernian Activities.

The large gatherings in attendance at the McGrath Funeral Home on two evenings were proof of the esteem in which he was held. Kings County President, Peter Tierney read the Hibernian Prayer for the Dead. This was followed by the singing of the Irish and American Anthems. At the funeral, a Police Honor Guard escorted the body from the Funeral Parlor to the Church

followed by members of the men and Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Father Jude Dowling, a cousin of Tim, celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection, assisted by Father John Hughes, a former curate at St. Brendans. A large detail of cars formed the funeral cortege to St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens New York City. Father Dowling read the graveside prayers with all the mourners responding. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace Amen.

Brother Tim Ryan was a native New Yorker and had resided in Brooklyn for many years. He was a retired member of New York City Police Department.

To his wife, Bridie, and other members of his family, the A.O.H. members extend their deepest sympathy.

The Irish have no one but themselves to blame for the troubles now going on in the North. If they hadn't been such first-class linguists, Ireland would be free and united today. Since they are such masters of a foreign language, the island remains divided and Ulster becomes a bleeding ulcer for the English army of occupation and the puppet government at Stormont.

In France, they manage these things differently and they do so in England, too. The Englishman abroad finds all foreign languages beyond his powers, so he shouts the English words as loud as he can in the belief that they will thus be comprehensible to non-English-speakers.

The result is that all over the world an astonishing assortment of people have had to learn English to understand the commands of their countries' proprietors or, more lately, to operate the machinery and personnel the proprietors left behind when they trooped back to England.

The French not only insist that other people speak French but also that they speak it badly. It is insulting, to a Frenchman to address him in a foreign tongue, but it is infinitely more insulting to address him in French.

The result of that is that everybody hates the French.

The Irish, unlike the French and the English, are naturally good at language. Besides, they are so anxious to talk to anyone within hearing that they are willing to learn his language just to get their points across.

In the case of English, the Irish mastered it so thoroughly that, for one thing, they produced a whole strain -- and a particularly lively strain -- of English literature, making the imported language their own, much as the Czechs did with German.

Unlike the Czechs, however, the Irish couldn't get their own language back. The revival of the languages of subject peoples began in Europe about a century ago. The Czechs, along with other Middle European and Balkan peoples, so successfully revived their ancient tongue that today it is universally spoken in the country, while German survives as a practical second language among the elderly and Russian, for similar reasons, becomes one for the young.

The Irish never managed that. They tried, starting roughly when everyone else did, but Gaelic has only been a fascination for scholars and a piece of one-upmanship in the Civil Service, where

Irishmen get extra points for demonstrating a theoretical knowledge of the old tongue.

English remains the language of Ireland and that's why the North remains occupied by the colonialists.

If the Irish really did speak Gaelic and if, in addition to that, they had had the luck to be some other color -- green, perhaps -- the world would be loud in concern for their deprivation. Liberal groups in America would take ads in the New York Times, for instance, demanding a boycott of British goods and services until the occupiers and their colonists cleared out.

Congressional committees would demand that the administration stop all arms aid to Britain until the occupation was ended and the land given back to its owners.

American tennis players would scorn to play at Wimbledon and America's Cup would be available to challenge only by Australians.

U Thant would make a speech and columnists everywhere would speculate on how our association with England was hurting our image as defenders of freedom.

Alas, the poor Irish speak English as well as the English, and write it better. So no one takes them seriously as victims of colonialist oppression and occupation.

Yet, of course that is what they are, as the most cursory knowledge of their bloody history reveals. From the 13th century through the 19th century, "the Irish Question" in English politics meant how more efficiently to kill enough Irish so the rest would be docile.

The Irish, from 1916 to 1921, invented this century's style of guerrilla wars of liberation. In those five years, they largely won their war, but the occupiers retained the North as a haven for the descendants of the colonialists they had planted there centuries earlier.

The only real solution to the Irish Question is obvious -- give the place back to the Irish.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE DIGEST

The deadline for the next Digest issue -- November, December -- is December 16th.

Type or write by pencil or pen your news items and mail to Editor. Address on Page 2.

Important News For All Hibernians

by William J. Barnett, National Secretary

1972 Dublin Convention

We would advise Division and County Presidents to contact the authorized travel agents in their areas to make arrangements for the up-coming National Convention in Dublin. Because of the heavy concentration of members in the Metropolitan New York and New Jersey area another travel agent has been accredited by our National President. He is **Thomas Dillon** of Dillon's Manhattan Travel Service, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 (phone - 212-244-6116). The other agents as listed in a previous issue of the National Hibernian Digest are: **Kevin Durnin**, Diner's Fugazy Travel Service, 17 Greenwich Plaza, Greenwich, Conn. 06830; **Jim Rice**, John H. Bowen Travel Service, 2440 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Ill. 60629; **Pat Glavin**, Albany Glavin Travel, Inc., 133 State Street, Albany, New York 12207, and **Andrew McKenna**, Atlas Travel Service, 263 Pacific Building, 821 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94103. All of these agents have complete information regarding the convention, travel to and from, and stand willing to address your groups regarding the arrangements for the Convention. They also have complete information on pre and post-convention tours available to those participating. When the 1972 Convention has been concluded, the records of the Convention Committee as well as those of the travel agents pertaining to the Convention, will be turned over to a professional certified public accountant for an audit, the results of which will be published in the Digest. Our National President is determined that the planes chartered in the name of the National Board, as well as the tours in Ireland, will carry no "free riders," thereby enabling us to provide our members, their families, etc. with as economical a package as humanly possible.

even a partial book if they are unable to dispose of the whole book.

Funds for Northeast Ireland

Initial response to the National President's appeal for funds for the relief of the distressed in Northeast Ireland has been encouraging. We would ask all to redouble their efforts. In addition to financial assistance, it would also be appropriate for both units of the Order and individuals to lobby through the mail and other means for local legislators to express their indignation over the conditions being tolerated in Northeast Ireland. If the Congress and the Executive Branch hears from enough localities, and begins to feel political pressure, their 'hands off' pro-Tory attitude might undergo a change.

Forms and Rosters

Since this news will be going out to all Division Presidents on record, we think that this would be a good occasion to speak of the report forms and rosters which will be mailed to State Secretaries by the last week in November. If any division has not received its forms and/or roster by the second week in December, the President would be well advised to contact the State Secretary. The National Secretary will process any reports sent him during Christmas week on an instant basis, so you will have your traveling cards for your members for the first meeting of the New Year. If your financial books are up to date, there is no reason why the report forms can't be filled out at the close of your December meeting and sent right on to the National Secretary. Detailed instructions will be sent with the forms, as to the proper marking of rosters, and this will have to be adhered to by the Office of the National Secretary. With all of the charter flights coming up next summer, an accurate, up-to-date, membership roster is imperative.

Lapel Buttons

We now have in stock a reproduction of the lapel button used in the Order prior to 1946. It is round, with the Irish and American flags crossed, and containing the letters A.O.H. underneath. These buttons are available for \$1.25. We also have the other lapel button with the "handshake" on it for 75¢ each. Major degree pins are available for \$1.25.

New Members

Any members taken in after October 1st will fall under the new Constitution -- all assessment for new members is \$1.50 to National, and \$1.50 to the State. The assessment for reinstatements remains at \$1.00.

Supplies

When ordering supplies from the Office of the National Secretary, please be specific as to the form number of the item, and the exact quantity desired. When the Secretary receives an order that is vague as to the nature or quantity desired, this results in unnecessary delay until the matter is clarified. We are now attempting to replenish our supply of the various ledgers used in the Order. Form #33 vouchers are being reprinted at the present time. Most other forms are now in adequate supply. If you want Officer's Medallions, there are some available in stock. If the particular one you want is not on hand, it will be ordered directly from the factory for you. Medallions do not have to be ordered in sets. Individuals wishing to purchase their own may do so at \$6.00 plus excise tax, postage and handling. It sometimes happens that a particular Officer might want to have his own to keep after he goes out of office.

Help Offered

If the Office of the National Secretary can be of help to you, please don't hesitate to write. We will answer as soon as humanly possible.



THE WAY IT IS. This picture was taken in August by Father Donal O'Callaghan and Judge Jim Comerford on the busy three-lane coast road at the Bridge in the Village of Glynn which is located in County Antrim about 20 miles northeast of Belfast and opposite The Island Magee in Belfast Lough.

Printed in 15 inch high white letters are the words: No Surrender. United we stand. No Pope here, 1690.

The man on the Bridge blew a whistle as picture was taken.

Texas AOH Sends Protest To British

Brother Dan Morris of Bellaire, Texas sends the Digest a copy of a protest sent by the Texas Committee for Unification of Ireland, Houston, Texas to British Consulate General, World Trade Building, Houston, Texas. The contents follow:

Partition of Ireland
We would like to take this opportunity to strongly protest against the Partition of Ireland.

During the past two years, we have seen this little island torn apart by violence and bloodshed, and have searched our minds and souls for solutions to this undesirable situation.

This situation has been compounded by the ever increasing number of British Troops being dispatched in the name of Law and Order.

The British Government could solve this problem by withdrawing all troops from Irish Soil, and let the Irish people have the justifiable right to self-determination.

The British Government should learn from the experience they encountered in India and Cypress, to name just two.

We have seen, heard and read that this trouble is strictly religious, however, history tells us better. We look back to the period -- January, 1913 until June, 1921 -- at which time the First Parliament of Northern Ireland was opened by the King of England, and during this period thousands of Irish men and women were killed or driven from their

N.Y. COUNTY DINNER

The Annual Dinner Dance of the New York County Board A.O.H. will be held on Saturday, November 20th in the Hotel Commodore, New York.

The Guest of Honor this year will be Tom Donohue, a New York City Patrolman and a resident of Stuyvesant Town. Tom is an active Hibernian in Division 12, New York County.

Joe Sullivan is the County President.

Peter Campbell is Chairman of the Dinner.

Tickets for the Dinner, which are \$15 Dollars each, are selling like hot cakes.

Tom Donohue is a popular guest of honor.

homes by troops who also called themselves "Pilgrims of Peace," better known as the "Black and Tans."

In summary, we request that you convey the Wishes of this Committee to your Prime Minister Heath that we demand the removal of all British Troops from Irish soil at once, and let the Irish Nation, North and South, decide if this partition should remain.

Yours truly,
Texas Committee for
Unification of Ireland

Owen J. Fallon Vet Commander

SALEM: Owen J. Fallon of Chapter 84 of this city was installed as the first Salem commander of DAV North District 4 Council.

Commander Fallon, who was the first World War II

Benefit Dance For N. Ireland Is Huge Success

The October dance initiated by Division 35 of Brooklyn, New York for the aid of the hard-pressed people of the occupied six counties has resulted in a giant success. The event prospered in the support rendered by our co-sponsors, the Parkway Council K. of C., and the United Brooklyn Irish.

Preliminary estimates place the profit for relief in excess of \$1,200.00. The money will be forwarded after final audit through the Irish Northern Aid Committee of New York.

Special thanks go to Chairman Pat McNicholl and Committee members Jim O'Brien, Mike Cusick, Pat Downes, John Curry, Frank Brennan, Bill Carroll, Mike O'Connor and John Ridge who contributed time and effort. Treasurer of the dance, Pat Mullin, who has kept careful account of receipts and expenditures, will hold a final audit meeting in the near future.

man to become commander of Witch City Post 1524, VFW, also served as the Essex County VFW commander. He is also a past president of Div. 18, AOH, and has been a trustee of the Gallows Hill Community club for many years.

He is his fifth year as a member of the DAV State Executive Committee of Massachusetts.

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EDWARD J. FAY, National President

President Fay Extends A Christmas Message

I extend to each and every member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and its Ladies Auxiliary a Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy, Healthful and Prosperous New Year.

At this Holy Season of Christmas I would like to ask each and every one of you to reflect a minute on what you have done to help the problem that confronts our Irish Brothers and Sisters in Northeast Ireland. Have you insisted that your Division take an active part in soliciting funds to help feed and clothe our suffering people of the six Northeast Counties? Have you petitioned ten people to send letters to their United State Senators and Congressmen to have the United States Government exert pressure on Britain to unify the 32 counties under the Republic of Ireland? If not, why not?

I can think of no better time to insist that your Division take an active part in our National program. This is a joint venture,

it cannot be done just through your officers, it is a personal thing that you must undertake to see this program through to its successful conclusion. One Ireland, undivided from North to South, from East to West. Our Brothers and Sisters in Northeast Ireland are dying and homeless, fighting for freedom and justice that we enjoy everyday of our American lives. Is it asking too much of each member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary to dedicate ourselves to helping our troubled people? Some ask, do we have a purpose?

Let us make this Christmas, one we will always remember, by sending a contribution through our Division to help us feed, clothe and shelter your suffering Irish people in Northeast Ireland. Let us not talk about the other Ethnic groups and what they do for their native lands, but let the A.O.H. and its members take the lead in a cause we must accept as true Irish and Irish Americans.

Fr. Sullivan Appointed To Augustinian Guild

The Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., a member of Division 5, AOH in New York City, has recently been appointed Associate Director of the Augustinian Guild which has its headquarters at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa. Father's new position involves public relations and fund raising for the education of future priests of the Augustinian Order.

Father Sullivan has served St. Nicholas of Tolentine

Parish, Queens, for the past three years. In his past assignment he was Chaplain for Father Shine Knights of Columbus and received the honor of Fourth Degree Knight.

Father Sullivan is a son of Thomas Sullivan, a native of Cork City, Ireland, and a long time resident of Bronx, New York City. He is also a nephew of David Sullivan, a prominent National Labor Leader in the U.S. who is also originally from Cork.

State Presidents And Secretaries Announced

State Presidents: California, Homer A. Jordan; Connecticut, Jerome Travers; Indiana, Geff Prendergast; Illinois, Thomas Gavin; Maryland, Warren E. Downey; Massachusetts, William Donovan; Michigan, James J. O'Keefe; Minnesota, Patrick Cullen; New Jersey, Robert Fastow; New York, John J. Thornton; Ohio, Michael J. Kilgallen; Pennsylvania, Joseph Montgomery; Washington, D.C., John L. Keefe; and Missouri, John Shaughnessy.

State Secretaries: California, Richard W. Costello; Connecticut, John Henry; Indiana, Frank Kehoe; Illinois, John McDermott; Maryland, Francis Kelly; Mass., Patrick P. Shaughnessy; Michigan, Clare B. Cunningham; Missouri, Michael O. Dowd; Minnesota, James W. O'Malley; New Jersey, Thomas M. Conroy; New York, John Reynolds; Ohio, James D. Kelly; Pennsylvania, William J. Collins; Washington, D.C., Charles B. Vaughan.

Cardinal Conway Meets With National President

On Friday, November 26, 1971, his Eminence William Cardinal Conway met with our National President Ed Fay, and National Secretary William Barnett.

The meeting was arranged and held in Cardinal Cooke's residence in New York City. Cardinal Conway, in an hour long meeting, expressed his deep gratitude to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for their contribution through the National Board in August. The Cardinal made it very clear to President Fay and Secretary Barnett that two Priests have been assigned, one in Belfast City and another in Derry City to handle the monies he receives from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

The money, at present, is being used to care for the wives and families of the men jailed under the Special Internment Act. This Act, according to Cardinal Conway is the most despicable thing to live with because it is aimed at the Irish Catholic and no one else. The tension that everyone lives under in

the six Northeast Counties is hard to describe. According to the Cardinal, the English troops are trigger happy and firing at the slightest provocation such as an automobile backfiring. The English troops will open fire on the auto. In the Cardinal's opinion, the work and cost of alleviating the pain and suffering of the Irish people in the Northeast is staggering. Cardinal Conway asked President Fay to thank all

the Hibernians and their friends for their help and he asked for their prayers and continued financial help in this great struggle.

In closing, Cardinal Conway extended his personal invitation to all our members to come home to Ireland for the National Convention in July of 1972, and God willing, he will take part in the convention program in Dublin.

Winners Announced For National Awards

The National Awards Program was held on Saturday, November 27, 1971 in Babylon, New York.

The first award was selected by our National President, Ed Fay, who was on hand for the dedication of the new home of Division No. 2 in Babylon. Also present were William J. Barnett, National Secretary and William J. Kinaine, National Chairman of the Awards Committee.

Award winners were as follows:

First - Dennis Lynch, 16940 Ehle St., San Leandro, California; Second - Thomas Ginty, 11 Valley Stream Dr., Danbury, Connecticut; Third - Miss Therese McGovern, 450 East 20th St., New York, New York; Fourth - Mrs. Frances Donovan, 2309-24th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. and Fifth - John J. Dixon, 6900 West 71st Street, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

President Fay Presents New Division Charter

On Tuesday, November 16, National President Ed Fay, formally presented the Charter for Division 5 - Swissvale, Pennsylvania, to Ronald Bryan, President of the new division. President Fay congratulated the officers of the Division for their outstanding work and enthusiasm in promoting Hibernianism.

Since June, 1971, when the National President installed the new officers of Division 5, their membership has grown to the present level of 79 members. The point Ed Fay clearly made was that if we really believe in the principles of our Order, all of our Irish Catholic Friends should be members of the A.O.H. He also singled out Ronald Bryan who worked with our National President in setting up the Swissvale A.O.H. The officers and members of this new dynamic division have set their sights on becoming the largest division in the State of Pennsylvania.

Also in attendance for this meeting were: John Conley, Chairman for the Freedom of all Ireland; William J. Collins, Chairman of Constitution and Ritual; Allegany County Board officers, Ed Kelly, Ed Barrett, John Evans, Past President Marty Mullen, Joe Fay, John Plunkett, Dan Bradley, Tom Bradley, Bernie Leech, and Ralph Costello.

The meeting was followed by a beautiful buffet luncheon served by the wives of members. President Fay spoke with some of the members and he promoted the idea of now forming a Ladies Auxiliary for the wives of Division 5.

John Hoswell Appointed To Chairmanship

National Director John Hoswell from Dayton, Ohio, has been appointed Chairman of National Immigration Committee by National President Edward J. Fay. In appointing John Hoswell, our National President feels that Director Hoswell certainly brings to his job the understanding of the need for a fair immigration law concerning Ireland.

John Hoswell was born and raised in Dublin, coming to America just over 11 years ago. In making Director Hoswell's appointment, President Fay is complying with the constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention held in Pittsburgh in July, 1971.

Constitutions Mailed

Mailing of the revised Constitution to all members of the AOH has been completed. National Secretary William J. Barnett Jr., announced. The new 8-1/2x11 inch format of the Constitution is punched to fit a standard three-ring binder. Secretary Barnett asked each member to place their new copy in a binder for easy reference and protection.

He pointed out that in the future it will not be necessary to reprint the entire Constitution when revisions or amendments are made. Only those pages with changes will be reprinted and sent to each member, thus realizing a considerable savings in printing costs. Each member is urged to secure a binder immediately for this purpose, to insure preservation of his copy of the revised Constitution.

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CHRISTMAS

1971

"This day, in the City of David,
a Savior has been born to you."

Saint Luke



How many times from how many pulpits, from street corners, caves, fields, battlegrounds, mountain tops, and cathedrals, has this story of Luke's been told and re-told till all of us, if the books of scripture were lost, could still tell it again and again. If man were suddenly reduced to a nomadic state, still 'round campfires would the tale be told and hearts warmed once again. It is a love story and somehow love stories never go out of style. Only this love story has lasted longer than any other in all of history.

It was Christ's love for us that brought Him to a stable in Bethlehem; it was love that led Him to walk among men for the purpose of teaching them the way to eternal life; it was His love for all men that ultimately affixed Him to the Cross; it was love that impelled Him to institute a church to guide us and sacraments to give us His life-saving grace. His entire life was one great example of love; in fact, He made love a symbol of discipleship. "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, that you love one another." Christ showed us what love means; becoming involved with others, sharing the burden of others, being with others in their trials and difficulties. The popular song which tells us that "love makes the world go round" expresses a theology which the composer never dreamed of espousing.

May a true Christlike love permeate the hearts of all, so that diffusing itself into all nations the world would go round in peace, harmony, and good will. May all of us this Christmas, 1971, realize that there can be no peace in our hearts unless we love God and neighbor; there can be no peace in the home unless a true Christlike love pervades it; there can be no peace in society unless that love demonstrated by the Prince of Peace encompasses the world.

At this present moment, all of us are saddened by the tragic events which have taken place in Northern Ireland. The Ancient Order of Hibernians have pledged relief to the innocent victims of the disorders that have taken place. In our efforts there should be no hatred in our hearts towards anyone; but only an intense desire that justice prevail and that peaceful means, not violence, be the effective means for obtaining a solution of the problems.

On Christmas day, as I offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I shall pray that all of us may possess the Christlike love symbolized in this great Christian feast.

Vincent M. Leonard
Bishop of Pittsburgh

An Irish Answer To British Proposal Plan Analyzed By Irish Paper

LONDON, Nov. 26: British Labor Party leader, Mr. Harold Wilson, in a major speech on Northern Ireland in the House of Commons last night, proposed the establishment of a Constitutional Commission, representing the major parties at Westminster, Dublin and Stormont, which would lead, 15 years after they had reached agreement, to a united Ireland. British troops should remain in the North for these 15 years -- and perhaps up to 10 years longer -- and the Irish Republic should undertake to seek (as a Republic) membership of the Commonwealth, recognizing the British Queen as head of the Commonwealth.

The leading Irish Daily Newspaper in Ireland, as rated by the average Irish resident in Ireland, is THE IRISH PRESS. It is a strong supporter of the present Irish Government in Dublin. Major Vivion de Valera, a member of the Irish Parliament (T.D.) and a son of President Eamon de Valera, is managing director of The Irish Press. Mr. Tim Pat Coogan, author of Books: "Ireland Since the 1916 Rising" and "The I.R.A." -- both recent books with best seller status -- is the Editor. A few hours after Mr. Wilson's proposal The

Irish Press came out with the following Editorial:

Some Hope, But Not Much

The recognition by Mr. Wilson that the ultimate solution to the Irish problem lies in Irish Unity is important from a man who was British Prime Minister and may yet be again, but while his attitude is obviously helpful and he is personally humane, some of his proposals would set the clock back not forward. His own Parliamentary Party's reaction clearly indicates this.

A return to the Commonwealth is out. An oath of allegiance is out. Whatever allowances can and must be made for Unionist sentiment, the way to meet their attachment to the British link will not be found by stirring up a Southern detestation of it. After an Anglo-Irish war and a civil war, certain matters are to be regarded as a closed book in this country.

Moreover Mr. Wilson's time scale appears to be out of gear. Fifteen years is not

the sort of period people should think about in terms of bringing about a truce in Northern Ireland. Fifteen minutes would be more like it in view of the fact that any moment can bring loss of life.

But to bring about a truce, the ending of internment is obviously the first prerequisite and here Mr. Wilson was distinctly unhelpful. His great sin of omission, of course, concerns the I.R.A. Mr. Wilson, like many in the Conservative Party, appears to believe that the hard cutting edge to Catholic grievances in the North which the Provisional I.R.A. increasingly represents, could be done away with by increased Southern border patrols.

This is not the case. Even before internment, constituency reaction was so intense that the S.D.L.P. had withdrawn from Stormont over the shooting of two Derry-men. The tide of republicanism has risen enormously

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NOTICE

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Two Cardinals Offer Mass In New York City For 'Peace With Justice' In Northern Ireland

His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York arranged, on his own initiative, to have a special Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, for the purpose of praying that "Peace with Justice" should come to North East Ireland.

At the invitation of Cardinal Cooke, a special visit to New York for the occasion was made by His Eminence William Cardinal Conway who is the Catholic Primate of all Ireland.

Cardinal Conway is a native of Belfast. He resides in Armagh City which is the historic residence for the Cardinal of Ireland as successor to the See of St. Patrick. Both his birthplace and residence are within the Six County area of North East Ireland which is the part of Ireland still occupied by England.

Large units of representatives from all the major Irish Societies in New York attended the Mass. Among them were leaders and members of those well known Irish Organizations who actively support the I.R.A. men who are now on Active Service within the Six County area.

Cardinal Conway concelebrated the Mass with four

New York Bishops.

Cardinal Cooke presided and spoke appropriate remarks for the occasion from the Pulpit.

Bishop Patrick Ahearn preached a special sermon on the subject of "Peace with Justice" for North East Ireland.

Cardinal Conway, as he ascended the pulpit and looked at the huge congregation that thronged the great Cathedral, was visibly impressed. In his remarks, noted for their simplicity and clearness, he told his listeners in detail about the problems and hardships which the Catholics within the Six County area had been facing and were still meeting every day. Imprisonment without charge and searches without cause had created much hardship.

Twenty-three hundred persons attended the Mass. Despite the fact that Thanksgiving Day is a family day when people stay home and, despite the fact also that two other factors did not help -- namely, a heavy rain and wind storm which belted New York City all night and early morning, and also that the notice of the day and time set for the Mass when given to the Irish Organizations was of necessity very late in

reaching them, the people came out in abundance. It is another example that when people are interested in something, they will come to participate in it despite personal inconveniences.

The "Irish Advocate," an old and popular Irish newspaper in New York, writing in part as follows about the Mass said:

"It was raining and cold Thanksgiving morning, but St. Patrick's Cathedral -- crowded to the doors -- was warm with thousands of enthusiastic people anxious to see and hear William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland.

The altar was banked with white chrysanthemums and the choir was thrilling especially in their singing of Hail, St. Patrick.

Judge James Comerford and John Coleman were the lecturers. Kitty Hanly and John Thornton of the A.O.H. presented the gifts.

National Secretary William Barnett of the A.O.H. and Brother Peter O'Neill who is President of the United Irish Counties Association were in charge of the arrangements in the Cathedral for seating the vast crowd.

Fifty-one Priests, with

various ranking titles, were seated in the Sanctuary during the Mass."

Cardinal Conway asked everyone to pray for a peaceful solution of the tragedy that now holds the North of Ireland in its grip. There must be a just peace. Violence by either side doesn't solve anything. Violence is the lowest method for solving a problem.

The Cardinal recalled the last time he was in New York. It was when Cardinal Spellman died. As he walked through the Cathedral one evening, he was so impressed by people streaming into the Church after work to attend the evening Mass.

Cardinal Conway again thanked everyone for attending the Mass, and remained at the 50th Street side of the Church with Cardinal Cooke, to receive anyone who approached him. As each person told his name, the Cardinal asked where they came from.

Members of the County Armagh Association were there and John Murphy, President, made a presentation to Cardinal Conway.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, President of A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary in New York County and whose parents came from Armagh spoke at

Schuylkill Breakfast Held In Pottsville

The Schuylkill County Board held its sixth annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, November 14, at Longo's Restaurant, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville. Ronald E. Brownmiller member of Pottsville City Council, was the speaker.

Edward Williams, chairman of the souvenir program committee for the 1972 Pennsylvania state convention, reminded members of the program book activities. The convention will be held in Pottsville June 14 through 17.

Leo F. Haley, president of the county board, was toastmaster. He spoke on future AOH events, including the national convention to be held in Dublin, Ireland, next summer.

Mrs. Ann Williams, president of the newly organized Ladies Auxiliary, introduced the officers of this group.

Committee members were William J. Doran, Edward Williams, Thomas J. Heenan, John R. Colihan, John H. Gorman and Leo F. Haley.

Mrs. Agnes Tierney Honored In Syracuse

One of three people honored this year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies Auxiliary, Onondaga County, Syracuse, New York, was Mrs. Agnes Tierney.

Mrs. Tierney, well known in the Hibernian circles is a past Division Auxiliary President and served four years as president of the Onondaga County Ladies Auxiliary board. She is the first woman to be so designated as "Hibernian Woman of the Year."

A native of County Sligo, Ireland, 'Agnes' became one of the charter members of Division No. 3, Ladies Auxiliary, AOH, when it organized in Syracuse in 1944,

some time after her arrival from her homeland. Agnes has been a tireless worker at the annual St. Patrick's Day banquets; the first seven Feis programs of Central New York and in all phases of endeavor of the L.A.AOH. Her familiar 'Irish Tea-Room' at the annual Feis programs is a busy spot each year at the New York State Fair grounds.

Her husband, Kieran Tierney, now deceased, was most active in the 1940's when Syracuse Division was organized. Up to his death, he was a tower of strength to Syracuse AOH. He was a native of Cloghpoock, Muckalee, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

Pottsville, Pa. Auxiliary Initiates New Members

Several new members were received into the Ladies Auxiliary, J.F.K. Division No. 2 when they were officially initiated into the Order in the Catholic War Veterans Home, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Alice Murray, state president, and Mrs. Mae O'Grady, state vice president were on hand to initiate the ladies and install the officers. Ann Williams of St. Clair, will serve as the division's first president.

Other officers installed were: Mildred Doran, vice president; Alice Henry, recording secretary, and Mary Margaret Gueski, treasurer.

Among the charter members present was 80-year-old Ester H. McKiernan. The following members were also taken into the division: Betty Kerwick, Margaret Gueski, Mary Ann Heenan, Patsy A. Tamulonis, Jean Williams, Alice M. Coleman, Dolores Brady, Beatrice Heenan, Genevieve Brady, Alice Murphy and Frances Dukmen.

In addition to the members from Pottsville, several ladies from Father Hoey Division No. 1, Ashland, were present. These women organized an auxiliary to that division and were also initiated into the Order by State President Murray. Attending from Ashland, were Julia

Colihan, Betty Dolan, Evelyn Devine and Mary Devine.

Leo F. Haley, county president, spoke to the ladies concerning the situation in Northeast Ireland. In particular he asked them to support National President Edward Fay in his appeal for funds to help the homeless and hungry people in that section of Ireland.

The ladies joined this year with the men of the two divisions in their annual celebration of John Barry Day.

These two newly formed divisions of the L.A.A.O.H. will be called upon to help plan the 1972 Pennsylvania State Convention which will be held in Pottsville next June, 1972.

Msgr. R.F. Wolfe Dies In Chicago

Stephen T. O'Malley of Chicago, Illinois, National Treasurer states that all Hibernians in Illinois were saddened by the death of Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Wolfe. He was Pastor Emeritus of Visitation Parish in Chicago, sponsor of Visitation division No. 55, past county and state chaplain, and a great supporter of all Hibernians.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE DIGEST

Present Resolution

Labor Unions Call For A Free Ireland

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations held its Ninth Constitutional Convention from November 18th to 24th, 1971, in Bal Harbour, Florida. Many A.O.H. members were Delegates to this Convention.

Mr. George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO presided. A total of 891 Delegates, representing 113 National and International Unions, were present during the proceedings.

The Convention and the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO discussed the present day discrimination in Northern Ireland.

Brother David Sullivan, a member of A.O.H. Division 3 in Manhattan, New York County, took a leading part in framing the particular Resolution that grew out of this discussion. Brother Sullivan was Grand Marshal in 1965 of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is a native of Cork City, Ireland.

RESOLUTION Discrimination in Northern Ireland RESOLUTION NO. 168

WHEREAS, For a period of half a century there has existed in Northern Ireland, a government sponsored practice of deliberate discrimination against the state's half million Catholics in a variety of ways causing them to be reduced to second-class citizens in their own country, and

WHEREAS, discrimination in employment has caused a chronic high rate of unemployment to exist amongst the Catholic minority for several decades, and

WHEREAS, For an equal period of time the government of Northern Ireland has practiced discrimination in housing against the same minority relegating them into barely habitable ghettos, and

WHEREAS, This program has existed in public as well as private employment and has been devised to cause unnatural divisions between the Catholic and Protestant workers of Northern Ireland, and

WHEREAS, After long and continued suffering from the aforesaid conditions the Catholic minority sought to demand their civil rights by marches and other peaceful and constitutional means, and

WHEREAS, These minority protests were met with vicious attacks and shootings, including the burning of the homes of the Catholic minority, and

WHEREAS, To protect the Catholic minority against Protestant extremists, the London Government sent military troops into the Derry-Belfast regions, and

WHEREAS, The troops were at first welcomed by the Catholic minority, but soon were found to be used to aid the persecutors, and

WHEREAS, Over 400 Catholics have been arrested by the British Army and interned without charge and are held without hope of trial, and

WHEREAS, London based prestigious Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to investigating the conditions of political prisoners everywhere, have concluded from its investigation, that prisoners in Belfast are being subjected to torture, and

WHEREAS, The representatives of the Catholic minority have withdrawn from the Belfast Stormont Government, and

WHEREAS, The Catholic minority are in the streets in open revolt against these oppressors, armed resistance to the British Army is seen everywhere, and there exists an atmosphere of hate and bloodshed, and

WHEREAS, The source of this deplorable situation can be traced to the unnatural division of Ireland by an Act of

Alex Connolly Passes Away

One of the old and revered members of the AOH in New York State has passed away to his eternal reward. He was Alexander P. Connolly of Division Number 1 in Schenectady, N.Y.

Alex was a member of the Schenectady Division for over 50 years. He held the office of State Secretary of N.Y. State for two terms,

and was a Past President of that division and held every office several times preceding his presidency.

He was a very active member and was instrumental in making a big success of the Schenectady Division.

Alex, as he was affectionately called, was the "Mr. Hibernian of Schenectady." He is sadly missed.

the British Parliament in 1920 which allocated Six Counties from the 32 Counties of Ireland with a puppet government, dominated by an all Protestant Sectarian Unionist Party which has gerrymandered the population so as to maintain Sectarian control of the governmental bureaucracies and which party has been directed and manipulated by aristocrats and landlords, who for fifty years past have been exploiting the working class of Northern Ireland and for their purpose have been keeping the working population divided on religious lines, and

WHEREAS, Labor Representatives of our sister trade unions in England and Ireland have condemned this exploitation and discrimination pattern, and a national poll of the people of England shows that 60 percent of the people of Great Britain wish to have their military totally withdrawn from Ireland, and

WHEREAS, Many of our brethren in the trade union movement in England have demanded an end to British involvement in Ireland and many of the leaders of the Labor Party of England have severely criticized the prevailing British Government for permitting the British Army to be used by the Stormont Government in one sided activities against the Catholic minority; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: We the AFL-CIO, at its National Convention held in Miami, Florida on November 18, 1971, do hereby join our brothers and sisters in the Republic of Ireland and our brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland in condemning these insidious practices which have caused so much bloodshed and which threaten to engulf Ireland in further needless carnage and Civil War, and

WE further call for the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland and the establishment of a U.N. peacekeeping force until peace and reason prevails, and

WE urge an immediate end to the Hitlerian policy of internment without charge or trial and a dissolution of the Stormont Parliament and the immediate establishment of laws which guarantee equal and just treatment for all the citizens of Northern Ireland.

WE urge the establishment of a Free and Independent United Ireland with guarantees of liberty and justice to all its people.

WE urge the Congress of the United States and our President to make our people's wishes known to the Government of Great Britain to the end that violence ends and peace, and full freedom come to a United Free Ireland.

Signed on behalf of the AFL-CIO Executive Council -- By delegates Thomas W. Gleason, Paul Hall, Peter Bommarito, Matthew Guinan, Floyd E. Smith, Max Greenburg, Frederick O'Neal, Jerry Wurf, A. F. Grospiron, A. Philip Randolph, Charles Luna, Joseph A. Beirne, Peter Fosco, Lee W. Minton, S. Frank Raftery, Richard F. Walsh, Joseph D. Keenan, Peter T. Schoemann, Maurice A. Hutcheson, Jacob S. Potofsky, Louis Stulberg, Alexander J. Rohan, C. L. Dennis, John H. Lyons, John Griner, Hunter Wharton, Karl F. Feller, Paul Jennings, David Sullivan, William Pollock, Joseph Curran, I. W. Abel, Lane Kirkland, George Meany.

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IRISH-AER LINGUS

IRISH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

Knowledge About Ireland Is No Burden These Times

Much mail comes every week to the Editor of the Digest about the conditions -- political, religious, social and economic -- in Northeast Ireland.

Resolutions come, letters to the Editor come, solutions to the situation there come, inquiries come as to what is what and who is who over there in that part of Ireland.

Most of them -- 70 percent -- show lack of historical knowledge about Ireland as well as an absence of knowledge about present day occurrences in Ireland.

A copy of a Resolution does not impress an English-minded reader when its contents show glaring errors in fact. Since he favors occupation by his "Motherland" of the Six Counties in Northeast Ireland, he is glad to be given an opportunity to sneer and jeer at the naiveness and lack of knowledge about Ireland and Britain by the American Irish who apparently were educated "in one of the Pope's American Schools" -- as his kind sometimes sarcastically say.

In order to give our A.O.H. members -- both ladies and men -- an opportunity to read about some of today's happenings that affect the people and the situation in those Six Counties, a substantial amount of reading matter on that subject is published in this issue of the Digest. To do this, much news about A.O.H. activities had to be held over for future publication.

Many readers will be at the National Convention in Dublin during the last week of July, 1972. A knowledge gained ahead of that time on Irish problems in Ireland -- both North and South -- will be very useful to them. It will not be a burden -- like luggage -- for them to carry.

It is suggested that members read these particular articles about the Six Counties and then check their accuracy with other sources. Every reader can then come to his or her conclusion on this Six County matter.

What Others Say About Occupied Ireland Counties

The New York Daily News, A Daily Newspaper of 90 pages with an average of 2-1/2 million copies circulated each day and 4 million on Sunday, sent Mr. George Nobbe to Northeast Ireland for ten weeks to make a study of the political and economic conditions there for the purpose of writing five articles about what he saw and heard in that part of Ireland which is still occupied by England. Mr. Nobbe, a staff writer for the Daily News, wrote these five articles which were published on five successive days by his paper.

Presented here as a piece of information for the enlightenment of our members is his fifth and final article of the Series. It was published on December 3, 1971.

No Easy Way Out Now For Tormented Ulster

by George Nobbe

Belfast, Northern Ireland: With hundreds dead and wounded and more than 1,000 jailed without trial since August 9, Northern Ireland is a nation apparently so haunted by the ghosts of sectarian violence that neither side now has an easy way out.

Almost every proposed solution, whether it comes from Catholic or Protestant, Englishman or Irishman, Unionist or Nationalist,

somehow seems to verge on the simplistic.

In reality, the problem is that peace cannot come to this embattled country until the combatants somehow manage to find a way to simultaneously disengage and save face.

The Irish Republican Army, itself split into militant Provisional and Marxist-oriented Official wings, has put more than 50 years into the often bloody struggle for Catholic equality in a country where housing, employment and voting rights are determined by a Protestant majority.

With this tradition behind it, the IRA cannot give up now.

In turn, the British government has put centuries and untold millions of pounds sterling into Ulster's six northern counties, an investment it can ill-afford 15,000 soldiers to protect.

Obviously, she cannot give up now.

One million Protestants and 500,000 Catholics, reared in the grim tradition of hatred and violence, have been dedicated to the ritualistic destruction of each other since the days of the Easter Rebellion - 1916.

For either to stop now would be to lose face.

Officers Elected In Glens Falls

GLENS FALLS, N.Y.: Officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of Glens Falls Division One, Ancient Order of Hibernians recently at the K of C Home in Glens Falls, New York State.

Elected were: James L. Nichols, president; John M. Minogue, vice president; Joseph R. Sullivan, recording secretary; Cornelius J. Keane, financial secretary; H. Joseph Bennett, treasurer; David Bartholomew, sentinel; Edward B. Healy, marshal; and Paul F. Fish, chairman of the standing committee.

Members of the standing committee are: John Dennehy, Thomas A. Casey, John F. Dougherty, and Thomas J. Spellacy.

Also elected were the Board of Trustees: John W. O'Brien, John P. Higgins and Jeremiah J. Kelly.

Prior to the election, three new members were inducted into the Division. Receiving "The Order of the Shamrock," the initiatory degree of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, were William J. Condon, James F. Moriarity, and Edmund A. Rainville, Jr.

The new members were welcomed into the Order by past-president Jeremiah J. Kelly and the new president James L. Nichols. Immediately after the meeting a reception in honor of the newly initiated members was conducted under the direction of Edward J. Bethel and Paul F. Fish.

Washington D.C. Officers For '72

The officers for 1972 of the Emerald Isle Division No. 3 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Washington, D.C. are:

President - Thomas W. Guiner; Vice President - Charles R. McCarthy; Secretary - John W. Ruddy; Treasurer and Financial Secretary - Edward P. Keefe; Chairman, Standing Committee - John Dermody; Grievance Committee - Maurice Broderick.

No Shortage Of Proposed Solutions

There has been no shortage of proposed solutions to the trouble that has torn Northern Ireland apart since internment began less than four months ago.

British Prime Minister Edward Heath has proffered one; so has Harold Wilson, his Labor Party foe.

The Irish Republican Army's leading political theoretician, Rory O'Brady, has repeatedly put forward the demands of his outlawed, militant group; so has the extremist Orange minister, Ian Paisley.

John M. (Jack) Lynch, prime minister of the 26-county Irish Free State, has made suggestions and so has British Home Secretary Sir Reginald Maudling, charged with the operation of Ulster's affairs.

The trouble is, and doubtless will continue to be, that there is little common ground and neither side is now, nor will it soon be, willing to give an inch. Compromise seems out of the question.

There are no gray areas here, only the black and white, the vituperation and the violence and the hatred

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PRESENTING "Distinguished Service Plaque" to their Guest of Honor, Tom Donohue, at the Annual Banquet of the New York County A.O.H. are leading Hibernians. Left to right: Judge Aloysius Melia, National Historian; William J. Bartnett, National Secretary; Thomas F. Donohue, Guest of Honor; Joseph P. Sullivan, President of N.Y. County A.O.H. Board; Peter J. Campbell; Chairman of Banquet; Judge James J. Comerford, Former National President.

Tom Donohue Honored

Held in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, the Banquet and Ball of the New York County AOH were attended by 600 Hibernians and their friends who came to honor Tom Donohue on the occasion of his being selected

and honored as "The Hibernian of the Year" by the New York County Board. Brother Donohue is a member of the New York City Police Department. He resides in Stuyvesant Town, New York City with his wife

Elinor and their three sons, Kevin, Stephen and Terrence.

Division 12, located here, is one of the finest in New York State and was organized by Tom and his friend Tom Galligan.

J. Robert Tweedy Appointed Kennedy Chairman

In compliance with the new Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. which was adopted at the Constitutional Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the week of July 12, 1971, President Edward J. Fay has appointed J. Robert Tweedy, an elected National Director from Baltimore, Maryland, to be Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Medal Program.

Chairman Tweedy will carry out the program for the selection of the Kennedy Medal recipient in the manner that is for the first time spelled out in the Constitution of our Order, as follows:

ARTICLE XXVII

John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Program

Section 1. The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. shall award annually a gold medalion to be known as The John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal to "a Roman Catholic of Irish Birth or Descent outstanding in his or her field of endeavor."

Section 2. In a Convention Year, the medal shall be presented at the National Convention Banquet.

Section 3. In a non-Convention Year, the medal shall be presented at a time and place to be designated by the National Board.

Section 4. The National President shall appoint one of the elected National Officers as Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee to arrange for the nomination and selection of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Section 6. The following shall nominate candidates for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal:

- All Officers of the National Board, elected and appointed.
- All Officers of the State, District and Provincial Boards, elected and appointed.
- County Boards in meeting assembled.
- Divisions in meeting assembled.
- The National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Section 7. The following shall vote on the selection of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal:

- All Officers of the National Board, elected and appointed.
- State, District and Provincial Presidents.
- The National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Section 8. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall each year, in the first week of November, send to all National Officers, elected and

appointed, all State, District and Provincial Presidents and Secretaries, County Presidents, Division Presidents, and the National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, a request that the aforementioned send to him, before January 15th of the following year, the name of one nominee for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Award.

The Chairman shall outline the requirements as indicated in Section 1 of this Article, and shall request that the nominator send a biographical sketch of his nominee, not to exceed 300 words, and shall request that the nominator ascertain that the nominee, if elected, would be willing to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board.

Section 9. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall mail to all National Officers, elected and appointed, to State, District and Provincial Presidents, and to the National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, a ballot listing the nominees for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal whose nominators have complied with the rules. A letter shall accompany the ballot enclosing a copy of the biographies of the nominees, and requesting the elector to vote for five (5) candidates, listing a first choice, a second choice, a third choice, a fourth choice and a fifth choice.

The first choice will be worth five (5) points, second choice four (4) points, third choice three (3) points, fourth choice (2) points and fifth choice one (1) point. The nominee with the highest number of points will be declared the recipient of the award. Any winner who refuses to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board will be declared ineligible, and the award will go to the nominee with the next highest number of points.

Section 10. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall complete the election on or before March 10th, and he and the National President shall release the name of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal at a time which they consider most appropriate for the good of the Order.

Section 11. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall send to the Editor of the National Hibernian Digest for publication a copy of his November letter requesting nominees for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Section 12. The personal travel and hotel expenses for the recipient, and all other expenses incurred by this Committee, shall be paid out of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Fund.

Everything Ready For Essay Contest

The purpose of this story is to announce the opening of the National Essay Contest, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Our National President, Edward J. Fay, says: "At this time in our history, when Ireland is striving for just human rights both as a people and as a nation, our essay contest can serve to stimulate interest in her cause and our heritage. I would hope that each division in the country would produce contestants. This is a practical way to do something for God and Country."

The information given here has been sent to each National Board Officer, each State President and State Secretary, each County President and each Division President. Every recipient is urged to extend every effort to obtain contestants. Please begin today by giving this information to those within your jurisdiction who are potential participants.

Your local school principals and teachers may prove most helpful in enlisting interested persons. It is desirable to obtain publicity for the contest in your local newspapers. This will also serve to publicize your own Hibernian Division.

Division Presidents, of course, should bring the contest to the attention of their membership. Members and friends of our members should be encouraged to compete.

State and Division Historians should be key members in promoting interest in the contest. Librarians in your local communities should be asked to display the data sheet on their bulletin boards.

This National Essay Contest is not intended to conflict with any other Essay contest sponsored by any State, County or Division. We seek to spread knowledge of our heritage, not to confine it.

Essay Topics And Rules

Competition 1

ELIGIBLE: All students attending Public, Private or Parochial Elementary Schools.

TOPIC: "STORY OF ST. BRIGID"

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 500 to 750 words

Competition 2

ELIGIBLE: All students attending High Schools and Academies.

TOPIC: "CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE IRISH TO THE U.S.A."

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 800 to 1,000 words

Competition 3

ELIGIBLE: All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, their friends and all students attending Colleges and Universities.

TOPIC: "MY FAVORITE IRISH PATRIOT"

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 1200 to 1500 words

TIME FOR CONTEST

Competition will open on February 1, 1972 and will close on April 1, 1972. Division Presidents will collect Essays no later than April 5th and immediately forward them to their County President. County Presidents will transmit Essays as quickly as possible to their State President.

Each State President shall appoint a Committee to examine all Essays. This committee shall select the best three Essays in each Competition. The State President shall forward these nine Essays to the National Chairman of Irish History at the address listed below. The Essays should reach the National Chairman by April 15th.

It is intended to have the Prize Winners selected prior to School Graduations in 1972 so that winners may receive their Awards at Graduation Exercises.

WRITING AND PAPER

Essays may be typed or handwritten on white paper, size 8-1/2 x 11 inches; -- and only one side of the sheet is to be used.

Contestants shall not write their names or addresses or schools, or any other identification marks on Essays; instead they shall put this information on separate slips of paper and clip them to the Essay.

PRIZES

Each Competition shall have three Medals as prizes. First Prize - Gold Medal. Second Prize - Silver Medal. Third Prize - Bronze Medal.

Each one of the nine Medals shall be called "Ancient Order of Hibernian History Medal."

AWARD CERTIFICATE

An Award Certificate will be presented to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Division, School, Academy, College, or University, which produces the writer of a First Prize Essay in any of the three Competitions.

JUDGING OF NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Essays submitted by State Presidents by April 15 to the National Historian shall be judged by three Judges whose names shall be published after the First, Second and Third Prize winners in each Contest are made known. Each Essay shall be judged on the basis of grammar and punctuation, sentence structure and knowledge of the subject as shown by writer's facts, order of ideas and organization of facts, as well as originality in the writing and in the construction of Essay.

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On November 19 the Emerald Isle Division sponsored a discussion on the problems in Northeastern Ireland at the Kenwood Country Club. The speaker was Mr. James Kirwan, Counselor (Press and Information) from the Embassy of Ireland. Mr. Kirwan is an interesting and informative speaker with much native charm.

Many of our members no longer have relatives in Ireland and they were pleased to hear this subject from someone in the Irish Embassy. Mr. Kirwan was kind enough to give me a copy of his talk for the benefit of readers of the Digest.

During November, church services were held one Sunday at the White House. Ex-President Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Johnson attended. The sermon was delivered by Archbishop Humberto Medeiros of Boston. There were about 300 people present, and the service was followed by a reception. Mr. Nixon said goodbye to the archbishop on the North Portico, and complimented him for being able to speak English, Spanish and Portuguese. The archbishop said he'd also learned to speak Irish in Boston. Asked how he felt about the troubles in Northern Ireland, the archbishop said "May God help us all to keep us out of trouble." One can't help wondering how Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston

would have responded to the question about the troubles in Ireland.

The John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. is now in full swing. It is of equal interest to tourists and Washingtonians. Ireland presented the Kennedy Centre with four wall scenes of Waterford glass and a beautiful chandelier to match. The chandelier is eight feet in height and eight feet in width, and made of a total number of 4,000 glass pieces. There are 48 arm and 51 internal lights. The total weight is 1,008 pounds, and the ceiling had to be reinforced before the gift could be accepted.

On Sunday, November 28, we had our annual Mass for our deceased members. It was well-attended and was followed by a breakfast. We then had a meeting to discuss the coming National Convention.

The Holy Season is again with us. May the Prince of Peace bring peace and justice to Ireland and to the rest of the world. God bless you, and keep you safe and all those you love during 1972.

Some Excerpts From Mr. Kirwan's Speech

Not A Religious Conflict

The conflict in the North of Ireland is not religious in nature. The cleavage between the communities is essentially political, springing from historical, economic, social and cultural roots. In the context of the State of Northern Ireland - an artificial creation going back only to 1920 - the immediate struggle - I use the word in its non-violent sense, concerns equality of treatment for all citizens. It is now acknowledged by almost everyone, and has, indeed, been confirmed by the official Cameron Commission - that, since the creation of Northern Ireland, the minority there - mainly, as it happens, Catholic in religion, have been subjected to a systematic policy of political and economic discrimination designed to deprive them of power and influence.

In many cases the policy, as it was intended to do, forced them to emigrate.

In the context of Ireland as a whole - thinking of the entire island, North and South, Catholic and Protestant - the lines of division are drawn between those who wish to be ruled from London and those wanting government from Dublin. Nowadays, those who wish to be ruled from London comprise that section of the Irish people concentrated in

North East Ulster, including much of the city of Belfast. They are known as Unionists, meaning union with Britain. They are mainly Protestant by religious persuasion. Non-Unionists, for all practical purposes, comprise the remainder of the Irish people, North and South.

The Irish Flag

The essential oneness of the Irish people, transcending political differences, finds expression in the symbolism of the Irish national flag - a tricolour of green, white and orange. Green represents the older Gaelic and Norman Irish element in the population and orange, the supporters of William of Orange in the wars at the end of the 17th century. The flag was first adopted in 1848 by members of the Young Ireland movement.

In his speech presenting the flag, Thomas Francis Meagher - who afterwards became so famous in the United States, said: "The white in the centre signifies a lasting truce between the 'Orange' and the 'Green', and I trust that beneath its folds the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped in generous and heroic brotherhood."

Those who are represented by the Orange are in the main of Scottish and English origin. Their history in the

St. Patrick's Day Parade New York, March 17

Making preparations for the big St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City has been an all year round job for the past few years.

That is why it is necessary to hold meetings, even in the summer time, of the elected and appointed officers -- some 25 of them -- to discuss plans for the Parade to be held in the following year and to take the necessary steps, month by month, to carry out the essential preliminary work that must be done properly and on time for the coming Parade Day.

The Good Old Days

Gone are the "Good Old Days" of 50 years ago when there were only two kinds of people in New York City -- those who were Irish and those who wished they were. Gone, also, are the days of 15 and 20 years ago when street auto and truck traffic was not congested as it is today. Gone are the days when an elected public official dared to say -- if he expected to be re-elected -- that the St. Patrick's Day Parade interfered with business and that it psychologically and adversely affected other Ethnic Groups who were not able to organize their own Parades.

Shops and Stores

Gone, too, are the days when "shops and stores" wanted a Parade to bring them in business instead of pretending, as they now do, that the Parade causes them to lose money and business. Based on this pretense, these stores try to claim a tax rebate -- although they refuse to show their financial accounts for Parade Day to the Parade Organizer's Certified Public Accountants. In the meantime, these "Shops and Stores" use the "money loss" as a propaganda gimmick against the Parade.

Separation of Church and State

In addition to the "Loss of Business" excuse, the shop worn and much tarnished slogan "Separation of Church and State" occasionally raises its ugly serpent's head.

The "Liberal - Liberals" use this stunt to oppose the holding of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. They put forward the flimsy excuse that they want to enforce their concept of "Separation of Church and State" when they really mean "Separation of God from State."

province of Ulster goes back to the plantations of the 17th century, to about the time of your own Jamestown and Plymouth Rock. Queen Elizabeth and Oliver Cromwell, in turn, sent Presbyterian Scots to colonize Ulster, called 'Plantation' in that century.

Partition In 1920

The historical and natural unity of Ireland was also a political unity until that unity was artificially broken and separated by the Government of Ireland Act passed by the British Parliament in 1920. The Act, in effect, provided for the partitioning of Ireland and the creation of a Government of Northern Ireland subordinate to Westminster.

Partition was not expected to be permanent even by the British authors of this statute - the ultimate aim of 'one Parliament and one Government for the whole of Ireland' appeared in the official summary of the Bill preceding this legislation, and provision was made for a Council of Ireland, which, accordingly as powers were transferred to it by the two parts of Ireland, might develop into an ALL-Ireland Parliament.

Most of those who talk about "Separation of Church and State" when using it to oppose the Parade are Atheists, Agnostics, Anti-Catholic, and Anti-Irish. What would they know about St. Patrick?

Friday, March 17, 1972 -- Fifth Avenue

The 1972, St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Friday, March 17th on Fifth Avenue -- beginning at 12:00 noon (Angelus Time) at 44th Street and ending at 6 o'clock (Angelus Time) at 86th Street and Third Avenue in the Yorkville Section of New York.

The Parade is held under the auspices of the A.O.H. in the New York City metropolitan area.

Officers Elected

At a general meeting of the 600 Delegates, who represent the marching organizations, held on December 7, 1971, in the Hotel Commodore, the following Officers were elected to direct the 1972 Parade:

Judge James J. Comerford, Parade, Chairman; John W. Duffy, Vice-Chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Francis P. Beirne, Treasurer; Thomas B. Galligan, Financial Secretary; Martin P. Dunne, Corresponding Secretary; Terence F. Connaughton, Sergeant-at-Arms; Nicholas J. Farley, Director; Vincent Pat Rogers, Director, and John P. Collins, Director.

Mr. James A. Doris was again named Executive Secretary. He has served the Parade for 53 years.

Mr. Harry M. Hynes, who was Chairman of the Parade, 1957-1965, was also again named to be Honorary Parade Chairman.

Sixteen other members of the Parade Committee have been named to other offices and will function on the Officers Staff. All Officers are A.O.H. members.

Who and How Many Will March?

Invitations have been sent out to all organizations that have proved themselves to be qualified to march in the 1972 Parade. The Parade reached its full quota some years ago; consequently, there is no Parade space for any extra organizations.

A total of 120,000 persons with 239 bands are expected to march on Fifth Avenue on St. Patrick's Day - March 17, 1972.

White Plains, N.Y. Officers Named

The Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of Division 17 of White Plains, N.Y. are: President, Helen Baxter; Vice President, Peggy Olsen; Recording Secretary, Bridie Scully; Financial Secretary, Betty Foster; Treasurer, Sue Culhane; Chairlady of Standing Committee, Marie Cristiano; Mistress at Arms, Kathleen Broder; Sentinel, Bridie Courtney; Historian, Mary Ann Meegan; Catholic Action, Beatrice Broderick, and Missions, Kathleen Courtney.

The Officers of the Men's Division are: President, Tom Courtney; Vice President, Mike Culhane; Recording Secretary, Mike Dolan; Financial Secretary, Charlie Smith; Treasurer, Steve O'Hare; Grievance Committee, Eugene McCabe; Marshal, Owen Fitzpatrick, and Sentinel, Tom McLaughlin.

Father James McDermott is Chaplain. Brother John Daly is County President. Sister Loretta Joyce of Yonkers is Chairlady of Publicity for the N.Y. State Ladies Auxiliary.

ONLY ONE MAN'S LITTLE OPINION

by James J. Comerford

The thoughts expressed here are solely my own. They are not the views of the National Board of Officers of the AOH in America or of the dues paying members of our Order. This column is not an Editorial for this Digest. Its contents and meaning do not reflect the policy of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

The Most Recent Beginnings

On or about August 9, 1971, shootings again began in the British Six County occupied area of Ireland. Belfast and Derry were the scenes of conflict.

A small body of determined and sincere members of the Irish Republican Army decided to defend, within these Cities, the areas in which Catholics lived and to prevent as well as they could, with a few guns, any invasion of these areas by heavily armed Orange Mobs who were bent on murder. As a result, the I.R.A. won the respect and admiration of these Catholics. And that was a turning point which, perhaps, was and is a crucial turning point in the current history of modern Ireland.

Guns Galore

In August 1971, there were 98,742 guns registered and licensed in the Six County Area of British Occupied Ireland. Public documents, kept in accordance with English law in that area, record this number of guns. These weapons are owned by civilians. Most of them are not the type of guns which are used for shooting crows or rabbits. They are high powered rifles. One of the leading newspapers in Britain -- "The Sunday Times" -- recently published these figures. Such publication -- the fact that it was published at all -- surprised many persons.

People in Ireland, whose job it is to know who has these guns, state unequivocally that 73 percent or about 69,000 of these guns are possessed by men who oppose the idea of a United Ireland of 32 Counties. These men are not members of any official Army or official Police Force within the Six County Area. They are civilians and most of them are members of the political organization called "The Orange Order." This organization was founded on September 21, 1795 in Armagh. It was named after "King William of Orange the Conqueror of Catholics in 1690."

These men, however, are military trained men. Most of them have had service in the regular British Army and are now in the Reserve or the Militia of Britain. Many of them are former B. Special Police. Remember that there were 11,000 of them before they were supposedly deactivated in 1969. Others are former members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Every Orangeman is a Protestant. But every Protestant is not an Orangeman. There are thousands of Protestants who live on a friendly relations basis with Catholics.

Sixty percent of them are young men. Should they be mobilized as a unit, they would constitute a formidable Army of trained, experienced men with weapons. Should they start "doing their thing," it would take many other men with strong firing power to stop them. Within the Six County Area are Ship Building Yards and Air Craft Manufacturing Plants. All could be turned quickly into gun factories and ammunition factories.

The vast majority of workers in these Ship Yards and Aircraft Plants are men who oppose a 32 County free Ireland. They are tied to the Orange Organization. Practically overnight, they could put their tools to work in making weapons and ammunition for use by other civilians who publicly declare that they will fight with guns the idea of an Irish Republic. In the sphere of six County politics which oppose the idea of having one government for a 32 County Ireland, as of today, are to be seen thousands of armed civilians who are trained and experienced with guns. Some of them are trigger happy.

The Regular Irish Army

The regular Irish Army of Ireland, with its Headquarters in Dublin, has a total of 9,000 Soldiers. There are 1,000 of these men, today,

in Cyprus on United Nations duty.

By European Military Standards, the Irish Army based in Ireland is poorly equipped. Modern weapons, they do not have. As an Army, its sustained firing power is weak.

Modern weapons are not easily obtained. Britain will not sell any guns to the Irish Government. Would the U.S. sell?

The 1,000 soldiers in Cyprus, on the other hand, are powerfully equipped with modern weapons and firing power.

It is reported that a Communist Nation is willing to sell modern weapons to Ireland -- if asked.

Ireland has a number of men -- like the National Guard in the U.S. -- in an Army Reserve system. But that number is relatively small. A larger number of young men could be mobilized in a hurry. But there are not enough trained Reserve Officers, as of now, to command these men -- as soldiers.

Use of Violence

It is a sad commentary on our times -- frequently called modern times -- that the use of extreme violence still has to be used in the Six Counties of Northeast Ireland in order that the cry for Justice can be heard and the plea for Freedom can get attention. Despite the loudly praised improvements in education and the boasts of Sociologists about the notable advancements in civilization, both in Britain and in Ireland, the gun and the bomb must still be used to convince Governments and Prime Ministers that "Ireland unfree can never be at peace."

For fifty consecutive years, every type of constitutional method has been tried by the people of Ireland and by their friends in America to win full freedom for all the Island of Ireland. These Constitutional methods have not worked. They have failed -- because nobody listened.

Finally, a time came when the firing of one shot for Irish freedom in the Six County Area seemed to be worth one hundred meetings and when the firing of a hundred shots seemed to be worth a thousand meetings -- that had previously been called to support the cause of Irish Freedom.

One killing by a shot, irrespective of who was killed -- seemed to be getting more attention from Prime Ministers and Parliaments than ten thousand Resolutions or one thousand Editorials calling for a United Ireland would or could ever get.

Violence Gets Attention

It has been admitted even by members of the British Parliament that it was the use of shots and explosives that brought the Irish Prime Minister and the British Prime Minister together early in September 1971 at a meeting in London to discuss problems related to the Six County Area. It was the continued use of guns and bombs that on a later occasion in September brought about a meeting of three Prime Ministers -- those of Britain, Ireland, and the Six Counties. And, then, after more shots, more bombs, more killings, a special meeting of the British House of Commons was called to discuss the situation. Then after more killings and burnings, a Special Meeting of Dail Eireann -- which is the House of Representatives of Ireland's Government -- was called to examine the situation and seek a solution.

Who will say that violence did not get attention?

United Nations

The idea seems very remote, at this time, that the United Nations will discuss the "Irish question" connected with the British occupied Six Counties of Ireland. The U.N. has a membership of 127 countries. Ireland, herself, is one of these. The United Kingdom is another member. But these six British occupied Counties of Ireland, being a part of the United Kingdom, have "their interests" protected in the U.N. on every day in the year. Before any vote counting in the U.N. begins Britain already has a solid 36 votes in the U.N. composed of the

so-called "emerging nations" -- these Countries from which, for good reasons of her own, she unhooked from living under the Union Jack. But regardless of their memories of the alleged bad treatment in the past under Britain, all of the 36 Countries line up on her side with their votes, when a vote is called for in the U.N. How about that? Britain -- should I say The United Kingdom for U.N. purposes -- has also with her in the U.N. all her old cronies with whom she has had centuries of alliances and friendships.

Ireland, herself, has some friends in the U.N. But she also has her enemies there -- and not because they are British oriented, but because of other reasons. When all these votes described above are added up, the score board shows that Britain would be the winner in the U.N. on "Irish Questions."

Conforming to the politeness of diplomacy, the U.N. writes letters to those people who write to them about the "Irish Question." The second paragraph of each letter generally reads: "This is a domestic matter between Britain and Ireland. It is not an International matter that calls for intervention by the U.N."

Some Irish people living in Ireland, on both sides of the Border, believe that the only way to bring discussions about Britain's occupation of the Six County Area under the jurisdiction of the U.N. and to give it an International flavor is to have the uniformed clad Irish Army cross the Border into the Six Counties and engage in some military action in that area. Intervention, they say, by the U.N. might then be expected -- because the situation would have then become an International matter and ought to meet, then, those basic requirements demanded so far by the U.N.

Ireland Stands Alone

Little Ireland is left on her own. No Nation in Europe -- France, Spain, Sweden, Norway, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark -- has made a protest to Britain about the illegal imprisonment of persons in the Six County Area, or about arrest and internment of persons without charges, or about the burning of Catholic homes, or about searches of homes without warrants, or about the denial of Civil Rights to Catholics. Neither has the United States protested -- despite pleas by the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland for the U.S. to do something for the oppressed and displaced people in the Six County Area.

Sinn Fein means "Ourselves Alone." But that is not the story which tells today's facts about Ireland being left alone while the struggle for freedom goes on day by day.

Refugees Come and Go

Approximately 11,000 Refugees from Belfast, Derry and other places crossed the Border into the 26 Counties in the last half of August 1971. They were running away for safety from the Orange armed mobs. As of October 15, 1971 all of them except 180 had returned to their old neighborhoods. Apparently, they preferred to be with their relatives and friends, even though their homes had been burned out, than to be in the 26 Counties with friendly "strangers" who were good to them by providing them with food, clothing and places to live. But that is human nature for them to return. They openly admitted, by telling people, that they felt secure in their old Catholic neighborhoods as long as the I.R.A. men were around to protect them.

A Very Old Story

Queen Elizabeth I died in March 1603. She had just conquered the O'Neills and O'Donnells after a five year war and taken their lands in Ulster from them. They had ruled this land as Irish Chiefs in Ulster. The English Crown seized three million acres of this land and gave it to Scottish Presbyterians under "The Plantation Act." By 1690, they had all except 200 acres of the 3,504,000 in Six Counties of Ulster. Their descendants still live there. They built bigger towns of shops, factories and homes.

The Irish in Britain

Between 1946 and 1971, over one million Irish born men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 years emigrated from Ireland to Britain. Few of them returned or went to another country. They are still there.

Any confrontation by way of war-talk between Ireland and Britain would force many of these men and women back to Ireland. For most of them, there would be no work or homes for them in Ireland. A problem.

British Troops

As of October 15, 1971, a total of 15,500 British troops were being used in one sided searches for arms. As of now, they search only the homes of Catholics. They do not search the homes of those non-Catholics who are known to possess 69,000 guns.

However, reasonable thinking people in Ireland believe that the British Army is at present a necessary evil until they are replaced with some system to protect Catholics. At least, their presence does help to stop the Orange jobs from moving in with their guns into Catholic areas and slaughtering Catholics in their homes. Britain, of necessity, has to save her face from blushing in the light of World Public Opinion.

Strange--Strange--Strange

To those who have only a slight knowledge of the conditions in the Six County Area, it may seem anomalous to be told in substance that the I.R.A. and the British Army are both protecting the Catholics from attacks by the Armed Orange jobs. But as of now, that is how the pieces fall together. There is another situation which may seem strange to Americans who read so much about "Religious War" in Ireland. Not all Protestants are Orange men or are they fighting Catholics.

However, in the eyes of the Catholic population, the British Army is an Army of occupation. It is a coercive tool which is being now used to prop up the tottering Six County Puppet Government. But the I.R.A. men are the Catholic population's friends. Strange, very strange, say you, that killings, shootings, bombings, and burnings should continue in an area of the world -- like Northeast Ireland -- which is populated by highly civilized people.

But things must be strange in that particular area of Ireland. Were they not strange, it is only fair, reasonable and proper for all of us to assume that three Prime Ministers in various meetings and two Parliaments in session assembled would have done something to bring Justice and Peace to the Counties of Antrim, Down, Derry, Fermanagh, Armagh, and Tyrone.

What you have been reading here is not a story about something that happened in the dim distant past in Ireland. It is about the here and now. It is telling the story about the facts as they were when I saw them in August-September 1971 and it is telling it, also, as it is on October 15, 1971.

No solution is offered here by me. But a few basic facts are offered. Every reader can put forward his own solution. Three Prime Ministers have talked about solutions. But, so far, no results. Two Parliaments met especially to discuss proposed solutions. But, so far, no results.

And That's For Sure

One thing is certain, however, that until England gets out of Ireland, the shots, and the bombs, and the burnings, and the killings will continue, off and on, in the Six County Area of British Occupied Ireland. And that's for sure.

Changing Times

In August 1969, I found much opposition expressed within the 26 County Area against the I.R.A. for using guns in Belfast and Derry. But in August-September 1971, I met the same people and heard them talk. There was a difference in 1971 -- no one was condemning the I.R.A. for using guns. Instead, I saw men collecting money publicly for the I.R.A. even though these same men in 1969 were opposing the I.R.A. for using guns in the Six County Area.

Chicago President Tom Gavin Back In Good Shape

Brother Thomas Gavin, the Illinois State AOH President, has made a marvelous recovery from the nasty injuries received last summer in an accident. Back in good shape, he is active again.

Well known to those who have been regularly attending National Conventions, Brother Gavin has been a tower of strength to the AOH in the Middle West.

It is good to know that he is making inquiries about the 1972 National Convention in Dublin, Ireland next July.

The Hibernians of Lawrence, Massachusetts, are preparing for the official 1972 St. Patrick's Day Parade of Massachusetts.

Division 8, known as the Reverend James T. O'Reilly Division, is responsible for holding this Parade.

The Officers are: President, John J. Buckley; Vice President, George B. O'Connell; Recording Secretary, Martin Fitzgerald; Financial Secretary, Edward White; Treasurer, Joseph F. Devan;

Chairman of Standing Committee, Francis O'Connor; Marshal, Shaun Regan; Sentinel, Gerlad McDonald; and Chaplain, Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, J.C.D.

According to Castlecomer, County Kilkenny man, Bill Tynan, the Ladies Auxiliary are most helpful in promoting local Hibernian events.

The Officers of the Auxiliary are: President, Mary Hueston; Vice President, Kathleen Hammond; Secre-

tary, Helen Roach; Treasurer, Ann Riley; Financial Secretary, Helen Halloran; Irish Historian, Mary Fay; Sentinel, Kathleen Donovan; and Chairman of Standing Committee, Katherine Pickles.

Reverend Joseph P. Burke of St. Patrick's Church is Chaplain of Essex County A.O.H. Board.

Lawrence was the site chosen for the 1971 Massachusetts Parade. It was a great success.

Lawrence City, Mass. Site of Official Parade

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Dan Breen A Freedom Fighter

By Hon. Aloysius Melia

National Historian

On December 27, 1969, Dan Breen, one of the bravest and most gallant fighters for Irish freedom, died. His death stirred recollections of many lively encounters with the invaders of Irish soil. These stories must be retold, at least until Robert Emmet's epitaph has been written and the cause in which Dan Breen received so many heroic wounds has been completely resolved.

In 1894 he was born on a small farm at Grange, one mile south of Donohill, in County Tipperary. He was among those who formed a unit of Irish volunteers in his native district. Thereafter he became one of the most intrepid and resourceful I.R.A. leaders. Consequently it is not too surprising that the crown placed a price of 10,000 pounds on his head.

Included in the long list of blows that he struck for Irish freedom was the gun point rescue of his comrade in arms, Sean Hogan "from a heavily guarded train at Knocklong Railway Station in 1919 and... the attempted ambush on Lord French, the British Lord Lieutenant and Governor General at Ashtown." But it is about his escape from a house on Drumcondra Road, Dublin that I wish to tell.

The home of the Fleming family on Drumcondra Road was a center of activity for "men on the run" in the cause of Irish liberty. Dan Breen and his comrade, Sean Treacy frequently stayed there. In October 1920 the house was under close surveillance by agents of Dublin Castle. This fact did not escape the Flemings.

On the day to which our story takes us, Miss Fleming and Mrs. Eamonn O'Brien went to a movie. Breen and Treacy came in and sat in front of them. Treacy told them that he and Breen were "wall-falling from Hunger." Consequently the girls took the two lads home to the Fleming house. That night at about 11 o'clock, they left by the back door and went to Professor Carolan's home at Fernside on Drumcondra Road to get a night's rest.

The evidence indicates that they were seen and Dublin Castle was alerted to make an immediate raid on Professor Carolan's home.

The Professor had a small two-story house with a long garden out back which opened on to fields near Hope Farm Road. Walls girded the property. Breen and Treacy occupied a small back bedroom on the second floor which overlooked a conservatory.

When scarcely asleep a raiding party, led by Major Smyth and consisting of lorries and an armored car broke the blissful peace and quiet of Fernside. The glass panels of the front door were shattered in a trice and the house surrounded.

While the Professor went to greet his noc-

turnal visitors, Breen and Treacy were dressing to do the same. They were aided by the powerful searchlight of the armored car from the rear of the house which probed the small window of their bedroom.

Before they were quite ready, two shots crashed through their bedroom door from the stairs. Breen and Treacy quickly made appropriate answer.

They were trapped in a small bedroom with shots from the stairs and garden ricocheting off the walls. While Breen was quickly shot in the hand, he and Treacy kept up a steady hail of fire and heard frequent cries and the thud of falling bodies on the stairs and in the hall. Major Smyth was among those killed in the first assault.

Breen bolted out the door and fired his mauser at all before him on the stairway and in the hall below. The English soldiers beat hasty retreat. Breen returned to the bedroom where Treacy was busily occupied reloading his parabellum.

While quiet now occupied the house, Breen and Treacy were not deceived. They well knew that this was the lull before the storm. Forces were being regrouped for a final overwhelming assault.

Breen, through the half open door saw six more soldiers creeping up the stairs. Overcome with rage and defiance he again rushed to the attack, firing at point-blank range. He again emptied his gun with great effect as the soldiers again fled for safety down the stairs but he himself also suffered several wounds. When Treacy called to Breen to return to the room, Breen stumbled over the dead bodies of two officers and a soldier.

Breen was staggering from the weight of his wounds and the loss of blood. Treacy told Breen to reload and leave by the window. Breen climbed out and fell onto the conservatory roof, severely cutting his hands, knees and feet.

He vanished into the night bleeding from five bullet wounds and numerous cuts. He made his way to the garden wall, tripping over two more dead soldiers en route. From this evidence he knew that Treacy had preceded him along this way. He called out for Treacy but only heard rifles speak. Breen continued to make his way, firing at the armored car in final salute. He climbed the high wall of St. Patrick's College and found safety in another friendly home. He was distraught because he thought that his friend Treacy had been killed. Happily -- not so. At least not that night.

In better days thereafter, Dan Breen served as Deputy for Dail Eireann from Tipperary until he retired in 1965.

Mr. Lynch, the Prime Minister, on paying tribute to Dan Breen on his death said, "Dan Breen, like many of his colleagues in that fight, entered public life to use the freedom they had won for the further advancement of their country. He literally carried the scars of battle to his death."

May God rest his merry and courageous soul. And may St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Colm Cille find him a comfortable chair in the company of the other fighters for Irish freedom.



THE QUEEN'S SOLDIERS "PROTECTING" CATHOLICS. The above picture shows English armed soldiers searching Irish Catholic workers in Belfast. Compelling them to face a wall with legs spread wide apart while leaning forward slantwise and holding palms of hands on wall, the soldiers know that this position is painful. The Corporal, showing his single stripe, pokes gun into the men's backs while other soldiers hold their skull cracking heavy truncheons ready.

What Others Say

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and the stubborn unwillingness to even listen to the other side.

The lines have been so clearly drawn for so many generations that the outsider comes away with the impression that there is simply no way left to blur them.

It was little more than two months ago that the prime ministers of Great Britain, Ireland and Northern Ireland ended two days of meetings in London with a pledge to end the bombing and the killing.

Trouble At All Sides

Said Heath, Lynch and Brian Faulkner:

"It is our common purpose to seek to bring violence and internment and all other emergency measures to an end without delay."

The first tripartite meeting in 50 years left unanswered the question of just how this was going to be accomplished. Lynch, whose own Fianna Fail Party is in trouble in the southern Free State, said, when asked what differences remain between Britain and the two Irelands: "I hope for the eventual reunification of the country. Mr. Faulkner hopes to maintain the link with the United Kingdom."

Faulkner is the man who heads the Ulster government at Stormont Castle here. He is in the unenviable position of trying to mollify extremist right wing demands for a continued British connection with Northern Ireland at the

same time he is being boycotted by the Social Democratic and Labor party.

He has to contend with the militant Protestants who fear that they will be forsaken, forgotten and possibly annihilated by the IRA should Britain withdraw her troops.

He has to pay attention when the Rev. Ian Paisley, an aggressively militant spokesman here says that the patience of the Protestants is wearing thin under the repeated military thrusts of the IRA's provisional wing.

Drinks a Double Scotch
The feeling here is that his Stormont government will not last much longer.

Maudling, who left the scene of the fighting that followed Faulkner's institution of internment as a way to crush the IRA Provisionals, demanding a double Scotch and declaring the Ulster was "a bloody awful country," seems somehow wishy-washy to the outsider when he says:

"There are strong arguments for a broadly based government, particularly in a country faced with acute problems..."

"We will oppose violence for political ends by whoever it is used and in any part of the United Kingdom. We desire to achieve a reconciliation between the communities based on no discrimination for any individual on grounds of creed or religion..."

Yet, since the day of Henry VIII there has been such discrimination in Ulster and no realistic or workable solution has been forthcoming from London.

Prime Minister Heath has been hit by eggs at some of his public appearances and his father's life has been threatened. Yet he has no solution either and he has vowed to keep British troops in Ulster, saying:

"If the gunmen believe that they can bully this government or this people into abandoning the effort we have undertaken, then that is the greatest miscalculation of all."

An Indian Solution?

But the problems in Ulster constitute a serious problem for the Prime Minister, because the British public, exposed by television more and more to the troubles in the north, are less and less willing to bear the tremendous costs of the military and social problems here.

A recent poll indicated that the British public was less concerned with the nation's recent entry into the Common Market than it was with Ulster. Some 50 percent wanted to remove all 15,000 British troops at once.

And always at Heath's back is former Labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who

has for the last 10 days been urging a 15-year program that would lead to a united Ireland.

Wilson said that his people were growing weary of the violence in Northern Ireland and were tired and depressed with the telecasts of continuing violence in Ulster.

Wilson's idea: "A united Ireland with tough guarantees for the minorities of the North and total rule for the people of Ireland when they are unified..."

"... This would give Ireland the same status as India. Ireland, once united, would recognize the Queen as head of the Commonwealth, which would help to satisfy the people of the north who are loyal to Great Britain, but would involve no derogation of Irish sovereignty. India is totally self-ruling and Ireland would be also," said Wilson.

His 15-year-plan was abruptly rejected by Ulster's Faulkner at Stormont Castle, and the IRA Provisionals retaliated with a series of bombing and sniper attacks that rocked Belfast for 48 hours.

The aim is to cause the collapse of Faulkner's Stormont government, force the withdrawal of all troops and reunify the 32 counties of Ireland, presumably by means of a plebiscite that would leave North and South, Catholic and Protestant, living in harmony.

The political wing of the IRA, Sinn Féin, run by Rory O'Brady, talks of Eire Nua or the New Ireland, and its goals are based on the premise that "the wealth of Ireland belongs to the people of Ireland and is theirs to be exploited and developed in their interests."

O'Brady wants a populist government that would control finance, insurance and key industries, oversee co-operative land ownership and take an independent stance in foreign policy based on increased trade with the smaller, neutral nations of Europe, Asia and Africa.

It is for these goals that there are professional killers in the streets.

It is for this that the bombs explode nightly in the gutted cities of Ulster.

Over and over again, you are told, the violence cannot last much longer.

Over and over again, you are told, Catholic and Protestant can live productively and coexist in peace.

Everyone has a solution, a plan, an idea to end the violence that is a way of life here.

None of them seem workable and an outsider is left with the impression that what began with the 1916 uprising could go on for generations.

An Irish Answer

since then in the wake of internment and violence. This tide is sustained from the North, not the South. Unlike the last I.R.A. border campaign -- which left Belfast untouched -- this fight is being fought by Northerners with Northern support. During the last campaign the Catholics did not support the I.R.A.

It is as impossible to arrive at a solution in the North without reckoning with the Provisional I.R.A. as it would be for the Americans to attempt to find peace in Vietnam without taking note of the Vietcong. One man with a rifle fought only one shot a week could achieve a toll of British soldiers in a year greater than their entire losses in Aden.

It is in the light of this sort of consideration that Mr. Wilson's omissions concerning internment, the I.R.A., and the depth of Catholic feeling have to be evaluated.

Mr. Wilson said he would not talk to the gunmen, but while everybody abhors violence it will at the same time be the conclusion of most people that were it not for the violence perpetrated on both sides of the Northern spectrum and the currents of protest which accompany it, neither Mr. Wilson nor Mr. Maudling would have both-

ered to start thinking about the scourge of Partition. It follows that if there are to be discussions there must be room for the viewpoints of the extremists in the Green and Orange citadels -- they can certainly wreck any plans concluded without them.

Much will depend, of course, on how the Tories react to his proposals. It is they alone who can implement them. To sum up, therefore, for the constructive content of the Wilson speech we must be glad, as of a ray of light in an increasingly darkening landscape, but it must be said in honesty that other parts of his address add to rather than lighten the darkness.

This is how the leading Irish daily newspaper analyzed Mr. Harold Wilson's proposal.

Prime Minister John (Jack) Lynch of the Irish Government in Dublin was not favorable to the proposal. Neither were Mr. Liam Cosgrave the leader of Lynch's opposite political party or Mr. Brendan Corish, leader of the Irish Labor Political Party.

It is interesting, but sardonic, that while Mr. Harold Wilson was discussing North East Ireland's crisis in the

Active Members Honored By Bristol Division

Division No. 1 of Bucks County, Bristol, Pennsylvania is proud to announce that it has a lifetime member in Brother Jerry Curran, who has been an active Hibernian for 67 years. It also has four members with over 40 years service, and 21 members with over 25 years service.

The entire membership of the Division is grateful to these brothers for the many years of service and duty to the organization.

Officers of the Division are as follows: President Tom Corrigan, Vice President Frank Danis, Treasurer Jim McCool, Financial Secretary Bill Wildman, and Recording Secretary Jim McHugh. The entire membership pledges support and help to these elected officers. ERIN GO BRAGH!

British Parliament, British Prime Minister Edward Heath was conducting the London Symphony Orchestra. Likewise, when shootings, bombings, burnings, and killings began last August in Derry and Belfast, Mr. Heath was sailing his yacht in a sailing contest, and refused to heed calls made to him to come home.

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PRESIDENT FAY is greeted by Hibernian dignitaries at a reception held for him and Mrs. Fay by the Essex County Board in Massachusetts. Shown above, from the left, are William T. Fleming of Worcester, Vice President of the A.O.H. in Massachusetts; William J. Donovan of Lawrence, State President of the A.O.H. in Massachusetts; President Fay, and Thomas H. Nolan of Peabody, President of the Essex County Board.

Three Important Letters

Hibernian President Fay Begs For Peace In Ireland

President Richard M. Nixon
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am calling upon you as the President of the United States of America to use the power and influence of your great office to set up the necessary negotiations between England and the Northeast Government at Stormont, the rebellious factions in Northeast Ireland, along with the Government of the Irish Republic, to bring about an end to the senseless murder and destruction taking place in Northeast Ireland.

I know that you, Mr. President must be appalled as I and all Americans are with the terrible conditions that exist and have existed in Northeast Ireland over the last fifty years. I believe that you as President of the United States could persuade all factions in this matter to sit down and come to an honest and peaceful solution, once and for all.

Mr. President, we beg you to help in this grave matter.

Sincerely yours,
/s/Edward J. Fay,
National President

The Right Honorable Edward Heath
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, England

Dear Mr. Heath:

I am calling upon you as Prime Minister of Great Britain to recall all British troops from Ireland and to call all parties together that are involved in these shameful and inhuman conditions now existing in Northeast Ireland.

The entire civilized world is shocked and appalled with the terrible situation existing in Northeast Ireland.

Mr. Heath, you and your government must act now to bring about peace and unification in Ireland.

Sincerely yours,
/s/Edward J. Fay,
National President

The Right Honorable Harold Wilson
Leader of the Opposition
House of Commons, Westminster
London, England

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We in America are calling upon you as the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament to bring immediate pressure on the British Government, to recall the British Troops from Northeast Ireland, and call together all the interested parties concerned with the shameful and inhuman conditions existing in this sector of Northeast Ireland to bring about unification of Ireland and lasting peace.

The entire world is shocked and appalled with the knowledge of what has taken place in the Northeast Sector of Ireland for the last fifty years. The rights of all people must be guaranteed in Northeast Ireland and throughout the world. The only solution is a Free and United Ireland. The eyes and ears of the whole world are focused on the Northeast Sector of Ireland and how Britain is handling it.

For God's sake, free Ireland as you have Africans, Asians, Australians, and even the Americans.

Sincerely yours,
/s/Edward J. Fay,
National President

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Grand Marshal and Aides Elected

March 17, The Great Day For N.Y. St. Patrick Parade

The Grand Marshal of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade for 1972 is Mr. Alfred Y. Morgan.

He is a prominent New York City businessman, as were his father and grandfather before him for a span of 115 years. All three of them, in succession, have conducted a business in the City of New York for the manufacture and distribution of Club Soda and Ginger Ale.

Al Morgan, the Grand Marshal, is President of the White Rock Beverage Corporation. He is a native New

Yorker. His grandparents on both sides emigrated from Ireland to the United States in the 1850's and settled in New York. He is one of the leading Catholic laymen in New York State and is a Knight of Malta. He is a member of Division 3, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New York County (Manhattan) and is the President

of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York, having been elected in January 1972.

The Grand Marshal will have 11 Aides with him in the Parade, who will represent the major fraternal Irish Organizations, within the Metropolitan Area of New York City.

The Aides and the organizations they represent are: Stephen A. Downes, New York (Manhattan) County, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Edward J. Broderick, Bronx County; Daniel Sullivan, Kings (Brooklyn) County; Felix Twohill, Queens City; Joseph Thomas Smith, Richmond (Staten Island) County; Joseph P. Bownes, Nassau; Charles M. Smith, Westchester; Michael McCormack, Suffolk; Frank Geoghegan Sr., Rockland; Patrick Conway, United Irish Counties Association; and James H. O'Meara, National Grand Council of Irish Emerald Societies.

Nominated and Elected

In accordance with Parade Rules, a Nominating Committee meets to consider candidates. A second meeting is then held to elect. The Grand Marshal and his 11 Aides were nominated for the titles on February 1 at a meeting in the Hotel Commodore of the Presidents of the 214 Organizations that participate in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On February 2, a total of 351 Delegates from these

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President and Mrs. Fay Honored at Reception

National President and Mrs. Edward J. Fay were entertained at a dinner and reception given by the Essex County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians in Massachusetts, at the home of Division 11 in Peabody, Massachusetts, on Saturday evening, December 4, 1971.

President and Mrs. Fay were greeted at Logan Airport in Boston on Friday evening by State President William J. Donovan and Essex County President Nolan visited the Hibernian homes of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly Division in Lawrence, Division 10 in Lynn, Division 11 in Peabody, and Division 18 in Salem, where they were greeted by hundreds of members of the Order.

A Memorial Mass for deceased Hibernians was held in St. John's Church in Peabody on Saturday afternoon, December 5, at 5:00 p.m. The celebrant of the Mass was Essex County Chaplain the Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence, who was assisted by the Rev. John D. Clark, Pastor of St. John's Church in Peabody. At the end of the Mass "The Soldier's Song" was sung from the altar by the Rev. Robert F. Casey of St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence, accompanied on the organ by the Rev. Patrick J. Dolan of St. Monica's Parish in Methuen, Massachusetts. It was largely attended by Hibernian men and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, as well as parishioners.

Following a Mass a dinner and reception was held at the home of Division 10 in Peabody, honoring President Fay and his wife, Dorothy.

President Fay spoke of the coming convention in Dublin, Ireland, and of its importance to our Order here in America. Both he and Mrs. Fay were presented with many gifts from the four Divisions in Essex County.

Seated at the head table were: former National President Judge John E. Fenton of Lawrence, former President

Walter J. O'Leary of Watertown, Governor's Councilor Thomas J. Lane of Lawrence, Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, Essex County Chaplain, the Rev. John D. Clark, State President and Mrs. William J. Donovan, National President and Mrs. Fay, Mayor and Mrs. Nicholas Mavroules of Peabody, Essex County President and Mrs. Thomas H. Heney, the Irish Consul in Boston and her husband, Henry C. Heney, State Treasurer and Mrs. Fred Coakley of Malden, and the Rev. Msgr. John J. Grant, State Chaplain.

Black Arm Bands In New York Parade

NEW YORK: At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, attended by 300 delegates, Parade Chairman Judge James J. Comerford, announced: "The Banners reading 'England get out of Ireland' will be multiplied this year in the Parade."

"The wearing of black arm bands, or of black ribbons across the front of sashes, is authorized and is considered appropriate for marchers in the 1972 St. Patrick's Day Parade. A black arm band worn on the sleeve is a traditional, historical symbol of mourning, a sign of deep and personal sorrow. In this instance, it will be worn in memory of the 13 civilians recently murdered in Derry by the British Army."

Judge Comerford noted: "The St. Patrick's Day Parade, itself, is a traditional, historical event. It has been held annually on the streets of New York City for the past 210 years, in peace and in war times, in happy and in sad days. During all this period, the Parade has reflected, with prideful dignity and exemplary restraint, the inner feelings of its marchers about Ireland and its people. It will continue to do so.

"The Parade Committee is

dedicated to the task of helping Ireland to achieve full freedom under one flag -- the flag of the Irish Republic -- and to be united under one government -- the government of the Irish Republic. This flag and this government will bring peace with justice to the Irish nation." For 25 years, "England get out of Ireland" banners have been the theme of the New York Parade.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad and loving memory of Michael J. Dowd, former National President of A.O.H. who died on February 9, 1971, in Washington, D.C.

Masses are being offered on this Anniversary.

"We think of you in silence and make no outward show,

But what it meant to lose you Mike, God alone will ever know."

Constantly remembered by his wife, Mrs. Peggy Dowd and their children.

His death is still lamented by all A.O.H. members who worked with him.

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One Man's Opinion

By James J. Comerford

Ear of the World

It used to be said that "England has the Ear of the World." Many and many a patriotic Irishman has said that since 1801.

Britain's Empire has dwindled since 1946. The sun has set on it. The old boast that "The sun never sets on the British Empire" is no longer a fact. It is now only the size of the Island of Britain. The British Government maintains that Northeast Ireland is still part of that Empire. But that is disputable -- as we know. One of these days, the Six Counties in Northeast Ireland will be under the flag of the Irish Republic and united under one government -- the Government of the Irish Republic.

Never since 1921, has this change looked so certain to happen. We are winning -- this time.

In the meantime, England, as of today, still "has the ear of the world." When England speaks about the conditions in Northeast Ireland, all of Europe listens! So does the United States Government! And so does the United Nations!

When the people of Ireland speak about Northeast Ireland conditions, none of these listens. Question: WHY?

But a change is coming. Public opinion is being aroused, particularly by what the people everywhere see on TV. But it is the patriotic Irish people, who live and fight for their rights within the Six County area, who are, by themselves, bringing about this change. Let us continue to give them a helping hand. By way of encouragement to them let us say to them in the old Irish traditional way; "God Bless the work and the workmen too."

Internment

The internment in Concentration Camps of Irish patriots in the Six Counties of Northeast Ireland is not working as successfully as predicted by Prime Minister Faulkner of the Belfast Government and by Prime Minister Heath of the British Government.

From August 1969, when shootings and burnings first began, until August, 1971, when internment was ordered by Heath and Faulkner, a total of 63 persons were killed. Of these, there were 11 British soldiers. The policy of internment without charge or trial began near the end of August, 1971. Since then -- only five months ago -- there have been 32 soldiers killed. Putting young Irishmen in Concentration Camps, according to Heath and Faulkner, was supposed to stop the killings of soldiers. Did it? A total of 624 men are held in Concentration Camps as of February, 1972. Who is killing the British soldiers while they are held in the Concentration Camps?

Bloody Sunday

On Sunday, January 30, 1972, a new group of Irish men became "Martyrs of the Crown," like Kevin Barry in November, 1920 -- 52 years before.

On that Bloody Sunday, 13 unarmed young Irishmen were shot in their backs and killed by men of a Scottish Regiment serving for Queen Elizabeth in her British Army. The Queen is touring Africa "away from it all." But the Prime Minister was yachting for a week last August when Derry and Belfast were burning and blood of human beings was spilling on the cobblestones of these old Cities.

In October, 1971, Heath was playing a bass fiddle in the London Symphony Orchestra while "The Irish Question," as he calls the situation in the Six Counties, was being discussed in his House of Commons. He was "Away from it all" on both occasions. How about that!

1972 New York Parade Has Strong Theme

On March 17 this year, all New York Citizens will see the mood of the Irish. Mourning emblems will be carried by marchers in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17 along Fifth Avenue. More than 50 Banners, neatly tailored, reading plain and clear in large letters -- "England get out of Ireland" will be carried by marching organizations.

The Chairman of the Parade, Judge James J. Comerford, announced to the news media on February 2 that the wearing of mourning armbands or black ribbons on sashes was authorized officially, for the purpose of remembering the 13 young men who were murdered in Derry City by British Army Crown Forces.

The "England get out of Ireland" Banners have been carried each year since 1948 in the Parade. This year, the Parade has adopted these words and their meaning as a theme for the 1972 Parade.



PICTURED at the recent dedication of the Hibernian Hall and Irish Cultural Center in Babylon, Long Island, are front row: Miss Maureen Sullivan, President of the Junior Ladies Auxiliary, Division No. 2 and John McKay, President of the Junior Division No. 2, A.O.H. In the back row are National President Ed Fay and Jack Reynolds, New York State Vice President, who were present for the dedication by the National President.

March 17, The Great Day

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organizations met in the Commodore and elected the Nominees were chosen by the Nominating Committee. The Chairman of the Parade, Judge James J. Comerford, presided at both meetings.

Meetings and Officers

The Parade Meetings are noted for a large attendance of Delegates. No less than 150 women and men attended any meeting in recent years. Despite the cold nights and crime on the streets, the people come out faithfully in large numbers to Parade Meetings.

The elective Officers of the Parade Committee, besides the Chairman, are: John W. Duffy, Vice Chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Francis P. Beirne, Treasurer; Thomas B. Galligan, Financial Secretary; Martin P. Dunne, Corresponding Secretary; Terence F. Connaughton, Sergeant-at-Arms; Nicholas J. Farley, Director, John P. Collins, Director, and Vincent Pat Rogers, Director.

Peter Campbell is Chairman of Marching Bands, John F. Curry is Chairman of the Reviewing Stand, Judge Aloysius Melia is Chairman of Distinguished Guests, Anthony Corcoran is Chairman of Line of March, John O'Rourke is Chairman of Parade Discipline. John Concannon is Chairman of Public Relations, James Doris is Executive Secretary, Harry M. Hynes, former Parade Chairman is Honorary Chairman.

Joseph P. Garrahy is Chairman of Credentials, James P. Grundy is Chairman of Programs, Eddie Hyland has Parade Information, Eugene McMahon has Sashes and Decorations, Nicholas Farley is in charge of TV-Radio, and Edward H. Dugan is chairman of Greeting Committee.

Parade March 17

The Parade will be held on Friday, March 17 on Fifth Avenue, New York City. It starts off at 12 Noon sharp, from 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, and marches to 86th Street and Third Avenue, where it disperses.

This year will see 122,000 marchers and 237 Bands in the Parade. By use of skillful planning and the volunteer services of experienced Parade Workers, the Parade will finish at 6 o'clock in the evening. A day with no rain or snow will bring out over a million and a quarter spectators to the sidewalks over the three-mile route. It will be viewed on Television by 45 million people. A working committee of 300 persons experienced in Parade work will keep the Parade moving briskly and in disciplined form.

Formation Big Job

John W. Duffy, a prominent Hibernian who is well known in our Order for 30 years and who is the Assistant Editor of this Digest, works as Chairman of Parade Formation and as the Director of Marching Rules. He is an all time great in this field. By applying his 30 years of Parade experience and using his great organization skills accumulated over the years, he will accomplish the apparent impossible -- namely, to line up 122,000 marchers, and 237 bands in formation at 12 noon and move them close together, in a width of 16 abreast, with a marching step that will finish the Parade by 6 o'clock.

Parade experts from the U.S. Army marvel each year at Jack Duffy's ability to do this apparently impossible task. He does it -- but it takes hard work by him and his volunteer Hibernian workers who serve on the Formation Committee.

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Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

St. Patrick's Day . . . Not Happy This Year

Every year since 1924, the Editorial of the National Hibernian Digest for the week before St. Patrick's Day has opened with the words: "Happy St. Patrick's Day."

But the Editorial for this issue cannot in good faith and in true honesty say these words.

To say them or write them would be sardonic and offensive. Such words would be abrasive to the instincts and sensibilities of our American Irish members as well as of our Irish born members - all of whom are Americans.

Our kith and kin in North East Ireland are being murdered by British Soldiers. On Sunday January 30, in Derry City 13 young civilian men were shot in the backs and killed by the British Army. All 13 died instantly. This date is now called Bloody Sunday.

All were Catholics from Derry. Sixteen other young men were wounded. Three of them later died. They, too, were shot in the backs at the same time by British soldiers. They, too, were Derry Catholics.

All of these 21 young men were unarmed when shot. Their companions were also civilians and they were also unarmed. All were marching peacefully with others in a Civil Rights Procession organized as a protest against the Belfast Stormont Government who had jailed 624 Catholics without charges. These prisoners were being held in Concentration Camp, since August 1971, without any charge under British law having ever been made against them. These Catholics are still held in these Concentration Camps.

The British Army shoots only Catholics. Why? They search only Catholic homes. Why? They arrest and jail only Catholics. Why?

The British soldiers who shot the 29 Catholic civilians in their backs were not part-time soldiers - like Militia Men. They were seasoned, trained and experienced men of a regular British Regiment with a Scotch name.

They were Paratroopers who were trained to be "Commandos." According to their own boasts, they were "crack military sharpshooters of the Queen's Army." They now serve as Crown Forces in Northeast Ireland. The Queen of England is now touring Africa while her "sharpshooters" shoot Catholic civilians in the back.

Gallant soldiers, they are not, Brave soldiers they were not on January 30, 1972. Shooting a human being, who is unarmed, in the back is the hallmark of a coward.

Being marksmen, about which they boasted immediately on the arrival in Ireland, must have inspired them to shoot 29 unarmed, peaceful civilians in the back. Witnesses claim that these soldiers wanted to maintain in Derry City what is known as their Regimental tradition - which is: "Shoot, make a body count, and cut a notch on the barrels of the guns for each man killed." On Bloody Sunday in Derry, they made 13 gun notches for 13 dead men.

Besides the killings of our kith and kin in North East Ireland and the internment of 624 others in Concentration Camps, there are thousands and thousands of our kind of people without homes in the Cities and Towns of that area.

British armed soldiers burned down their little homes and drove their families into the cold streets on winter nights. The streets in Northeast Ireland are full of frightened, hungry children. They are also crowded with wandering infirm old people who beg for bread to eat and for a warm corner in which to sleep.

Widows and orphans of Catholic working men who were recently killed by the British Army cry out for help - for food - for clothes - for Justice.

A Few Observations About Editorials



Peter J. Campbell

In recent issues, you may have read in these Editorials such things as: "The New Style Communism," or "Knowledge of Ireland," or "Many Political Organizations in Ireland - Many Religious Groups in Ireland."

These Editorials are intended especially for National Convention Delegates and their friends who will be going to Dublin in July. The idea is to give them information which will aid them to better understand Ireland and her people. Most of the Delegates have never been to Ireland. This will be their first experience with customs and other conditions over there; consequently, the situation lends itself to Editorial remarks.

However, this writer does not make the policy of the Order. Making policy is the business of the National Board except when the National Convention is in session. Readers write us and ask why so and so is not written into the Editorials and why action is not advocated for or against certain things.

The answer is: "The National Board must decide whether or not to urge the members to support or reject certain ideas or a course of action before there can be an Editorial Comment on them."

However, the selection of news concerning A.O.H. activities and of articles which appear to be of a universal interest to members is left to the discretion of the Editor.

In order to assist Delegates and their friends who now intend to be in Dublin for the National Convention, we asked Brother Peter J. Campbell to write a very informal article for them to read - and if they wish, clip it out and save it for use in July. He wrote it.

Peter Campbell is a native New Yorker whose father is from Strokestown, County Roscommon, and his mother is one of the Harkins from Drumkeerin, County Leitrim. His wife is the former Loretto McHugh of Greagh nadarragh, Drumkeerin, Leitrim.

Pete is a member of Division 3, New York County. He has made 11 trips to Ireland. Last October, he was in Dublin for a week as a Delegate from the U.S. to the International Convention of Social Workers. This is a prestigious Convention.

It is difficult for us in the United States to see how they can have a happy St. Patrick's Day. It is beyond the scope of our wildest imagination to think that any of our kith and kin living anywhere in Northeast Ireland can have a happy St. Patrick's Day in 1972.

Knowing the brutal conditions under which our blood brothers and sisters are living today, in Northeast Ireland, we who carry a feeling of justice in our hearts and souls and who possess a warm affection for Ireland cannot feel as happy on St. Patrick's Day this year of 1972 as we have felt in previous years.

With prayers in our hearts as well as on our lips, we will remember them. But prayer without good works is not enough; therefore, we shall contribute dollars to our favorite organizations which we know to be honest in handling money and which are now collecting money on St. Patrick's Day for the benefit - meaning any form of benefit - of the oppressed Catholic people who live in Antrim, Derry, Down, Armagh, Fermanagh, Tyrone - these six Irish Counties still occupied by the British Army.

Some will give to the American A.O.H. fund that goes to Cardinal Conway in Armagh for distribution to dependents of those killed or imprisoned. Some will give to the Irish Civil Rights Movement. Some will give to the I.R.A. in Ireland. Some will give to the Northern Aid Committee. Some will give to all four mentioned here. Others will give to their own organizations.

But all will give for the cause of Ireland's right to be united - to be free - to be under one government and one flag - to have Peace with justice in all the Island of Ireland.

An Editorial is the opinion of an Editor. So say our American dictionaries.

In these Editorials, we endeavor to give the members - both men and women - of our Order some information which may be useful to them as Hibernians. Such kind of information is not easily found in the regular U.S. newspapers - or on TV - or from Radio. Neither does the Digest, itself, carry news items with this sort of information in them - mainly because it does not have space for the original articles from which Editorials are sometimes inspired.

Pete is a young man with sense as well as College Degrees. He earned a B.S. at St. John's University, Brooklyn and later earned a Master's Degree from Fordham University. He has traveled extensively through Ireland during his 11 visits there. Last October, after the Dublin Convention, he traveled through the Six Counties in Northern Ireland and saw the British Army Crown Forces in action on the streets of Derry and of Belfast. He was stopped and searched many times.

Pete Campbell's knowledge of Ireland is original and authentic. It does not come from a book.

Written informally but accurately, his observations are carried here in the following article. Pete knows "OF WHAT" he writes.

Information Tips On Trips To Ireland

by Peter J. Campbell

When you get to Ireland for the first time, you'll enjoy your stay much better if you keep a few things in mind. The Irish are a friendly race and Ireland is a lovely country that offers much to the traveler, but you'll enjoy yourself more if you just relax and settle in at the pace of the Land that epitomizes the philosophy of "God made time, and plenty of it!" Don't be in a hurry and you won't be disappointed.

Vocabulary

The Irish are known to be great talkers, but the friendly chat and good conversation will be enhanced if you are familiar with some variations in the idiomatic expressions. An elevator is a "lift"; gasoline is petrol; an automobile is a motor car; a truck is a lorry; the car's trunk is its boot; the hood, the bonnet; the fender is the wing; the movies is the cinema; crackers and cookies are "biscuits"; bacon is "rashers"; a line and "lining up" is a queue and "queuing up". Queue is pronounced 'cue' and they queue up much more orderly than we do here, so don't crash the line, oops, I mean the 'queue'.

And for heaven's sake, don't ask to go to the "bathroom" for that is just where they'll direct you. To a room with a bathtub - but no toilet. Imagine how silly you'll feel when you find yourself standing forlornly in a room with only a bath tub. Ask for the "Gent's" or "Ladies" room. The Irish words "fir-men" and "mna-women" will probably be over the doors. The Fir is Gaelic - means men. Don't interpret it as "for men" and "men or women" as a youngster of 10 once did. The Mna is Gaelic - means women. You also have to mean what you say in other matters - don't ask for a "couple" when you mean "a few," because you'll only get the literal "two." Remember that hotels lock street doors between 11 p.m. and midnight. It's an old custom. Buses stop at midnight.

Traveling and Eating

There are excellent hotels throughout the country and I would suggest that you check the up-to-date guide published by the Irish Tourist Board for rates, grading and accommodations. Hotels are graded A-B-C-D. The roads are good and uncluttered, but remember to drive well to the left, especially on bends. If not, you could get hit.

The best place to eat in a city or town is in a large hotel - don't waste your time looking for a restaurant or diner. I'd suggest you plan your itinerary well, scheduling a large town between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. Go to a good hotel in the A or B class and you'll be able to enjoy a relaxed full course dinner "from soup to nuts," entree, main course, dessert, cheese, tea and a variety of breads - for a price so reasonable in American price - terms that it will stagger your imagination. Outside this "Dinner hour" you'll pay more and wait longer.

And talk about waiting, don't expect instant service at any time, not that "Chock Full of Nuts" is so speedy, either. Don't ask for a napkin, for you might get a baby's diaper (nappie) while everyone else gets a "serviette." Table napkins are called serviettes. Check your bill carefully. The gratuity is usually included as the "service charge" and you are not expected to tip further. If no service charge is indicated, you use the regular 15 percent rule of thumb. The word "Bill" is used in Ireland instead of the word "Check" as is used in the U.S. When stopping for the night, ask for a room "with bath" if you want it, for they might not read your mind. There is usually a wash basin in every room which does not have a bathroom attached. Your hotel bill normally includes "Bed and Breakfast," and a hearty Irish breakfast at that, but take note of the serving hours. If you don't, you'll wait and wait before getting it.

Entertainment

As I mentioned before, the movies is the cinema. There are excellent legitimate theatres in Dublin and in the larger cities. Dublin has the "Abbey," "Gate," and "Gaiety," and the prices are reasonable. There is no great "nightlife," in any City - even in Dublin. No night clubs, and don't be surprised to find yourself stranded at midnight in a city "gone to bed."

Traffic

During the day, Dublin's traffic is considerable. It is very heavy not only with cars but with buses by the score and "millions" of bicycles and motorbikes. You might be wiser to walk or take public transportation within the Dublin City. The one-way system in Dublin is confusing to many a Dublin native and the tow-away program has spread to it from New York. Henry and Grafton Streets are pedestrian malls during the day. For shopping, these are the best shopping streets. Prices there are high for some items, however.

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ALFRED Y. MORGAN, PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

By John J. Concannon

A business man - big business - is the Grand Marshal of the 1972 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York. He is Alfred Young Morgan who was born in New York City on West 46th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, 65 years ago.

He was one of seven children - two boys, Peter and Alfred, and five girls, Annette, Charlotte, Martha, Angela and Dorothy, born to Alfred Y. Morgan Sr. and Annette McDonnell Morgan. All the Morgan children are living.

Brother Peter is a retired stockbroker, living in Little Silver, N.J. Al Morgan kidningly maintains that his brother Peter opened his stock brokerage business, P. J. Morgan & Co., in the hope that the financial tycoon, J. P. Morgan, would buy him out at a fabulous price just to avoid the possible confusion of name. Al Morgan's five sisters are married with families and all reside in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut areas.

Al Morgan was baptized at Holy Cross Church on West 42nd Street. In early childhood, the family moved uptown to West 81st Street, became parishioners of Holy Trinity and lived in that area for many years. Al attended Loyola grade school, Newman Prep School in Lakewood, N.J., and Fordham University.

Around the year 1850, the Grand Marshal's paternal grandfather, John Morgan, and his two brothers, Patrick and Michael, emigrated to the United States from their native town of Cootehill in County Cavan. In the year 1857, John Morgan, a very energetic and enterprising young Irishman, with the help of his two brothers, put together a small sum of money, secured horses, wagons and equipment, and opened a small plant for bottling carbonated beverages on 40th Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

Thus the Morgan Beverage Co. got its start.

John Morgan's brother, Patrick, got a little restless in the beverage business. Since he had a horse and delivery wagon, Patrick decided to go into the moving business, and with his brother, Michael, formed Morgan and Brother Moving Van Co. That company is now Morgan and Brother -- Manhattan Storage of New York.

Grandfather John Morgan died in 1912 when the Grand Marshal was six years old and Al Morgan remembers him only faintly. But he vividly recalls the many stories his parents told about Grandfather Morgan and the way he started and ran the family beverage business.

Al remembers his father telling him how Grandfather Morgan built up the beverage business by giving silver dollar bonuses to the bartenders on his route who dispensed the largest amount of Morgan beverages. He recalls being told how his grandfather would load up the delivery wagon with the siphons and the bottles of Morgan club soda and ginger ale, set his perky cap jauntily on his head, hop up on the driving board of the wagon with whip in hand, let out with a sharp "Get Up," and be off down the street whistling a happy Irish tune. In the neighborhood, they talked of the smart delivery horses of Morgan and Schultz. Schultz delivered beverages to the German beer gardens while Morgan delivered to the Irish taverns. The Morgan and Schultz horses, it was said, were so smart that they

would move along on their own, unattended, from tavern to tavern along the route as the deliveries were made, passing each other by, never stopping at the "wrong" tavern or failing to stop at the "right" tavern.

When John Morgan died, he passed the business on to his son, Alfred Y. Morgan Sr., (the Grand Marshal's father), who had for years worked in the business.



ALFRED Y. MORGAN

It starts away back when there was a White Rock Springs Company of Waukesha, Wisconsin. The company later changed its name to White Rock Corporation. In August 1944, the giant distiller/chemical firm, National Distillers & Chemical Corporation bought White Rock Corporation for more than \$1 million in cash and 70,714 shares of National Distillers stock. The newspapers valued the transaction at \$3 million.

In 1948, the White Rock Corporation Division of National Distillers purchased the Morgan Beverage Company of Brooklyn from Al Morgan and family associates for an undisclosed sum of money, and with the purchase acquired the business and managerial skills of its chief executive and chief owner, Al Y. Morgan. Al Morgan became President and General Manager of White Rock Corporation's New York Division.

Use of the Morgan name on beverages was discontinued and the new operation began marketing White Rock products through the old Morgan selling operation, producing the line of White Rock beverages in the Morgan plant in Brooklyn. One year later, Al Morgan was elected President and General Manager of the parent company -- White Rock Corporation, becoming "the active operating head" of the corporation.

In 1952, National Distillers decided to sell White Rock Corporation and get out of the soft drink business. Al Morgan asked that the company be sold back to him. National Distillers agreed, named their price and Al Morgan set out to raise the purchase money. Such was Al Morgan's credit rating, business and personal reputation, that he was able to raise the purchase money in short order. He had a friend at a bank. In a little more than two years, Al Morgan paid back the purchase-money loan to the bank.

When asked if he had made any profit on buying back what he had sold four years before, Al Morgan's eyes lit up and a big grin broke out on his easy-to-smile face. He looked the questioner straight in the eye and said with glee, "I made a bundle."

In corporate size within the beverage/soft drink industry, White Rock ranks just outside of the top dozen. But it is one of the better known firms in the field, thanks largely to its most valuable property -- a young lady known as the "White Rock Girl." Despite the fact that she is 77 years old, she stays eternally young. Al Morgan is the chief custodian of this White Rock girl. Her more formal title is Psyche, the mythological goddess. She appears on the label of every bottle of the company's many beverages. Al Morgan believes that "the White Rock Girl is probably one of the five or six best known trademarks in the world."

White Rock has gross revenues of about \$14 million a year. The company employs about 1350 people, has company-owned plants in Brooklyn -- adjoining its headquarters offices on Van Dyke Street, a Boston plant and the original but modernized facility in Waukesha, Wisconsin. All are in White Rock Corporation. The company also has 32 franchised plants and 50,000 distributors throughout the United States. White Rock has a top position in the very important and highly profitable "mixer" segment of the beverage market. It is second (behind Canada Dry) in the sales of "mixers" -- club soda, ginger ale, tonic and quinine water, and the like. In all, White Rock produces and markets 20 different beverages.

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The Grand Marshal's father took his surname and middle name - Alfred Young - from a dear Priest friend of the Morgan Family. Father Alfred Young, in those days Pastor of the Paulist Fathers Church on 59th Street and Ninth Avenue, New York. Since the first Alfred Young Morgan became known by that name there have been three other "Als" - the Grand Marshal, his son, Alfred Y. Morgan, III, Vice President of White Rock Corporation; and the son's son, Alfred Y. Morgan IV (the Grand Marshal's grandson), who is five years old and in kindergarten. Fifteen years from now, Al Morgan expects his grandson to be the fifth generation of the family in the beverage business.

Al Morgan's mother, the former Annette McDonnell, is still hale and hearty at 92. She lives with her son and daughter-in-law at their Park Avenue home. The Grand Marshal vividly recalls his maternal grandfather, Peter McDonnell who was "a wonderful, lively, active Irishman," who frequently visited Ireland. His trips, of course, were made by ship. But he traveled every second year to see his relatives in Drumlish, County Longford.

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Al Morgan, the Grand Marshal, is married to the former Muriel Stafford, a native Brooklynite from the Star of Sea parish. Her paternal grandparents, the Staffords, came from County Wexford in Ireland. Her maternal grandparents, the Mortimers, came from County Cork.

The Morgans, who have resided on 86th Street and Park Avenue for the past 20 years, are parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 84th Street and Park Avenue. They have three children, all married with families.

The Parade will pass along 86th Street under his windows. All the Morgan Clan, including his 92-year-old mother, will be cheering at the windows.

Al Morgan is a nice fellow. He is active in a wide variety of fraternal, civic, business, industry and philanthropic organizations.

He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 3, New York County, and a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. This January, he was elected President of the Friendly Sons, an association that boasts George Washington as one of its early members.

In 1965, Al Morgan was cited by Francis Cardinal Spellman for his philanthropic work and made a member of the Order of the Knights of Malta. He is also a member of the Cardinal Cooke's Committee of Education of the Archdiocese of New York. Al is a Director of American Consumer Industries, Inc.; a Trustee of East New York Savings Bank and serves on the Brooklyn Advisory Board of the Chem-

ical Bank of New York. He is a member of the Board and a Past President of the New York State Soft Drinks Bottlers Association.

He employs many Irish - both Irish Americans and Irish born.

Despite his long American lineage and connections with American Big Business, he is still an "Irishman" in thought and in action. That is the way he wants it.



A RECEPTION was held at the St. Regis Hotel on the occasion of the New York visit of Mr. Eamonn Ceannt, Director General of the Irish Tourist Board. The function was attended by members of Irish Societies. Shown above, from the left, are: Miss Margaret Fitzgerald, Irish International Airlines; the Hon. James J. Comerford, Chairman of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade; David Kennedy, Vice President of Irish International Airlines; Mr. Ceannt; Mrs. Annette Gaffney, Irish International Airlines, and Alfred Y. Morgan, President of White Rock Corporation and Grand Marshal of the Parade. Irish Airlines will fly three tons of shamrocks from Ireland to New York for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Judge Comerford is making a point about shamrocks by telling Mr. Ceannt, "Shamrocks have freedom and do not recognize the partition of Ireland. They grow at both sides of the Border in the six Counties as well as in the 26. Marchers in the Parade will be wearing Shamrocks from each of Ireland's 32 Counties." Mr. Eamonn Ceannt is a nephew of Eamonn Ceannt, who signed the Declaration of Irish Independence in 1916 and who was executed by the British.

Kennedy Medal Names Deferred to March 15

National Secretary William J. Barnett submits to the Digest the following announcement in reference to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Program: Due to the combined circumstances of the delay in getting the new Constitutions to the general membership, and the fact that the National Hibernian Digest has only

been received in many areas within the first two weeks of January, the National President has deferred the date for submitting nominations for the 1972 Award of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal from January 15 to March 15.

The new deadline will afford Divisions, County Boards and State Boards the

opportunity, after due deliberation, to place names in nomination for this high honor.

All are reminded that communications regarding this award are to be directed to: J. Robert Tweedy, National Director, 8207 Loch Raven Road, Towson, Maryland, 21204.

The rules, requirements, and other details of the program are embodied in ARTICLE XXVII, Sections 1-12 of the National Constitution as revised at the National Constitutional Convention in Pittsburgh.

1971 NATIONAL AWARDS REPORT

President Fay extends to Brother William J. Kinane, Chairman of the 1971 National Awards, and his Committee sincere thanks for a job well done. Brother Kinane's report as follows:

EXPENSES:

Printing, Addressing, Inserting and Sealing	\$3,974.25
Postage Charges	1,462.55
Express Charges	34.83
Awards	2,000.00
Expenses of Chairman	50.00

Total Expenses - \$7,521.63

RECEIPTS:

Men	\$12,600.00
Ladies	3,718.00
	\$16,318.00
	1,487.20 - 40% share of L.A.A.O.H.

Gross Receipts - \$14,830.80

RECAPITULATION:

Gross Receipts	14,830.80
Expenses	7,521.63

Net Receipts - \$7,309.17

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Kinane, Chairman

THE AWARD WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Dennis Lynch, 16940 Ehle Street, San Leandro, California
Thomas Ginty, 11 Valley Stream Drive, Danbury, Connecticut
Miss Theresa McGovern, 450 East 20th Street, New York, New York
Mrs. Frances Donovan, 2309 - 24th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota
John J. Dixon, 6900 West 71st Street, Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Bill Kinane certainly proved his ability in the businesslike way he handled the National Awards Program and on behalf of all the National Board and the members of our Order, President Fay thanks Bill Kinane for his wonderful job.



AT A PUBLIC CEREMONY on December 12, newly elected officers of the Col. John Fitzgerald Division, Arlington, Virginia were installed by National Director Robert Tweedy of Baltimore, Maryland. Officers above are, from left: Fredrick E. Sheridan, President; Edward V. Ryan, Immediate Past President; James J. Herlihy, Vice President; Edward R. Eagar, Treasurer; and Mr. Tweedy.

Final Votes Scheduled Kennedy To Support Immigration Bill

At a recent Washington conference, Congressman Peter J. Rodino (D-N.J.) and William F. Ryan (D-N.Y.) announced that H.R. 9615, a bill to amend the 1965 U.S. Immigration Act is scheduled to receive two votes during the months of February and March. One vote will be in the House Rules Committee and another on the floor of the House.

In Washington to discuss the bill that would aid Irish Immigration were John Collins, national chairman of the American Irish National Immigration Committee and a Member of Division 4, New York County; the Very Rev. Donald O'Callaghan, N.Y. State Chaplain, and past New Jersey State President, Eugene J. Byrne.

National President Edward J. Fay sent a telegram to the Washington meeting, which was presented to Congressman Rodino, and which reads --

"The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc.

fully endorse the effort of the American Irish Immigration Committee under the chairmanship of John Collins. No one else has the authority to speak in the name of our Order."

A later meeting with Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) produced a firm commitment of support. The Senator indicated that he would work earnestly for the bill's passage in the Senate.

Brother John P. Collins, National Chairman of Immigration Committee states: "It is important that every Hibernian write now to his Congressman, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., and state, 'Please vote 'yes' on H.R. 9615.' We need to see more immigrants coming from Ireland to the U.S."

"Victory is so close," Brother Collins adds, "that it would be a shame if we failed to support those now who have worked so hard for our Order, on this issue, over the last five years."

HIBERNIAN NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

by John K. Henry

The Connecticut State Board under President Jerry Travers, held its winter meeting on Sunday, February 27. Up for discussion was the National Convention in Dublin this year, and the Connecticut Convention to be held in Middletown. Delegates were gravely concerned with conditions in Northern Ireland and expressed outrage with the massacre of the 13 civilians in Derry.

The Stamford Division held a very successful dance for the benefit of Northern Ireland Relief. John Butler, chairman of the dance, was elated by the huge financial success. Chairman of the A.O.H. Committee for Northern Ireland Relief is former National President, Patrick Hogan; Secretary is Carl Shanahan and Treasurer is Pete McGowan.

Congressman Stewart B. McKinney was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Norwalk Division at their February meeting. A reward for the Congressman's diligent work on the Northern Ireland issue, it will be presented at the Division's

Annual St. Patrick's Dance on March 11.

The Hartford A.O.H. had a big part in the presentation of Hartford's First Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. P. J. Tierney, Hartford Division's Secretary, is also Secretary of the United Irish Societies which sponsored the Parade. The Group hopes to make the Parade bigger and better as the years go by. We feel it right for the capitol of the State to have this Parade and hope it continues.

Division One of Bay Shore, Suffolk County, Long Island, has just completed one of its most successful years.

Bay Shore Div. Successful Year

On December 11, the annual joint installation with the Ladies took place. Jack Meade is the new President for 1972.

Bay Shore Ladies For the Ladies too, 1971 was a happy year.

The new President, Mrs. Patricia Lewis, looks forward to 1972 with much enthusiasm.

Brother Riordan To Express Views On Constitution

Brother Michael Riordan, a prominent citizen of San Francisco and an outstanding personality among Irish Societies in that city, recently wrote us regarding correspondence he has had with James J. O'Neill of New York about an article of Brother Riordan's which was published in "The Irish Times" in Dublin.

The subject is of primary discussion in Ireland at this time, and therefore in the United States, that of a proposal for an amendment to the 1937 constitution of the 26 Counties in order to remove the sections which the Protestants, north and south, find to be repugnant to them.

Because of the importance of this article, and a lack of space in this issue, Brother Riordan's viewpoints will be published in full in the next issue of the Digest.

Readers who plan to attend the National A.O.H. Convention in Dublin should find this article particularly informative.

Rahway, Div. 3 To Hold Mass

The Rt. Rev. C. J. Kean, Division 3, Rahway, Union County, N. J., will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newark, N.J., on Sunday, March 19. The parade will be led by the Jersey Shore Bagpipe Band.

After the parade a dinner-dance will be held in the Maine Restaurant and will feature Irish-American music.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, a Mass for the victims who were murdered by the British Army in Derry, N. Ireland, on Sunday, January 30, will be held at St. Mary's Church in Rahway.

New Division In California

Michael J. Farrell, Deputy Organizer for Southern California, announced that a new Division has already been installed in Orange County, Anaheim, under the leadership of Gerald W. O'Keefe.

Our Los Angeles Division was of great help in forming this new group, and two successful fund raising meetings have already been conducted by the members.

Brother Gerald O'Keefe has many plans to increase his membership. He and Brother Farrell intend to work toward establishing a Division in San Diego.

NEWS

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Under the Capitol DOME

by Peggy Dowd

On Friday, December 17, 1971 the Council of Irish American Organizations placed an open letter in advertisement form to President Richard Nixon in the "Washington Post." The President was meeting with British

Prime Minister Heath on December 20 and the letter urged that Mr. Nixon convey American desire to bring peace and tranquility to strife-torn Northern Ireland. The letter asked him to obtain concrete answers from Mr. Heath on the following questions:

1. When the British Government intends to take affirmative steps to unify Ireland.

2. When the British Government intends to remove the oppressive Stormont Belfast Government and begin representative government.

3. Why the British Government accedes to the internment in concentration camps of over 500 people without specification of charges against them.

4. Why the British Government tolerates the imposition of the Special Powers Act in Ireland - an act which usurps basic civil rights which have been accorded British citizens since the Magna Carta.

5. Does the British Government intend to accept the findings of the Compton report concerning the brutal torture of internees when respected international organizations have found otherwise?

6. What are the plans of the British Government to aid those displaced by internment and the oppressive acts of the Northern Irish Government?

7. How much of American tax funds granted to Britain are being used in Ireland to support practices abhorrent to the American people?

Among the Irish American organizations to sign this letter were two A.O.H. divisions, Division 4, Washington, D.C. and Division 1, Virginia. Another advertisement similar to this is being planned for around St. Patrick's Day. At the time of the proposed meeting between the two leaders, a small item appeared in one of our local papers that Mr. Nixon's choice for the meeting place with Prime Minister Heath was Ireland but that Mr. Heath suspected it was for political reasons and vetoed that location.

On Wednesday, January 26, a meeting was scheduled for the American Committee for Ulster Justice. It was held at the Capitol Hill Hotel which is only a few minutes walk from the Capitol, House and Senate Office buildings. We arrived about 10 a.m. to find the room already half full and brighter than daylight with several television cameras already set up, and reporters conferring with one another. I don't know how many states were represented but personally I talked to people from Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey and New York. It was inspiring

to know that these dedicated men and women would come long distances, at great personal sacrifice and expense, to present their side of the struggle in Ulster.

A press conference was held at 11 a.m. by Senators Edward Kennedy (Mass.), Abraham Ribicoff (Conn.) and Congressman Hugh Carey (Brooklyn, N.Y.) Before the conference, ex-Senator Eugene McCarthy, (Minn.) and Congressman James O'Hara (Ill.) came in to wish the committee well, and to add their voices in protest of the tragic situation in Northeastern Ireland.

The three members of Congress were excellent speakers and Senator Ribicoff pointed out that Kennedy had received the brunt of criticism from the press at the time they introduced Senate Resolution 180 in October, 1971. He pointed out that Kennedy has spoken out for justice all over the world, and that anybody who loves justice and freedom has a duty to speak out.

Senator Kennedy later remarked that he welcomed British criticism. There was only one question asked by a member of the press at the end of Senator Kennedy's talk. This press reporter asked what Kennedy had thought of President Nixon's nationwide television speech the night before about complete withdrawal from Vietnam? Kennedy shot back, "I will discuss that in the Capitol. I am at this press conference for one reason only, to talk about the situation in Ireland" and with that he left.

The indifference of the local press to cover both sides of the situation is deplorable. With all this coverage none of our three papers in Washington, D.C. had one line afterward, and there was nothing on television. Two days later, I phoned the papers to complain and was shifted from one person on city desk to another. They seemed to have no knowledge at all of the affair. At last I found one man who seemed sympathetic but unaware. He laughed in disbelief when he was told the size of the hard rubber bullets that are being shot by British Soldiers into the crowds. (Eight inches long and one inch in circumference. These had been held up for the television crews.) They look like baby torpedoes. He wanted to know what kind of weapon would fire them. Fortunately I had heard some men at the meeting say a sawed off shotgun type gun. He agreed that it would have to be that kind of weapon. This reporter should have some literature on the subject. His name is Hugh Craig, National Desk fifth floor, The Washington Post, 1515 L (L) Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. Teams headed by a Captain had been formed, and assign-

ments for visiting members of Congress given out, before the Press conference so no time would be lost afterward. Our group visited the Maryland legislators. Margaret Zahn cornered Senator Frank Church (Idaho) as he was getting off the subway under the Capitol and secured his promise to talk to Senator Kennedy about Resolution 180, and on the steps of the Capitol, George Zahn, former National Director introduced himself to Congressman Kenneth Robertson from Virginia and explained the aims of the group. The Congressman seemed interested so we gave him the numbers of House Resolutions 653 and 702.

Fortunately the day was clear, but cold, and at the end of the day there were many weary, footsore men and women heading for home.

The Capitol, Senate and House Office buildings have marble floors which make for hard walking. I sadly thought of Mike Dowd, my deceased husband, and the 19 years as National Chairman of the Building Fund that he had begged, pleaded, cajoled and argued to have an A.O.H. National Home in Washington, D.C. It would have been a center for activities of this kind. Our members could have come to their Nation's Capitol, to their own headquarters, and received more hospitality than a hotel room. His dream died with him.

Among our group was a young man from Ireland who had been interned in Belfast - and two girls, one from Derry and one from Belfast. They were attractive, articulate people and explained the situation from an eyewitness point of view. The girl from Derry said that 22 children had died in that city in one year from the effects of the C.S. gas which continues to be used although it was outlawed by the Geneva conference. After a certain level of exposure this gas causes brain damage and respiratory diseases. A long distance call to Ireland a few days before the meeting in Washington, reported that now the children are being persecuted. They are taken on their way to school and kept for the day being interrogated. Neither their teachers nor parents know where they are. The children are in a highly nervous state and are being given nerve pills. Over 500 people are now interned - no charges preferred, and no date of trial set. Their families continue to be spied on and raided while the man of the house is in jail.

The Scots Guards is one of the regiments assigned to Ireland for duty in the North. They appeared at the Kennedy Center on February 4 and were picketed by Irish Societies.

In the District of Columbia death has claimed two lifetime members - James Moriarity of John Barry Division and Dora George of No. 4 Division, L.A.A.O.H. They both attended National Conventions as long as their health permitted. Brig. General Geoffrey O'Flynn of Emerald Isle Division also died. God have mercy on them.

February 9 was the first anniversary of Mike's death. In your friendship please remember him in your prayers. His Commodore, John Barry Division, had an anniversary Mass said on Saturday evening, February 12, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is greatly missed and may his good Irish soul be safe and happy with God.

REMEMBER --
Our Membership Drive
HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
A NEW MEMBER?

Delaware Hibernians Speak Their Views

On Thursday, January 20, the Honorable Mario Biaggi, U.S. Representative of New York, in the House of Representatives, praised President Joseph Kelly of Division No. 1, Delaware County, Pa. and also the members of the Division for speaking out against the repression in Northern Ireland.

This great Congressman also printed a letter which the Division sent to the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland defending the dogma of the Virginity of our Blessed Mother in the Congressional Record. It reads as follows:

UNJUST TREATMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND CITIZENS DEPLORED
HON. MARIO BIAGGI
of New York
in the

House of Representatives
Thursday, January 20, 1972

MR. BIAGGI: Mr. Speaker, for the last few months I have been inserting a series of reports in the Congressional Record concerning the atrocities being committed in Northern Ireland. In my November 18, 1971, statement I included a report of the arrest, interrogation and treatment of Joseph Hughes under the Special Powers Act which permits the imprisonment of civilians without charging them with a specific crime. This gentleman was treated with great abuse by the British Army. He suffered great physical harms as well as having to listen to verbal indignities.

This report so moved the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, Delaware County, Pa. that their president, Mr. Joseph Kelly, has written a letter to the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland deploring such actions.

I commend Mr. Kelly and the other members of his organization for speaking out against the repression in Northern Ireland.

It is my hope that other citizens will continue to speak out and denounce the harsh and cruel treatment of the citizens of Northern Ireland.

The letter follows:

December 7, 1971
Mr. Brian Faulkner,
Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Stormont Castle, Belfast, Northern Ireland

YOUR LORD: Your letter and press release of September 24, 1971, we are afraid shows your lack of understanding about the position of Northern Ireland. We kindly implore you and your ministers of Government to read the Sunday London Times of November 14 and 21 which has given a very objective report on the situation of Northern Ireland. On November 18, 1971, in our country, the land of freedom, citizens of Irish Heritage were moved with fears, when the Honorable Mario Biaggi, U.S. Representative of New York, in the Halls of Congress, uttered his fifteenth report on the Situation of Northern Ireland. The closing lines of this report were as follows: "The bigoted people of Northern Ireland have said the following in the lorry, Your Virgin Mary was the biggest whore in Bethlehem. Also in the lorry, Sure they're all the Pope's bastards." We are enclosing a copy of this speech which was in the United States Congressional Record in our letter, we humbly implore you to read it to your ministers of Government and to your people as this Christmas season approaches. In the history of Christianity, such verbiage was never uttered and such verbiage would not be fit to be called to swine in a pig pen.

Remember my dear Lord, as you kneel before the Christmas Crib on Christmas morn, you will see this same woman in bended knee giving adoration to the One who brought peace to the world. Maybe you and your bigoted people can learn a lesson from this Christmas Crib to all Christian people throughout the world.

As the Christmas Season approaches we extend to you our sincerest prayers and best wishes and may there soon be a United Ireland.

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH KELLY
President

Derry A.O.H. Still Strong

The following news item is taken from a January issue of the Irish News in Belfast: The quarterly meeting of Derry A.O.H. County Board was held on Sunday in the A.O.H. Hall, Swatragh.

Votes of condolence were passed to the relatives of several members of the Order who had passed away during the years.

Reports from the delegates showed a large increase in membership throughout the county. This, said the chairman, Brother Patrick McCormack showed that the Order was still strong in this historic county of Derry.

The meeting condemned internment without trial of fellow countrymen and demanded their release.

The election of officers was as follows: Bro. Patrick McCormack, President; Bro. Hugh Scullion, vice-president; Bro. Patrick Moran, secretary; Brother Bernard McCallion, assistant secretary; Brother Dan O'Kane, treasurer; Bros. Henry Doyle, Stephen Fleming and John Thomas Kelly trustees.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE DIGEST



J.F.K. DIVISION 9, New York Officers are shown above. They are left to right, first row: Jim Murphy, Chairman Standing Committee; Joseph Sullivan, President New York County Board; Danny Gilmartin, President Local 100 TWU; Francis Beirne, president of Div. 9; Hon. James J. Comerford, Past National President; John King, Vice President; John Dunleavy, Treasurer; Bob McLoughlin, Recording Secretary.

Second row: Joe Cullen, Marshal; Phil Redmond, Finan-

cial Secretary; Martin Dunne, Recording Secretary, New York County Board; Frank McGreal, Trustee; John Lawe, Trustee; Patrick Sheehy (standing in for Hugh McManus, Trustee); Jack Walsh, Assemblyman; John Duffy, Past President County Board; Peter Campbell, Marshal, New York County Board; John Devaney, Sentinel. Behind the group is a banner, which reads, "England Get Out of Ireland."

On Northern Ireland Senator Buckley Urges Passage of Resolution

Following the recent Sunday killing of 13 demonstrators in Londonderry, Senator James L. Buckley made another urgent plea for passage of a Senate resolution calling on the United States to assist in arranging for the orderly withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland.

The Conservative-Republican Senator from New York, in a speech on the Senate floor, said that the United States "can, as a friend of both the Irish and the British peoples, offer our good offices to help the parties arrange for the orderly withdrawal of British troops, and to negotiate a peaceful resolution of their differences."

Senate Resolution 221, introduced by Senator Buckley last December 17, resolved that it "is the sense of the Senate that the President make available the good offices of the United States to effect a peaceful resolution of the dispute in Northern Ireland."

Senator Buckley, in his Senate speech on February 2, said:

"To my mind this is the most effective means by which the United States can help establish conditions in which the ultimate reunification of the Irish people can take place, and their long-standing grievances finally resolved."

The complete text of Senator Buckley's statement follows:

Mr. President: Last Sunday's killing of 13 demonstrators in Londonderry underscores the horror of the developments now taking place in Northern Ireland. They bring to 25 the number who have lost their lives in just the past month, and to 230 the number who have died since the disorders first broke out three years ago.

The anguish felt by the Catholic minority in Ulster, and the humiliations and discriminations to which they have been subjected for centuries, must command the sympathy and indignation of all free men. We Americans have a legitimate concern over injustices suffered by others elsewhere in the world; and we have the right and the duty to give expression to that concern and to seek thereby to galvanize the moral consciousness of others.

If the conditions in Northern Ireland continue to deteriorate, it will be virtually impossible to achieve justice for the Catholic minority or a

peaceful solution of their ancient grievances. There are hopeful signs, however, that peace can be restored and justice rendered, and the ultimate reunification of the Irish people achieved, if only the present situation in Ulster can be defused before the polarization of attitudes becomes complete, and the extremists on both sides of the Irish question achieve control. Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, for example, has publicly indicated his support of the principle of reunification, and public opinion polls in England show that a majority favor the removal of British troops from Northern Ireland.

I believe that we Americans can express the extent of our concern for the plight of the minority in Ulster and at the same time advance the cause of justice in two ways. In the first place, we can appeal to the conscience of the British people to bring an end to the discrimination which continues to exist in Northern Ireland, and to the bloodshed to which it has given rise. And secondly, we can as friends of long-standing of both the Irish and the British peoples, offer our good offices to help the parties arrange for the orderly withdrawal of British troops, and to negotiate a peaceful resolution of their differences.

It is to this end that I introduced last December Senate Resolution Number 221 calling on the United States to offer the hand of friendship and in this manner to help bring this increasingly bloody conflict to an end. To my mind, this is the most effective means by which the United States can help establish conditions in which the ultimate reunification of the Irish people can take place, and their long-standing grievances finally resolved.

Albany Auxiliary Has Benefit Dance

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany Division held a benefit dance for one of their members, Margaret McNeil. Margaret is the widow of Police Sergeant Michael McNeil who was shot to death last month while performing his duties in Albany.

Sergeant McNeil also left four small children.

The dance was held at the Hibernian Hall, 91 Quail St., Albany, on February 5.

JFK Division Installs Officers

Division 9, New York County affectionately named "The John F. Kennedy Division" opened the year of 1972 with a new Board of Officers and a new program.

The newly elected President of J.F.K. Div. 9, Brother Francis P. Beirne, was installed by Joseph P. Sullivan, President of the New York County Board on Sunday evening, December 12.

Francis Beirne, has held every office in the Division and previously served as President in 1964 and 1965. He is a native of Ballyshannon, County Leitrim, Ireland and very active in Irish organizations. He has held many offices in the New York County Board and is currently Vice President. He has served as Treasurer for the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for the past six years. He is also a member of the County Leitrim Society and a delegate to the United Irish Counties.

Under Brother Beirne's Chairmanship, Division 9 sponsored a very successful dance to financially aid the oppressed people in Northern Ireland and is planning another dance for the same cause. Under Frank's direction, support to the cause of freedom for Northern Ireland will be given priority when consideration will be given to fund raising by the Division.

A "built in" part, already, of the 1972 program for Division 9, is cooperation with Units of the A.O.H. on every level - County, State, National. Acknowledging that no Division is bigger than the Order, Division 9 will place Hibernian matters and related business first in its arrangement of program priorities.

The Division is based in upper Manhattan, an area in which a large population of Irish-Americans and Irish reside.

The installation was followed by a very enjoyable evening for the membership of Division 9 and their friends. Among those who attended were: Judge William P. McCooe, President of Division 3; Nicholas Farley, Past President of Division 5 and Director of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; Tom Murray, Vice President, Division 29; Pat Burns, newly elected President of Division 6 and John O'Rourke, President of the Leitrim Society. Music for dancing was supplied by the Hibernians featuring Gene Farrelly, Frank McKenna and Chris Looney. Refreshments were served in Division 9 style.

Allegheny County Helps Northeast Ireland Relief

The Allegheny County Board and its Divisions presented National President Ed Fay, with a check for \$1,500.00 to help the Northeast Ireland Relief Program. President Fay also received \$300.00 from Essex County Divisions and the Massachusetts State Board on his recent visit to Peabody, Massachusetts.

The pressure is mounting throughout Great Britain and the rest of the world now for a United Ireland of 32 counties. As the suffering of our people continues, we Hibernians in America must double our efforts to help our oppressed people in the six Northeast Counties of Ireland.

Another \$10,000.00 is on its way to Cardinal Conway and this money is being used to feed, clothe and provide other necessities for the families of the men that are interned as the result of the special Internment Act aimed at the Catholic minority in the six Northeast Counties. We again appeal to you to be generous and also to exert membership pressure on your Divisions, County Boards, State Boards, friends and other organizations to help in our program in Northeast Ireland.

We must continue to flood our Congressmen and Senators to exert their power on our government to see that justice is carried out in Ireland.

We are asking every member and their families and their friends to join in a letter writing crusade to the Honorable Edward Heath and the Honorable Harold Wilson. We want to deluge them with letters showing our concern for a Free and United Ireland.

One letter should be directed to the Right Honorable Edward Heath, Prime

Minister, 10 Downing Street, London, England, and the other to the Right Honorable Harold Wilson, Leader of the Opposition, House of Commons, London, England.

Letters to read as such:

January, 1972
Dear Mr. -----:

Our people have cruelly suffered for 800 years. They are fighting for the liberation of their small country. Can't you see that you have given freedom to Africans, Asians, Australians, and even Americans. For God's sake, why do you hold on to the Northeast of Ireland? The time is ripe now. Give it back.

Sincerely yours,
Two letters. Is this asking too much of us to write and have written on behalf of our suffering Irish Brothers?

Mich. Attorney Criticizes NBC

Phillip C. Kelly, a prominent attorney of Jackson, Michigan, recently criticized NBC television on a presentation entitled "Suffer the Little Children" which he claimed reduced centuries of oppression in Ireland to nothing but bickering between Protestants and Catholics.

He pointed out that the real trouble in Ireland began in the year 1172, with the invasion of Ireland and subjection of the Irish people by soldiers of the British Government sent into Ireland for this very purpose.

Brother Kelly enclosed in a letter to NBC a short summary of the history of eight centuries of oppression and asked if the television station could see its way clear to presenting the truth to the American people. He suggested a suitable date of March 17.



BRITISH STYLE ARMY. This picture was taken in Derry City, Northern Ireland, and shows armed British soldiers using the methods of terrorists grabbing young Irishmen by the neck while pulling them out of their homes, and pushing them off to Concentration Camps without any charge, under British Law being made against them. As of mid-February, there were 624 Irishmen being held in these Internment Camps since August, 1971, without charge and without trial in any court of law.

Some Irish Facts About Most Organizations

By John J. Devlin, National Organizer

Our race is now the most UN-organized in the United States of America. We get excited about the problems of other races and show little concern for many of the problems that plague our own people both in the U.S. and in Ireland.

It is estimated that there are about 40 million persons of Irish extraction in the U.S. Any comparison of the early Irish in America, with the present times, shows that our race is falling apart at

the seams. We have the usual hard-core of celt-minded that work at these problems 365 days of the year while the rest are heedless. Those who constantly work at it deserve the credit. The tragedy of our race is that those who are alive to the different crisis are altogether too few, and many are in organizations that begin and end with themselves.

We of the A.O.H., both men and women, offer to most of those of Irish extraction the

opportunity to join our Divisions or Ladies Auxiliaries to work together throughout this land, in the name of the dead generations of Irish, to finish the task they left to us. We, in our day, can give substantial evidence by our deeds, that we made our contribution to the Causes of Ireland that are the UN-FINISHED business on the Emerald Calendar of Time.

We ask and respectfully request all those who are eligible to be A.O.H. members to join us so that we can all work TOGETHER in order to reach our common goals which are:

1. A 32 county REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.
2. A peaceful solution to ALL of the problems of Northeast Ireland.
3. A just, fair, and equitable U.S. immigration for Northern Europe, including Ireland.

Members of Divisions are urged to collect funds in the name of the A.O.H. for the Northeast Ireland Relief Fund for the benefit of families of the victims and the refugees of the current Irish crisis. Send all funds to: William J. Bartnett, Jr., National Secretary, A.O.H., 27 Mada Ave., Staten Island, New York 10310, for dispatch to William Cardinal Conway of Armagh, Ireland.

The Cardinal has already agreed to be the representative of the A.O.H. in America to the dependents of the victims who are dead and to the families of the men who are interned and held without charge and to the refugees whose homes have been burned out.

Division 14 Claims Success Through Rules

Paul Kelly, president of Division 14, has praised the members of his division for good attendance at meetings and participation in A.O.H. activities.

Members show their enthusiasm by adherence to the following rules:

1. Attend meetings regularly, a matter of principle be present.
2. Keep in mind the purpose of your organization, read your Constitution, know your By-Laws.
3. Live up to your duty as a member, fulfill your responsibility.
4. Show a special interest, disagree, but don't be disagreeable.
5. Fulfill your pledge of support to your officers. Remember, YOU elect your Officers.
6. Consider these recommendations and heartfully examine yourself on each, and ask, "Have I been doing my part?"

Breathe new life into Hibernianism.

Glass Factory In Dungannon

The Catholics of Dungannon, County Tyrone, have established a factory for making Tyrone Crystal drinking glasses and are now exporting them to the United States. Glass manufacturing for household use goes back to 1771 in Dungannon.

Under the guidance of Father Austin Eustace and Patrick Duffy, a lawyer, the local Catholics are benefitting from this glass factory. Father Eustace and Mr. Duffy were in the U.S. with John Hume last year and spoke at several A.O.H. meetings in efforts to raise money for the factory.

Mr. Hume, a Catholic, is an outstanding leader in Northeast Ireland today.

Judge Matt Troy, of Brooklyn, New York, saw the factory and praises its glass products.

Rochester N.Y. Reports Deaths

Patrick O'Hara

Patrick J. O'Hara, a member of Division No. 2, A.O.H., for over 58 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. October 4, 1971, at the age of 79 after a lengthy illness.

Brother O'Hara was born in Dowra, County Leitrim, came to Rochester in 1910, and retired from Eastman Kodak after 48 years as a Maintenance Supervisor. He held all offices of Division, County and was State Director and Chairman of Missions. He was one of the Honorary Marshals of the last State Convention, and Sentinel to the same.

He is survived by five sons, Thomas of El Paso, Texas, William, Dr. Robert, Patrick Jr. all of Houston, Texas, and James of Rochester; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Ann Thomson, Mrs. Betty Smith and Eileen O'Hara; two brothers, Peter of Rochester and John of County Leitrim; two sisters, Ann Culhane and Rose Mulhern, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

May he rest in peace.

Martin Brophy

Martin M. Brophy died suddenly, August 27, 1971, in the General Hospital, at the age of 48. He and his wife Dorothy had just returned from a vacation in Ireland two weeks before.

He was Division President, County and State Secretary at one time.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his mother, Margaret, brother Joseph, sister Mrs. Donald Foley, Aunts Bride and Ann Shannon, and several nieces and nephews. R.I.P.

Peter Kavanaugh

Peter Kavanaugh, a member of Division No. 2 for many years, passed away on October 24, 1971, at the age of 94. Brother Kavanaugh was born in County Wexford. He was retired from the Rochester Gas and Electric Company after 50 years as a foreman.

He is survived by a daughter, Margaret Jackson, a son, Raymond, a brother, Patrick, three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews here and in Ireland. R.I.P.

Mass Celebrated

A Mass for all deceased members was held in St. Boniface Church on November 20, 1971, with Father Francis Taylor as celebrant. The names of Elizabeth Murphy, Nell Daly, William Hickey, Martin Brophy, Patrick J. O'Hara and Peter Kavanaugh were read out during the service as having died in the past year.

After Mass, a buffet supper was served in the Clubhouse. Hosts were Auxiliary No. 1, A.O.H. of Rochester, New York.

Many Activities Planned For Homestead Division

Division 34, A.O.H., the Homestead, Pennsylvania "Irish Club" has set a busy schedule for 1972 with plans for activities of both a religious as well as secular nature.

Several trips to New York, a jaunt to Las Vegas, dances and communion Masses dot the club's calendar for the year.

First event on the calendar finds a bus leaving the club at 619 McClure St. for New York City on Thursday night, March 16, and the big city's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The tourists will depart New York March 19.

"Stay at homes" will pay homage to their Patron Saint March 17 with a dance in the club hall and then march in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade the following morning.

Reverence to deceased members of the Division will be expressed on Trinity Sunday, May 28, when the club attends Mass and partakes of Communion at St. Mary Magdalene's at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Activities slow down until June 17 when the Irish and their friends depart on a 17-day tour, with a stay in Las Vegas the ultimate goal. Stops will be made in Nashville (and the Grand Ole Opry), Meridan, Miss.; and New Orleans. Visits will also be made to Waco and Amari-

llo, Texas, before the stay in "Vegas."

Main stops enroute home will be in Topeka, Kansas, and Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Illinois. President Edward Kelly has set \$260.00 as the price of this trip on a first come first served basis.

The annual New York fall tour and show trip will leave Homestead Thursday night, October 5, and stay in the "big city" until Sunday, October 8.

Members of the Division and their friends desiring to make any of the trips should contact Division President Edward P. Kelly at 461-4806.

Dates have not yet been set for such other activities the club has planned including the annual corn roast, sports night, President John F. Kennedy - Mayor Thomas E. Barrett Memorial Communion (in November) and the Commodore John Barry Dance. The "Barry Dance" honoring Ireland's contribution to the U.S. Navy will be either September 9 or 16.

Several activities not open to the general membership and already "sold out" are the Dinner Dance of the Division Sportsmen's Association, February 26, and the annual football weekend October 12 to 15.

N.Y. Glens Falls Div. Buys Own Property

After nearly two years of waiting, Division No. 1 is now a property owner. The property is in the names of some of the officers and trustees, and as soon as the division receives incorporation papers, the property shall be deeded to the corporation.

Now the work begins! When the weather breaks this spring, there'll be a lot of work clearing the lot and preparing the ground for a foundation. It is sincerely hoped that this will be a project for all Hibernians of the Division and not the few that have carried the load in the past.

A party honoring Jack Higgins as Hibernian of the Year was held January 22 at the Parish Hall of the Church of the Annunciation on Aviation Road in Queensbury, Glens Falls, N.Y.

The outgoing President, Jerry Kelly, helped to bring about the purchase of the property to erect a Hibernian Hall.

The Glens Falls Division has made arrangements with radio station WWSC to produce a one or two-hour radio program on St. Patrick's Day. Anyone having suggestions on music or other material they feel would be appropriate are asked to contact President Nichols or Brother Dave Bartholomew. Brothers Minogue and Hayward have arranged to sponsor 15 minute segments of the program, but more sponsors are needed to make the program successful.

The President of Glens Falls Division is James Nichols. The Editor of the Division's Bulletin is David Bartholomew.

Brother John Kernan Honored In Dayton

Brother John E. Kernan of Dayton, Ohio, has been a member of the A.O.H. for 50 years.

To mark the occasion of his Golden Jubilee as a member, a banquet was held in his honor in Dayton.

National Director John Hoswell, on behalf of the A.O.H., presented him with a suitable gift and a 50-year membership pin. National President Edward J. Fay telegraphed his congratulations to Brother Kernan.

Brother Gerald Laffey, President of the Dayton Division, praised Kernan for his A.O.H. work including his constant attention to the Dayton A.O.H. Home Corporation which conducts the Division's Clubhouse.

National Director Hoswell said, "It is men like John Kernan who have made the Dayton Division one of the finest in the Nation."

In explaining the reasons why he is still so very active,

Brother Kernan mentioned, "I have three reasons, I belong to a great mid-western Division. We have an active President, and Dayton Hibernians have a Director on the National Board - John Hoswell - who is our pride and joy and for whom all of us diligently work."

Bownes Writes Protest Letters

Brother John Bownes the Baldwin Division President, Long Island, New York wrote letters of protest to every U.S. Senator and Congressman in the U.S. Government about British foul deeds in Northeast Ireland.

Within three weeks, he had replies from two thirds of them.

Many Divisions could, with profit, copy what Bownes did. Who said the A.O.H. is only a social organization? Not John Bownes!

INFORMATION TIPS ON TRIPS TO IRELAND

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Remember to look to your right first when crossing a two-way street, whether walking or driving. If you look "the American Way," to the left first, you may get hit. If you don't look, it may result in your going the way of the car that hits you. The "zebra crossing," painted in white lines and usually with a "winking Willie" (zebra stripes on the roadway with a flashing yellow light on a pole,) indicates that there is a "pedestrian crossing" here. A pedestrian always has the right-of-way and the traffic must stop to let him cross. When driving, stop and wait for all pedestrians to cross the street at such a crossing; when walking, be deliberate and don't confuse the motorist - meaning a car driver - by vacillating and doing a toe dance at the curb, like in New York City, as you wonder if the cars will stop. Of course, if he or she is an American driver who has not read this column, maybe you better proceed with caution - before you cross in front of him. A "motor car" in Ireland is called automobile in America.

Music and Dance

By far, the most popular form of entertainment, especially "down the country" is dancing, and the biggest night for dancing is Sunday. The bands are generally excellent showbands which travel the country and draw crowds according to their popularity. To hear traditional Irish music, you have to search out for a ceili (kay-lee) or stop by a country home. American music is plentiful. But Americans while in Ireland like to hear Irish music.

Ladies are in the great majority in Dublin and in other cities, but gentlemen far outnumber the "Fair Sex" in the rural areas. So, single persons should keep this in mind! Many dance halls do not have liquor licenses and the emphasis is more on dancing than drinking. Don't be surprised to find the girls on one side of the hall and "the boys" on the other, except for the couples already paired off who might be snuggled in some corner.

On that point, let me inform you that dances are usually in "sets" - two or three numbers at a time - don't leave your partner and walk to your seat until you hear the band leader say, "next dance, please." Lads, I'm warning you, the usual custom is to ask the young lady, you like, to dance on three separate occasions. When you ask her to come for "a mineral" (soda) or for tea and sandwiches, you are expected to take her home. Pity the poor "yank" who doesn't know this and asks three or four young lassies to "come for a mineral" at different times! He'll need a minibus to take them all home at one time.

Last Few Words

The above is, by no means, all-conclusive but should give you some things to consider before the next issue of "The Digest." Oh, Yes! It is of course Summertime in Ireland, like our season here. But it is a cooler summer than in U.S. Ireland's position on the Globe is nearer the North Pole than is the U.S. See world maps. It is as far north as is Newfoundland up Canada way. Take a sweater for wear on cool nights. The Gulf Stream keeps Ireland warm. But it also creates rain showers - take a small umbrella.

Proceedings Of

THE 75th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA, INC.

Held at The Hilton Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 4, 5 and 6, 1970

FIRST DAY, August 4, 1970
Afternoon Session

The 75th Biennial National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Cornelius J. Collins, National Vice-President. The Presiding Officer appointed Brother Thomas Gallagher as Sentinel; Brothers George Zahn (D.C.) and Lawrence J. Neary (Conn.) as Marshals. The Opening Prayer was said by Monsignor Lawlor, Deputy National Chaplain.

On a motion by Michael Dowd (D.C.), seconded by Daniel Gallagher (Pa.), the 1968 Rules of Order were adopted by the Convention.

The Presiding Officer then called for the reading of the Official Convention Call by the National Secretary, James R. Sullivan, as follows:

OFFICIAL CALL 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Office of the National Secretary
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 1, 1970

To: The Officers and Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Ladies Auxiliary.

In accordance with our National Constitution, Article VII, Section 1, which reads in parts: "A National Convention shall be held in every even-numbered year, convening on the first Tuesday of August at 12 o'clock Noon," it becomes our duty to call the accredited delegates of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and its Ladies Auxiliary, to attend the 75th Biennial National Convention which will convene at the Hilton Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Tuesday, August 4, 1970, at 12 o'clock Noon.

The opening Mass will be at 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, 1970.

The constitutional provision for representation to this Convention is as follows:

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION THREE - Delegates: It shall be composed of the following delegates: National Officers; without expense to the National Board, past national presidents in good standing, state, district and provincial officers (except directors), county presidents.

However, each county shall also be entitled to an additional delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof in excess of the first 100 members, based on the paid-up per capita reported December 31 preceding. In counties where only one division exists, the division president will be the delegate.

Credentials - Section 6. - At least twenty (20) days prior to the National Convention, the state, district, provincial and county secretary of each respective jurisdiction shall forward to the national secretary a list of the duly elected delegates and alternates from each respective jurisdiction which shall be the official list for the use of the committee on credentials and for the proceedings in the convention.

Alternates - Section 15. - Each jurisdiction may elect alternates for each officer or delegate entitled to a seat in the convention.

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Registration of Delegates and Guests - Section 19. - No delegate or alternate to any convention shall be permitted to register unless he has properly identified himself with his current paid-up traveling and dues card issued by the national board, or other proof of identification. Visitors, upon proper identification, shall be entitled to register as guests and to receive guest badges.

Seating of Delegates - Section 20. - Delegates will occupy seats in a section reserved exclusively for them while the convention is in session.

Credentials will be made out in the name of the respective delegate or alternate through the national secretary's office. Originals will be filed with the credentials committee and the duplicate forwarded to each jurisdiction only after provisions of Section 6, Article VIII of the national constitution, cited above, have been complied with. Forms for proper listing of delegates and alternates will be furnished the state secretaries.

Committee assignments - It is recommended that all jurisdictions send members to be assigned to committees, especially those committees in which they are con-

cerned or have special interests. To increase the tempo of the convention and to keep a tight schedule, our national president plans to make all committee assignments immediately after the convening of the convention. To accomplish this, it is necessary that members recommended for committees be filed with the national secretary on or before July 20. Forms for this purpose will be furnished the state secretaries.

Amendments to National Constitution - All jurisdictions are requested to file any proposed changes in our national constitution at least thirty (30) days before the National Convention. Proposed amendments should be mailed to John M. Keane, Chairman, Constitutional Ritual and Progress Committee, 7648 Grant Haven Drive, Afton, Missouri 63123.

The Constitutional Committee will present these proposed amendments to the convention if the committee reports favorably on the proposed amendments.

If a proposed amendment has been rejected by the committee, it does not preclude any delegate from making a direct presentation and appeal to the convention.

Good of the Order and New Business - This national board proposes that ample time be given for free discussion of the good of the order and new business. The 1970's will provide a big challenge to all organizations. Let us be prepared!

Voting Machine - The national board is attempting to rent a voting machine for the election of officers. If we have a voting machine, delegates will be called on by states to vote. Immediately after the last state or province votes, machines will be opened, under proper supervision, and the results announced. Officers can be installed promptly.

Each state, district, province, county and division is strongly urged to make a special effort to be represented by the delegates and alternates to which it is entitled. Additional members are also encouraged to attend as guests.

It is our sincere wish that the convention in Indianapolis be not only large but a truly representative and progressive one.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

THE NATIONAL BOARD

Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, S.T.D., LL.D. Chaplain
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On a motion by Zahn (D.C.), seconded by Dawne (N.Y.), the Convention Call was accepted by the Convention.

National Vice President Cornelius Collins called upon the National Secretary to read Committee assignments, as follows:

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John Ryan (Ind.)
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Vincent Halloran (D.C.)
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Robert Fastow (N.J.)
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Rev. John McGee (Mich.)
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Donald Scanlan (N.J.)
Alexander Hamilton (Ohio)
Leo Haley (Pa.)

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Robert Curley (Conn.)
Edward Hanlan (Ill.)
John Loney (Ind.)
Edward Donahue (Minn.)
Edward Scannell (N.J.)
Joseph Robson (N.J.)
James T. Kelly (Ohio)
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John Evans (Pa.)
Michael McDermott (Mass.)
Eugene Byrne (N.J.)

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Leo Clark (Ill.)
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John Thornton (N.Y.)
Michael Kilgallen (Ohio)
John L. Keith (D.C.)

At this point in the proceedings, National Vice President Collins announced that the Convention would now receive the reports of the members of the National Board.

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Proceedings

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1970
Afternoon Session

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EDITOR, JOHN M. LEAHY: Brother Hibernians:

Since assuming the office of Editor of the National Hibernian Digest in August, 1969, I have attempted to bring your national newspaper up to date as far as style, reproduction and news content is concerned.

Heretofore, I believe, the editors, the majority of whom have not been personally familiar with newspapers or the mechanics of preparing one, have relied too fully upon the printer, leaving the make-up in his hands, with a minimum of guidance or interference. This is not to criticize these men, for they were not newspapermen, nor did they have any experience in the field, for the most part.

Making the necessary changes was not without its radical surgery, and perhaps there are some who will feel that all moves were not right. My efforts were aimed at the revitalization of the Digest, and for the good of that newspaper. I feel there may be some additional revisions made to further improve the paper.

The first step was the design of a new masthead; changing the format to six columns instead of five, and narrowing the width of the columns; setting up schedules for charges for advertising in the Digest, which would be uniform for all advertisers; getting the full benefit of the costlier photo-offset process of printing by using the proper paper stock. (We had been told by one printer, for whatever reason, that the change to the offset paper would cost more than \$400 additional in the processing of the newspaper. The actual additional cost came to \$160.) We have enrolled the Digest in the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, and our membership includes listing in the annual Catholic Press Directory, published by the association, as well as our being kept abreast of the latest in proposed legislation which would affect our costs, taxes, mailing costs, etc., as well as an effective lobby in Washington looking out for our interests.

During the past 12 months we have published eight, instead of six editions of the Digest. This was necessitated by the fact that when we took over, two editions had not been sent out for 1969, so we had to catch up.

For the first time, also, we have a written contract with the New York advertising agency handling the account of Irish International Airlines, guaranteeing a full page ad at least through 1970. Other advertising agencies have expressed interest in regular advertising for their clients. It is our hope that the Digest will earn enough income from advertising revenues to become a self-paying program for the AOH.

The Digest provides for the National Board members and for the organization as a whole, the most economical means of contact with every member of the order. Contacting every member is cheaper than by letter!

As time permitted, we undertook a letter campaign to all advertising agencies handling national products as well as Irish imports. Each received the formal rate card and a notice that we are now accepting advertising. We have had some little success, but look for much wider success in the future.

On taking over, I attempted to give a few basic rules for publicity chairmen in submitting information for publication in the Digest. Our greatest problem has been in the fact that almost without exception, no one adhered to our deadlines. The deadline has been set as the 10th day of the month of publication -- that is January, February, May, July, September and November of each year. Advertising deadlines are the 15th of the month because the ad copy is usually ready for publication and requires no work on our part.

Briefly, to publish the newspaper, the stories have to be written in a uniform style by the editor from the notes and information submitted. Then the type must be set by the printer, taking several days to at least a week. Then after the type is set, proofs must be read and corrections made. Pages must be planned for the printer and then he must make up the pages in type, pulling final proofs. These proofs are then shipped to Indianapolis, where photographs are taken and printing plates made, requiring another couple of days, after the postal delays. The actual printing is done within three days of receipt of the plates, and then the mailer requires a minimum of three days to have the paper out. So we can see that it takes at least three weeks to get a paper out after the deadline. Our problem has been that the news has not been reaching us by deadline, and therefore the entire schedule must back up. Some will say that their copy was in on time, and we are grateful to those who try to help. But for everyone who keeps to the deadline, there are five who do not. Remember, we have to fill 8 pages, and we cannot do it without information. We would ask that in the future all publicity chairmen responsible

for submitting copy to the Digest do so by the deadline each time.

Mail to the Editor since the changes have been made has brought many compliments on the new format. I trust everyone has been pleased.

Another suggestion on submitting copy for the Digest. Send it directly to the Digest Editor, address of whom will always be found in the newspaper. Many of the Divisions and Counties have been forwarding the copy through the National Secretary, or some other officer, resulting in further delays and extra unnecessary handling.

I would like to express my thanks to Brother Michael L. Delahunty, our national president, for his confidence in me in making the appointment as Editor. I hope I have lived up to his expectations and that my efforts have resulted in a concrete contribution to the advancement of Hibernianism in the United States and Canada.

As to the circulation of the Digest, it is strongly recommended that we again attempt to register each member of the Ladies Auxiliary as a subscriber, through the national office, and at minimal cost. This again, would benefit the Auxiliary, in that it would provide a means of communication between the Auxiliary and ALL of the members.

I realize that it is taking a chance to mention some names, for the fear of leaving someone out through oversight and not deliberately.

However, I would certainly be remiss were I to fail to single out a few members of the Order who have been of more than a little help to me during the past year. There is Brother John Henry of Connecticut, who has prepared a special column of Connecticut news of Hibernianism; Brother Timothy P. Finn of New York, who has worked throughout that state in gathering news and pictures for the Digest; Brother George A. Zahn of Silver Springs, Md., who did the same in the District of Columbia-Maryland area; Brother Jack O'Brien of Indianapolis, owner of Bonna Printing Company who handles the final stages of the printing of the Digest; Sister Mary King, national president of the Ladies Auxiliary, who never failed to reply quickly to any request for the Digest news. Last, but far from least, there is Brother James R. Sullivan, our national secretary, on whom I have leaned heavily since becoming Editor, by mail, in person and by telephone, always getting a speedy response to any request.

To all others who have helped in any way, even to the unknown publicity chairmen who have sent in copy, our thanks.

Remember, your work in any phase of the advancement of Hibernianism, is a noble work. There is much to be done, and it will take many hands. Let us all pledge to do all that we can, personally, and by our inspiration to others, toward the goal of a bigger and more progressive AOH than ever in history.

Sincerely and fraternally,
/s/ John M. Leahy

On a motion by Finn (N.Y.), seconded by McCreesh (N.J.), the report of the National Editor was accepted by the Convention.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN JOSEPH ROCHE:

Worthy National Vice President, Reverend Fathers, Worthy National Officers, Delegates and Brother Hibernians, a very surprised and happy Hibernian was I when I received a phone call from our National President Michael L. Delahunty, when he asked me to serve on the National Board. How can one refuse such an honor? He asked me to assume the position of National Historian, and although a student of Irish history, I never once considered myself an expert. But I agreed to serve.

I can truthfully say that after having served these two years, I myself am more interested in the program, and I hope that I will be influential to others to have the same viewpoint.

My appointment was too late in the year to have a formal essay contest in the spring of 1969. For that reason, I delayed and held a competition in the fall of the year, and sent to all levels of jurisdiction the following correspondence:

I hope everyone received the correspondence where we set down the guidelines and the rules and the awards of the competition. One might think from the response that you did not receive it.

But the response that we did receive was very gratifying. I found the reading of the works very enjoyable. I immediately turned over the essays to our panel of judges who are a group of teaching Sisters of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland. Sister Robertin Griffin, a Boston born Irish girl, was the Chairman. And after careful deliberation, she presented me with the contest winners. The winners and their prizes are as follows:

COMPETITION NO. 1 -- Patrick Henry Pearse, Irish Patriot -- FIRST PRIZE: Gold Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond - John Grant, 1004 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Va.

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Patrick Henry Pearse, Irish Patriot
FIRST PRIZE: Gold Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond - John Grant, 1004 Valley Dr., Alexandria, Virginia.

SECOND PRIZE: Silver Medal and \$50 U.S. Savings Bond - Hugh F. McGough, 125 Bayard Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THIRD PRIZE: Bronze Medal and \$25 U.S. Savings Bond - Loretta Studer, Indianapolis, Indiana.

COMPETITION NO. 2

The Life and Works of St. Patrick
FIRST PRIZE: Gold Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond - David Falkner, 520 Stevens Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

SECOND PRIZE: Silver Medal and \$50 U.S. Savings Bond - James Ferry, 420 Stevens Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

THIRD PRIZE: Bronze Medal and \$25 U.S. Savings Bond - Jim Graham, 2500 Gardiner Lane, Louisville, Kentucky.

COMPETITION NO. 3

Comparison and Significance of the Literature of Ireland, Gaelic and Early Ireland as Opposed to Modern and the English Language

FIRST PRIZE: Gold Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond - Jerome F. Hogan, 818 Lincoln Street, Elmira, New York.

SECOND PRIZE: Silver Medal and \$50 U.S. Savings Bond - Thomas F. Murphy, 91-32 114 Street, Richmond Hill, New York.

(These two were the only contestants in Competition No. 3.)

Believe me, were other essays submitted, they still could have very easily come in first and second, because they were very fine works. I have seen some college theses, and they would have compared.

You will notice a departure from former essay contests in previous years, in that this year we awarded companion prizes of Savings Bonds to accompany the medal of designation. This action was passed on and approved by the National Board meeting held in Newark, New Jersey. For the help that our judges committee gave us, we awarded these good Sisters a gift of \$50.00 for which we received heartfelt thanks.

Throughout my term of office, I prepared and submitted to the Hibernian Digest the following articles, and, brothers, I won't read them, as some of them are long, but one was on "Ireland's Chamber of Horrors"; the second was "The Battle of the Boyne"; and the third was "Daniel O'Connell -- 1775 - 1848."

During my tenure in office, an event of significance occurred that affected all of us here assembled. A movie, the production of **The Molly Maguires** was prepared and distributed by Hollywood. To someone not well read on the subject, it might appear that the truth were told within this production. I attended the premiere in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and I was very disappointed with what was presented. It was Hollywood's attempt to make money and this attempt was based on sensationalism rather than fact. The publicity campaign that was used over TV began by showing a fist and the terms were used, "They were Irish." "They were Catholic." "They were members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians." "They were the Molly Maguires."

This scandalous approach depicted all members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as members of this group.

A serious injustice was done to our great order with the release of this movie and I heartily suggest that the truth be published that all minors in the Northeastern section of Pennsylvania were not "Molly Maguires" in reality; only a small segment were. In my opinion, the most accurate description of the events as they happened over 100 years ago is written by Mrs. Henry G. Brohl who tells it like it was. All Molly's were members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, but all members of the Hibernians were not Molly Maguires. This book is available at any public library -- Henry G. Brohl, a very complete work of what actually happened back then.

Thank You, Worthy President, for the opportunity to serve as National Historian. I benefited more than anyone from the experience.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Joseph Roche, National Historian

On a motion by Kelly (Pa.), seconded by Callahan (Pa.), the report of the National Historian was adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAIRMAN MICHAEL J. LENNON

Worthy National Vice President, Reverend Clergy, delegates to this Convention, members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in December of 1968 our National President appointed me to the office of National Chairman for the Freedom for All Ireland Committee, for which I am deeply appreciative.

My first objective was to obtain from the National Secretary the names and the addresses of all State Chairmen of this Committee, and to contact them as to the program we were about to pursue.

We immediately sent letters to all Congressmen and State Senators requesting that they raise their voices in both the House and the Senate protesting the deplorable conditions being forced upon the Catholic minority in the six northern counties of Ireland.

From my office, I sent 41 letters to Congressmen and State Senators. Our letters at first apparently were received with desirable attention. When an article appeared

in the Detroit Free Press criticizing Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, it read as follows, and I quote:

"The Protestant-dominated northern government of James Chichester-Clark has criticized Senator Robert Kennedy of Massachusetts for sending a telegram of support to the Ulster Civil Rights Association which has been pushing for equal housing and jobs for the nation's Catholic minority."

"The government described Kennedy's cable as revealing no knowledge of the fact Kennedy had told the Association, 'The reforms you seek are basic to all democracies worthy of the name.'"

And again an article appearing in a Catholic paper in New York with a byline, "President petitions concerning Ireland."

And I quote:

"Nearly one fourth of the membership of the House of Representatives has appealed to President Nixon for formal expression of concern over discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland. Speaker John McCormack and 100 other Representatives of both parties signed a letter to the President saying they are disturbed at the intolerance and discrimination encouraged by and inrooted in the laws of Northern Ireland."

"The signers requested that the President relay this concern to Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Great Britain and Prime Minister James Chichester-Clark of Northern Ireland. The signers were concerned by last fall's violence in Northern Ireland where the laws and customs effectively limited land ownership by Catholics, barred them from jobs, and deterred them from voting in local elections."

Letters were sent to both Senator McCormack and Senator Kennedy thanking them for their efforts and asking for their continued support.

Communications have been received from several Congressmen and Senators, one of which I will read to you, it is from Congressman Addabbo of the 7th District of New York.

"Dear Mr. Lennon: I received your letter of recent date concerning your petition of Ireland. This is to advise you that I have today written Secretary of State William Rogers stating my full support of your stand and urging that immediate action be taken by the State Department in regard to same."

This was the reply from the State Department:

"Dear Congressman Addabbo: We do not believe it would be appreciated for the United States Government to make representations to the British regarding the petition of Ireland."

"In our opinion, this can best be resolved by the parties directly involved, namely the government of the Republic of Ireland, and the British Government."

"The government of Ireland, we recognize has as one of its stated goals the ending of partition. We believe, however, that this is a long term goal, and not as something likely to be achieved in the near future."

"No information has reached us indicating that the Republic of Ireland is currently seeking bilateral negotiations with the British on this issue, or that the Republic has sought to have the matter of partitioning inscribed on the agenda of the United Nations."

"In these circumstances, we believe any approach by the United States Government to either of the parties involved would be viewed as unwarranted interference in their internal affairs."

"I hope the foregoing information will be useful to you explaining the views of the Department of State on this issue to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. -- Signed, William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State."

The crisis in Northern Ireland then became critical and top priority was then given to the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. My own Division 1 of Schenectady, along with its Ladies Auxiliary, proceeded to hold suppers and dances to build up the fund, a fund to help the needy in view of the recent events in Northern Ireland.

The members of the Division first canvassed every member, with every member receiving letters and bulletins concerning the drive. Unfortunately, the all-member drive had its problem because of the occurrence of a prolonged strike of 25,000 workers in the area, but our drive still progressed.

Attending installations and Communion Breakfasts, I spoke requesting that top priority be given to our Northern Ireland Relief Fund at a good meeting attended by five President representing five different counties, one President of a newly organized division reported to me that they had solicited from door to door, and had donated \$1,000 of that division's fund, and I am very proud. This is Division 1 of Glens Falls, New York.

My own division and its Auxiliary as of March of this year has donated from its membership and friends \$1,097.68; from the division \$3,200.00, and from the Ladies Auxiliary \$700.00, for a total of \$4,997.68. As a matter of fact, the 68¢ is interest on the money that we are putting in the bank.

I am most proud of my division. When it

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comes to charitable contributions, they rank second to none.

Having received some favorable reports from Jack Keane and our National Director George Zahn concerning the newly appointed Irish Ambassador to the United States, therefore, I immediately communicated with Mr. Whelan, requested that he use his good offices to promote the reunification of all Ireland, and inquiring if any program had been organized by the Republic of Ireland in which we of the Ancient Order of Hibernians would be helpful.

Included in his reply he stated:

"The interest and good will as frequently demonstrated and practiced by the A.O.H. and its various divisions throughout the United States are particularly appreciated. Like a majority of my countrymen, I believe Ireland must be reunited in peace, and I hope that the day will soon come when united Ireland will issue qualified and fair treatment for all its citizens.

"You may be sure that the Irish Government and the Embassy here will do what we can to achieve this aim."

In his conclusion, he referred me to an extract of a speech made on St. Patrick's Day by the Prime Minister of Ireland. I would much prefer to read an extract from his last speech made for the 12th of July in which he asks that Ireland be united. Speaking of Anglo-Irish relationship, he said, "There are, our two governments have surmounted many difficulties to establish a unique relationship. Our people know and like each other. This Irish quarrel in which your Government has responsibility must not go on coming between us."

It is my opinion that a "get-tougher" policy must be adopted by the Government of Ireland in order to protect the minority who are sacrificing so much to preserve their faith.

Our support in the United States is limited to moral and financial support, and for God's sake, let us not forget either.

At the request of our Worthy President regarding the amendment of the Immigration Bill, 40 letters were sent to both Congressmen and Senators asking their support for 10618 when it is presented on the floor. Up to the present time I have had several replies.

In conclusion, may I thank all the Hibernians who through their newsletter have kept me abreast of all their activities and again to our Worthy National President, many thanks for a very inspiring appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Lennon

On a motion by Kelly (Mich.), seconded by Sherwin (Conn.), the report of the National Chairman of Freedom For All Ireland was accepted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE J. NEARY:

Gentlemen, I assure you this is a very small report. My brother Hibernians, I have the honor to present to you my report on the work of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee. The report of this Committee, to acquaint all the members of the Order with the work done by this Order for the past year, when I was appointed National Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, our President Michael Delahunty asked me to develop a new method whereby our members would have a voice in the selection. My appointment also entailed following through on recommendations, and finally overseeing the selection of a medal winner for 1969 and 1970.

At the outset, I appointed a committee consisting of all national officers, plus the following: John Henry of Norwalk, Connecticut, Jerry Michael Callahan of New Jersey, Michael Cogan of Dayton, Ohio, Pat Dalton of New York, and the format was developed whereby every member had an opportunity to put forward a nominee at his division meeting.

From that point on, names of nominees would go forward to the county, then to the state, and from them to the national committee for action. I have received nothing but favorable comments on this method, and it appears everybody is happy.

The nominating and balloting was a smooth process, with few exceptions, and the resultant winners were both received, both years. I doubt that anyone needs reminding of the winners for both years, but for the permanent record, they are noted here:

1969, Col. James McDivitt, NASA Astronaut, and Command Pilot of Apollo 9, the first Command Pilot to orbit the moon.

1970, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop of Newark and National Chaplain of our Order. His Excellency is serving his second two-year terms as National Chaplain.

In both instances, the vote was overwhelming in their favor.

A few recommendations after two years of operation: I believe that this format is the proper one. It is fair, indiscriminate, and gives all members a chance to

participate.

I advocate no change, but I wish to make three rather important points:

One, it is very important that divisions, county and states act on time on a nomination each year. If there is no nomination, the particular bodies should so inform the next higher body at their earliest time.

Too many of our states leave their nominating until the last minute, and this should cease.

Number two, special care should be taken in the type of person nominated. If you refer to the criteria sheets sent out last year, you will note that the person should have made a strong contribution to Irish culture development and at least one of your nominees made no contribution to this Irish culture.

When sending in the name of a nominee, the biography of the person is very important. In many instances, the National Committee may never have heard of the nominee before, so it behooves the body making the nominations to send a complete biography.

In conclusion I want to thank National President Michael Delahunty for this appointment as Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Committee. I want also to thank all of those of the National Committee who gave invaluable assistance over the past two years, and specifically John Henry of Norwalk, Connecticut, who was a great aid too, and God bless you all.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Lawrence Neary

On a motion by Sherwin (Conn.), seconded by Curtin (Calif.), the report of the National Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee was adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR EDWARD F. CALLANAN, JR.:

Thank you, Worthy President, Reverend Clergy, National Board Members, delegates, first, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as a National Director for the past two years. And let me assure you that the members of the Hibernians in California deeply appreciated this honor that you bestowed upon them, as well as upon me. And because we did receive this national recognition, we seem to have fired up the organization in California and in the surrounding states, and I might add that such fire was long overdue.

In trying to follow out the mandate of our National President to stimulate interest in Hibernianism in the Western states, I contacted people in all of the states surrounding California. I have had favorable response from a President in Reno, Nevada, in the Sparks area who is interested in forming a Hibernian division there. They have a great St. Patrick's Day parade in Reno every year, and he feels that he can get the membership which is required, and I think in due course we will have a division there.

There is a friendly Sons of St. Patrick group in Phoenix, Arizona, and they have been the nucleus of organization too, and they have not as yet responded to the forms which were sent to them by our National President and National Secretary, but I feel certain that we will soon have divisions in states that never before had Hibernianism.

Also in California, as the report will show, there has been some improvement in membership in California. That is primarily due to our Junior Past President, Mike Farrell in Los Angeles, who is with us this afternoon, and I can speak for Pete Hagen of the Los Angeles Police Department.

At the moment, and since the last report was filed, we have in Los Angeles County alone initiated 31 new members, and we have another 69 coming in within the next two months. So, we are making progress, and we hope to continue that progress.

Our Sacramento Division hosted the State Convention in California, and they had invited our National President to be present so that they could present him with a donation to the Relief Fund of \$250. Unfortunately, because of illness, President Delahunty could not be there, so they have asked me to forward that \$250 to the National Committee, and I would like to report that.

As we have gone through California county by county, we are finding encouraging news. Once again people are becoming concerned with Hibernianism, and they are becoming concerned because of the occurrences in Northern Ireland. These tragic headlines that have shaken the world have come to mean a relationship between the Irish in America and the Irish in Ireland. Our organization has a purpose. We have a moral purpose in America, and we have a moral purpose in Ireland. And our purpose of Christian charity is that of which is most exemplified, I think by our organization today.

I say that several years back in the last century there was an Irish poet, Fannie Parnell who wrote words that I would like to paraphrase for you today, because it indicates the importance of what we are doing here and what our importance should be in the life of America and what we can do for our brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland.

She wrote, "Oh, men of Ireland, make you a name that the world will hear and thrill. Oh, men of Ireland, this is no time for

babbling and sitting still. No time is it now to doubt and wail. There are holier things to do. The harvest of faith is ripe today and God and country have need of you."

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Edward J. Callanan, Jr.

On a motion made by Tweedy (Md.), seconded by Barnett (N.Y.), the report of National Director Edward Callanan, Jr. was adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR STEPHEN T. O'MALLEY:

Brother Worthy National Vice President, Reverend Fathers, National Officers and delegates to the National Convention, after serving two years as National Director of your organization in Chicago, I wish that a more favorable report could be made on our membership ranks.

When I was elected National Director at the 74th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, our Worthy National President Michael Delahunty urged me to try to increase our membership in the Midwest. I attended as many divisional meetings as possible. At these meetings increased membership was always item number one on the agenda.

The format issued in February of 1969 by our Worthy National Organizer was read and discussed at divisional meetings. Division Presidents informed me that many good ideas came from this plan. It was my pleasure to see many members reinstated and to install new members at most division meetings.

Our increase in membership was deflated by the never ending decrease due to deaths, resignations and suspensions. And it is something that I intend to do, and I am sure all divisions intend to try to overcome.

I was invited and attended all social functions of the division, county and state Board and Ladies Auxiliaries. At these functions, membership was always on the program.

We in Illinois are going to continue to strive to increase our membership to the level where I think it belongs. We have two successful St. Patrick's Day parades in Chicago, and our organization was ably represented at State Street.

At our County Convention in June of this year, a very capable and energetic set of officers were elected under the leadership of Joseph McGoldrick, our new County President.

At the State Convention we in Illinois were pleased with the re-election of two more great leaders, including Thomas Galvin. I have assured these two fine men and some other state and county officers that I will give them my support in all of their endeavors for the coming two years. I am sure that under their fine leadership our Order in Illinois will prosper.

One of the highlights of my two years was when the call came to aid our distressed brothers in Northern Ireland, upon receiving this call, I immediately scheduled a special meeting for September 4, 1969, to rally support for this worthy cause. This special meeting was called at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on September 14, Sunday at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting, all division Presidents, county and state officers pledged their support. Some five other Irish organizations were represented. Most of these other organizations informed me at this meeting that they had started and sent funds for the aid of people in Northern Ireland. I was also informed at this meeting that the Honorable Mayor Richard J. Daley had started a fund for this cause. All applauded our ideas, and assured me of their support in our drive.

In November of 1969, a meeting was held at the Fort Dearborn Hotel called jointly by myself and your State President. At this meeting, our fund raising materials were distributed to all division Presidents and county and state officers and also members that were present. After this meeting, the regional meeting was called for November 30, and I was unable to attend this meeting due to other obligations. The meeting was attended by our National President and other distinguished members of our Order. Also in attendance was our great Mayor Richard J. Daley.

At this meeting, the Mayor pledged \$10,000 of his fund to be credited to the AOH in Chicago. And in connection with that, I have a copy of a note that was sent to our State President Mr. Gavin from the Mayor's office, and it says that the Mayor asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter he received from the Archbishop of Armagh. I believe it is self explanatory, and the letter was from the Archbishop of Armagh to "Dear Mayor Daley:

"I am very grateful for the check for \$10,000 which you forwarded to me on behalf of the Chicago AOH for the relief of distressed in Northern Ireland.

"May I ask you to be good enough to convey to the Chicago AOH my very sincere appreciation and thanks together with my assurance that the money will be devoted to this worthy cause.

"I should also like to convey my sincere thanks to you personally for your good offices in this regard.

"With every good wish, yours sincerely, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland."

We feel that in Chicago the amount of \$9,497 collected through our division, churches, and miscellaneous groups plus the

\$10,000 sent through our Order's name by his Honor Mayor Daley, making a total of \$19,497 is favorable.

The other \$20,000 sent by the Mayor to the Red Cross and Dear Mac Frid for that cause, although not in our name was contributed largely by the Irish of Chicago. Our plea in Chicago was hampered somewhat by the controversial visit of Bernadette Devlin and also the financial crisis in our parochial schools and churches.

In closing, I again want to thank State President Tom Gavin for his untiring efforts on behalf of our cause, for which I will be eternally grateful. My thanks also to the National President and all National Officers and delegates for the honor bestowed on me to serve as National Director.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephen O'Malley

On a motion by Farrell (Calif.), seconded by Gavin (Ill.), the report of National Director Stephen O'Malley was adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR THOMAS J. GIBSON:

Worthy National President, Reverend Clergy, National, State, County and Division Officers and Delegates to the 75th Biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians:

My duties as General Chairman for the 74th Biennial National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in August 1968 with all its attendant detail precluded my taking an active part in the Convention deliberations and sessions.

However, I do realize that the work of my fine Committee in planning and conducting the various activities was appreciated by the delegates, as evidenced by honoring me with election as National Director, an honor deeply appreciated, and one which I consider not only an honor to myself, but to my fellow Hibernians in Philadelphia.

One of my first duties as Director was to represent the National Board to present the Charter at the formation of a new Division in Camden, New Jersey on February 9, 1969. I met with State Director Brother William Clisham at his home and presided over the exemplifications of the Shamrock Degree to the new members. We then traveled to the Woodbine Restaurant in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and along with Brother Joseph Montgomery, present State President of Pennsylvania, we had the honor of installing the new officers and presenting the Charter.

Along about the beginning of March after writing to the Governors of the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and with some help from some members of the Camden County Board, I received from Raymond P. Shafer, Governor of Pennsylvania, a copy of a proclamation stating, as Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, in recognition of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America's ideals of friendship, unity and Christian charity, I am happy to designate the week of March 16 to 23, 1969, as Ancient Order of Hibernian Week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We also received the proclamation saying, "Whereas, the ideals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are friendship, unity and Christian charity, now therefore I, Richard J. Hughes, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16, 1969, as Ancient Order of Hibernians Week in the State of New Jersey."

I have attended all national, state and county Board meetings and set up meetings and collected donations for the Northern Ireland Relief Fund; sent a personal thank you letter to all who donated; sent 250 pieces of literature on abortion as seen by a doctor and a prayer for "life and breath." I contacted two Senators and five Congressmen on Bill HR 10618.

I would be remiss if I did not thank those who invited me to attend their meetings and functions and also those who sent me their periodicals. I received quite a lot of them, and want to say thank you. Those invitations I had to turn down, I am sorry, but I would appreciate a rain check.

In conclusion, no honor that has come my way has made me feel so proud as having been elected a National Director of this great Order.

I have been a member of Division 46 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the past 35 years. I have served through my Division, my county and my state, and I look back with pleasure on the many years spent in the activities of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

It is my hope that I have measured up to your expectations. I have given effort, time, and all the strength and enthusiasm that God has given me to work in the interest of our beloved Order. It is my fervent and humble prayer that the AOH and its Ladies Auxiliary will continue to grow and I humbly pray that its influence will be increased in the interest of our Church, in order that the truth that binds us will never be forgotten, and that these truths will continue to bind us in principles of Hibernianism and friendship, unity and Christian charity, with a determination to increase our membership so the principles upon which we have built this Order may never die.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas J. Gibson
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REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR GEORGE A. ZAHN:

Worthy Chairman, Right Reverend and Very Reverend Monsignori, Reverend Fathers, Brother National Officers, Delegates and Alternates and Brother Hibernians:

Two years ago at the National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I was elected to the exalted office of National Director of our Order and entered upon my term of office with much enthusiasm to accomplish many things for the Order. Without the unity that this Order stands for, I would have been unable to accomplish as much as I had hoped to accomplish.

During the last two years, it has been my honor to represent the Order at various Communion breakfasts, Memorial Masses, banquets, dances and other social functions, but most important, attendance at meetings on all levels of the Order.

May I take the liberty of reminiscing a few minutes with you in a brief summary of collective events.

First, on December 1, 1968, the new and only AOH Division in Virginia, the "Colonel John Fitzgerald Division" was formed with 23 members. They have been a properous division, and have increased to well over 100 members with thoughts of organizing another division which appears close at hand. And incidentally, this was the first division that was organized in Virginia with 100 members.

Second, then came St. Patrick's Day 1969, of which I had the honor to place the National Memorial Wreath on the grave of John F. Kennedy in Arlington Cemetery. Following this event, we went to the grave of George W. Parke Custis and planted the floral emblem of the Irish, the shamrock. An annual banquet and dance highlighted the events of the day.

Third, on May 10, 1969, my wife and I attended the annual National President's Dinner held in Newark, New Jersey. All present seemed to have a good time, especially our worthy National President, Michael L. Delahunty.

Fourth, in the month of October 1969, I had the pleasure of helping to place the "First Man on the Moon" stamps on some 10,000 letters that were earmarked to "Peoples in Ireland." It all took place at the home of our past National President Michael J. Dowd. Other helpers were his wife, Peg Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Reilly, and Mrs. Helen Slattery. It was through the efforts of James Coleman McCoy of 15910 Terrace Road, East Cleveland, Ohio, that this all materialized.

Fifth, March 1970 was a busy month. First, with the arrival of the newly appointed Ambassador, His Excellency William Warnock and family. I contacted our past President Michael J. Dowd, and we visited the Ambassador on March 12, 1970. We welcomed him to Washington, D.C., and exchanged various views. I am sure if there is anything the Hibernians need, he would be willing to support the Hibernians' efforts.

Then on to March 17, 1970. I once again had the honor of placing the National Memorial Wreath on the John F. Kennedy grave, and again we went on to George W. Parke Custis' grave and planted Ireland's traditional symbol. We concluded the evening with our annual banquet and dance, which the Ambassador, His Excellency and his wife attended.

Sixth, on May 30, 1970, I, accompanied with other National Board Members, received a letter stating the importance of the passage of the Cahill-Rodino Bill, with an urgent appeal to write to our Congressmen and Senators from our respective districts and states.

Prior to this May 30 letter, I had already taken action in June 1969 on this matter. I had many favorable replies, after having contacted some 63 Senators and Congressmen, and if I may read one such letter of reply:

"I shall continue my interest in equitable immigration policies. Be assured I shall do what I can to achieve this objective."

Signed Edward M. Kennedy, United States Senate, July 30, 1969.

Seventh, after the fund drive for Northern Ireland of which Washington, D.C., donated the sum of \$2,050, I launched a clothing drive in Washington, D.C., for needy families in Northern Ireland. It was held on July 11, 1970. We collected some 25 boxes of fine clothing, which weighed nearly three tons.

Prior to this drive, I contacted an official of the Teamster's Union and asked for free transportation for the clothing to Kennedy International Airport in New York, which he was able to arrange. And at the gratuity of the District Manager of the Irish International Airlines, I arranged to have these supplies flown to His Eminence William

Cardinal Conway, D.D., of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Eight, at the Baltimore, Maryland, State Convention, my wife and I attended a cocktail hour and dinner party, just last month. Distinguished National Board Members were present at this function of distinction. All present enjoyed greeting National and State representatives.

Needless to say, these two years have ended all too soon, and I went to thank all of my friends. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you, and I have enjoyed our association immensely.

May the abundance of God's blessing be upon each and every one of you, and may God bless America, bless our efforts in working toward a reunited Ireland.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ George A. Zahn

On a motion made by Reilly (D.C.), seconded by Myers (D.C.) the report of National Director George A. Zahn was adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF CATHOLIC ACTION HAROLD R. CASE:

Monsignor Lawlor, Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, my job as Chairman of the Catholic Action Committee was one which entailed work which had many facets, but one thing that was most important to your National President, and I want to make an announcement now with regards to the National President and to give you the true story of the National President.

He signed himself out of St. Vincent's Hospital in Montclair where they had a monitor on him. I have just been talking to his wife. They had this monitor on his heart. He is not well, but knowing Michael Delahunty, he is going to come in here tonight by plane, which leaves Newark at 7:30.

Our National President was very much concerned with recent legislation concerning abortions. The State of New York, the great State of New York enacted into law an abortion law which made abortion for the asking, signed by the Governor. It is now the law of the State of New York.

We had very high hopes that this law would not be passed, and if so, it would be vetoed by Governor Rockefeller. However, that did not come to pass.

I hope that you have copies of what I am about to read to you in our attempt to influence the thinking of the Legislature, and we had our position paper up there, and may I tell you, we had to pay money to get it into the Legislative Halls. And we placed it on the desks, or we hope it went on the desks of the members of the various Houses of the Legislature.

We are not sure whether it did or not. However, we left it up there, and we said in our paper:

"To all members of the Legislature, abortion is murder." This is no statement of mine. This is a statement of your National Chaplain, Thomas Boland.

"Abortion is premeditated murder, and you cannot legalize willful murder. It is contrary to the laws of God and man.

"There is no such thing as therapeutic abortion. It is a heinous crime and no doctor or woman can explain away the fact that they have conspired in a foul and bloody manner to deprive a defenseless human being of its right to life.

"The child cannot prior to birth make any attempt on the life of the mother and since the only justification for homicide is self defense, the excuse that the child threatens the life of the mother is ruled out.

"The right to life of the unborn child is incontestable. The embryo or fetus has life from the moment of conception; this is a biological fact. The child has from the moment of conception, or the fetus has a soul infused in it by Almighty God at the moment of conception; this is a theological fact." This may be a moot question for some of the theologians, but I so will hold that the soul is infused at the moment of conception.

"Many heart rending statements by women who seek abortions and members of the medical profession, social workers and quasi intellectual authorities on the subject of abortion have and will be introduced in an effort to have laws enacted to make abortion for the asking possible.

"They will not state the dangers involved in a deliberately provoked abortion which even in skilled hands is attended with considerable risk to the life of the mother. Crippling infections often result from this malpractice. Many misguided women languish in mental hospitals as a result.

"The bearing of a child by a normal woman is as natural as a fruit tree bearing fruit.

"The horror of the operating room during or after an abortion is too much to paint in a word picture, but one only has to imagine in his mind's eye to what extent extreme methods will be used.

"In some instances craniotomy will be performed (crushing of the skull of the unborn child with forceps) and other diabolical surgical acts, killing a babe that only a short time before leapt in its mother's womb."

And, gentlemen, "It is only a short step from legalized abortion down the road to another pagan practice, euthanasia, mercy killing, the killing of the aged and infirm which too has its advocates."

May I tell you that in the Legislature in

the State of California from our good friend Ed Callanan, where he comes from, you ought to watch this very sharply -- they have introduced legislation in the state there to sterilize the men that they have. It hasn't gone out of the hopper, but they have introduced to sterilize couples after they have had two kids. I don't know what they have done with this business of quintuplets and quadruplets, if they happen to come into the world at the time. They might have to drown a couple of them, I guess, if this thing would ever go into effect.

And as I say, it is only a short step from that, they are going to tell you that Papa has a terminal cancer, or, that man has suffered a stroke, and there has been irreparable brain damage. What is irreparable by the grace of God may not be irreparable tomorrow with the marvelous things that our surgeons and doctors are doing, and they are saying that you are going to go broke when your Medicare runs out, and you won't have any money, and you will lose your house, and that you are just taking care of a vegetable. We can give them a little drop of something in the veins, and this would knock them out, and this will solve the problem.

But Almighty God determines when you die, and no doctor, no group of doctors; they have no right to determine when your life span ends. And you have got to watch out for that, because you have got a lot of people that have some funny ideas.

"Ponder well this legislation before you vote, say a prayer that Almighty God may guide you in your decision.

"Remember that had this legalized abortion been in force you might not be here today." And we are speaking to members of the Legislature, that is true, that had they practiced that at that time, they might have gone down the drain or down the toilet, or wherever they put these fetuses.

"Our membership is opposed to legislation legalizing abortion because deliberately provoked abortion is murder and contrary to the laws of God and Man. Thou shall not kill."

And that is the position paper of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and I want to tell you what has happened to us in New Jersey. We were a little naive, and we figured that we were going to get on the bus, and we were going to get a free ride over to Newark, and they fed us a line and told us that the bill would not come out of the committee. But Mr. Crane and his advocates in the State of New Jersey have brought it out, and it is coming up for a vote. The Archbishop in conversation, he said there was a great fellow that we have over there that knows all the ins and outs of what is happening in our Legislature, he said it would never come out of the committee. It is out. So I tell you people, even if they haven't put a bill in the hopper, to be careful, and to watch for it, because these people don't quit.

We have some other good news, there was a gentleman in Auburn, New York and he made a very pathetic talk on the air, and he said he was awfully sorry, but he had to throw the switch, and he was the deciding vote. Well, it seems that through the grace of God and some Democrats up there, they knocked him out of the box on the ticket. And then he ran independent, and they knocked him off again. So this is the way to answer these people. Guys who get elected, they want to be elected to higher office and get a better appointment. And the idea is to take care of them.

And may I say this too, that your Legislators are responsive. They are responsive to you if you write to them. But if you don't write, especially, he figures that what I am doing is perfectly all right. These guys listen to people who write to them, and they figure -- I don't know what the ratio is, but it is a great ratio, for everyone who writes, let's say 500 or 1,000 think like him. And when he gets these letters, he get on the ball, he does something about it. And that is so much for a partial phase of it.

Remember, if you don't, they will slip some legalized abortion move in on you. And you men know who the men are that you can count on. The hospitals will get so that they can say, well, it is just like a little job, it is nothing more than taking out a tooth, but this isn't true. who is going to get the \$1,500 jobs and \$2,000 jobs and down the line, and who is going to get the store fronts and the lofts? You know the lower strata is going to get clipped, and they are going to get butchered, and be on guard, and ask God to help you when you go after the Legislature, ask them to ask God to guide them. Than you very much.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Harold R. Cass

On a motion by Fastow (N.J.), seconded by Dixon (N.J.), the report of the National Chairman of Catholic Action Harold R. Cass was accepted by the Convention.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE JACK KEANE:

Thank you, worthy Chairman, Father Lawlor, fellow Hibernians, actually I have got the best job in the whole organization for the past two years, because of my employment out of St. Louis, and I have traveled the entire country, not to bore you, but just to give you an idea of some of the places I have been with Hibernians.

They are Las Vegas, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Houston, Washington, D.C., Boston, Providence, New York City, State of New York in a couple of places, Newark and other parts of New Jersey, and Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, Indiana, Connecticut, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Chicago, East St. Louis, Illinois, Los Angeles, California, Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, Cincinnati. These are a few of the places I have been in the past year, and in every one of these cities I was able to meet and talk with Hibernians, and it has been a great pleasure. Of course, occasionally we get back to St. Louis and back to Missouri, and with Father Leon over there and Father Sanders and our other fine Hibernians in St. Louis, a title officer at this time, I should give my report.

Actually President Delahunty took one of the appointments away, that being as Chairman of the Ritual and Progress Committee, but he gave me an additional title of National Liaison Officer. A number of people asked me where it came from. It is just kind of a substitute for the actual title of the office that I hold.

I can report problems exist everywhere. And I find that the same problems exist with different divisions, but one thing that I would like to stress at this particular time is that I don't feel our Hibernians have enough self confidence. I think they are far too critical. Too often I have heard the reports from Hibernians saying we can't do anything here. We can't get anything rolling. We fight, we argue, we don't have the men to do the job. But I think that later during this Convention, you will hear a proposal from a man from Lawrence, Massachusetts, and I think his name is Donovan. He is the President up there, and he has a program that will inspire all of us, and I think you will all be interested in hearing that later on.

I have been to Washington, D.C., and I met with fellows like George Zahn, in Baltimore with Brother Roche. I have been in Pittsburgh and Tom O'Malley has been a great host. And Ed Fay always treated me fine, and I have been in Philadelphia with Tom Gibson, and frequenting his bar, where he was generous with me on a couple of occasions. I didn't get the chance to see Joe Montgomery there, but I have been to Detroit. The Hibernians there have buildings, and they have a bar up there that they are operating.

I tell you, I think that from what I have seen in the past two years, that the organization is becoming alive again. It is becoming rejuvenated, and there is a great deal of interest, if only the Hibernians will have a little more self confidence in themselves.

The last week I was up in Boston, I had the pleasure of meeting and having lunch with our past National President Walter O'Leary. And somehow you get to know how great he was. When I left to come back to St. Louis, he handed me a package full of live lobsters. My kids thought it was great when I got back with the live lobsters. He extends his regrets that he cannot be here.

Walter J. O'Leary is associated with a newspaper, and he is handling the publicity for a racetrack, a 45-day racetrack section up in Rhode Island, so he won't be able to be here.

I talked to Dan Herlihy who is a National Board Member, whose father passed away in Ireland this year, and he used his vacation to go back to Ireland for the funeral and stay on with some of his relatives, and so he will not be here, and he extends his apologies for not being here.

I talked to William, or Bill McEnery, another past National President. He is also associated with a newspaper, and they are having a situation where they may be on strike this week, and so he won't be able to be here. But at any rate, all of these people have extended their regrets for not being able to be here.

I want at this time to thank all the fellows throughout the country that have treated me so well when I was in your area. It was really appreciated, and shows that we have got great men.

One of the things that I have noticed in the past year that seems to have torn our organization from the inside is the great conflict over the Immigration Bill or which Immigration Bill to support. I would hope at this Convention, that we would take some action to make the position of the Ancient Order of Hibernians definite in this immigration thing; that the parties have disagreed on this bill, and I have seen some bitterness over the bill throughout the country. I can talk about what I have done in the past year. I think it is important, but the important thing is that we talk about what we are going to do in the future.

I would hope that we could do something to increase the economy and bring industry to Ireland, so that a lot of our boys might want to stay in Ireland, so that when they become 15 and 16 years of age, that they don't have to leave and have a foreigner be their ruler. I hope that in this Convention we will see the importance of financing our National Office, making it one that we don't have to be afraid to spend a couple if needed, for some representation in Ireland, if we are needed, and our National

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President doesn't have to make a trip in the United States as a pauper. If he has to go to New York City, or he has to go to Washington, I think our National Officers deserve to be able to do and deserve to do the job that we all want them to do. I hope that this organization agrees, and I hope it will be proposed that we increase our per capita tax. The most important issue to me right now, because of the great concern in Northern Ireland, and one that I am going to dedicate myself to in the days to come, and I know that you will all be joining me, I want to work to end the partition.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jack Keane

On a motion by Shaughnessy (Mo.), seconded by O'Malley (Pa.) the report of the National Chairman of the Constitution Committee Jack Keane was accepted by the Convention.

REPORT OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN JOSEPH W. O'CONNOR:

Reverend Fathers, National Officers and fellow delegates, I was appointed to the Athletic Activities Chairmanship by our President about a year and a half ago, much to my surprise. I didn't know what the Committee was supposed to consist of, what it was even supposed to do. Athletics is quite a broad subject.

However, it was known two years ago as the Sports Committee. My appointment was as the Athletic Committee Chairman. This morning it was announced that it was the Special Events Committee. So because of no special pattern to follow and by permission of our National President, I switched my activities to conservation of members and membership and organization.

I have a little bitter story to tell you about what happened in my locality, Omaha, Nebraska, gentlemen, this was a terrifically serious one, it would apply maybe to some of the other divisions throughout the country, and that is this: The Omaha Division became invaded by a movement to discontinue association with the National Office and form a small Irish group, a club or what have you, in the Omaha community. My efforts were solemnly and heartily directed to stop this movement, and with a few old-timers we were successful in doing so in the most part.

If this would have happened to our division it would have naturally been a recall of Charter, and in so doing, it would also dissolve our corporation which consists of the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Omaha, Nebraska. As a result, we would have had some bitter court actions, bad publicity, and God only knows where the money would have to go. And we feel as though we are a little bit wealthy in our corporation.

Our membership decreased by about 100 members. When I say "decreased" they fell away, backed away. But a concentrated effort and individual contact with most of these boys brought them back, and we got their dues for the next year, the coming year.

In addition to this, we now have two new divisions that will be organized by the end of this year. This has been in the making not only the last two years, but it has been in the making for four years. We are at the final stages now. When we travel in Nebraska, we have got to go over the sandy hills and prairies in order to get to some of these places in order to pick up one or two members. Believe me, it isn't easy, sometimes.

Gentlemen, as your National Director Jack Keane just said, we need an increase in per capita to support your national organizer and his assistant organizer throughout this entire Order. And I for one will certainly do all I can in order to get this thing done quickly and as soon as possible. This budget must be done if we are going to keep up our own membership.

I want to thank President Delahunty for my appointment. It has helped. It has really helped, not because he appointed me, but because there was a national representation or a voice to be heard to the National Office. And only by this did some of the old-timers come back to the fold and say, we have got to right to keep us going in Omaha.

Gentlemen, thank you, and don't forget to raise your per capita.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Joseph W. O'Connor

On a motion by Dowd (D.C.), seconded by Zahn (D.C.) the report of the National Chairman of Sports Activities Joseph W. O'Connor was adopted by the Convention.

FOLLOWING THE RECITATION OF THE CLOSING PRAYER BY MSGR. LAWLOR, THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 4:00 P.M., TO RECONVENE THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AUGUST 5, 1970 AT 9:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1970

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., National Vice-President Cornelius J. Collins presiding. The Opening Prayer was recited by the Reverend Thomas Riley (Pa.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was then made by all delegates.

At this point in the Proceedings, National Vice-President Collins turned the Chair over to the National President Michael J. Delahunty.

President Delahunty explained that his absence from the Convention on the day previous had been due to ill health. He then called for a resumption of the reports of the National Officers.

REPORT OF NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT CORNELIUS J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Msgr. Lawlor, Reverend Fathers, my fellow National Officers, my fellow delegates to this National Convention, let me express my appreciation for the confidence you have shown in me as your National Vice President for the past two years. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have had to travel throughout this country to help to build Hibernianism stronger. It has enabled me to see the very real difficulties which we face, in trying to maintain an expanding and vigorous Order, and in especially trying to reach the youth of our people.

I believe it is our duty, however, of the present members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to suggest solutions to the problem of increasing our membership.

May I offer briefly a suggestion which I hope you will give serious thought to in the near future.

I believe that the next National Board should consider offering a modest insurance plan to its members. It can help, and I am certain it can be done at little expense and a great benefit to Hibernianism. We know how such a plan has helped the Knights of Columbus expand and prosper.

I hope this Board will give it a high priority in its consideration.

Now let me turn to a matter which must be of great concern to all of us. Even though some of us aspire to high office to the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, no one in this world today can ignore the tragic and explosive situation in Northern Ireland. We all wish the situation did not exist, but it does. It won't disappear, and we cannot hide from it. We cannot pretend that this problem is not there. And England is the problem.

Those who speak for England, Mr. Paisley for example, who sits in the British House of Commons, as well as in the Ulster Parliament, tell us that the war in Ireland is religious. He even disrupts an Ecumenical Mass in a country not his own for the sake of airing his propaganda. The sad truth is that the victim of English oppression in the North is the common man, be he Catholic or Protestant. The oppressors are not interested in religion of any kind. They are interested in keeping the poor people down. They want to deprive the mass of our people of their proper place in justice and law.

It is clear that religion is not the cause of the problem. Four major churches of North and South standing together in a tighter ecumenical partnership than has existed in a generation, William Cardinal Conway, the Prelate of Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, sacred to the memory of St. Patrick who distribute our funds in the Northern Relief Campaign in Ireland, the Rev. John Carlin of the Presbyterian Church has joined him in seeking an end to the war. Their position is supported by Archbishop of Dublin George Sims, and by Rev. George Good, President of the Methodist Church. So the religious speak out with one voice.

We see, therefore, that violence could quickly be ended if the extremists would lay off.

As I noted in my travels last year to Ireland, the Orangemen are still fighting the wearing of the green. 26 counties free in 1922, and 6 still cry for freedom. The problem is complex, and there is no easy solution. But we must recognize the tragedy and we must search for a solution.

There are those here today who may want to seek high office who would have us ignore the tragedy. They would have us believe it is none of our business, but may I humbly offer a suggestion which I believe to be the first step towards a solution. We must convince our Senators and our Congressmen that if the peace keeping force of the United Nations should replace the militant British troops immediately, then a solution can be worked out in peace.

There may yet come a time when the only proper course will be violent oppression with united action.

Let us not shrink from our duty if the day should come to pass. But let us do all in our power to exhaust all peaceful remedies.

The United Nations has acted in several areas to combat oppression: Korea, Vietnam and the Far East, and we never forget the brave Irish soldiers who died to bring peace to the Congo.

We can pressure our elected officers to get the United Nations' support, and we should pressure our President to warn England to stop oppressing the people of the North. England owes her very existence to the United States of America, and the United States of America owes much of its success and property to Irish stock. Certainly it is not too much for the United States to help Ireland, if only in the form of officially protesting England's policies in the North. Aren't we at least as deserving as South Vietnam?

Let us not forget the history, the background of the current crisis in the North of Ireland. The debate can range far across the sea, where some of the blame lies, where the blame lies, or where none of it lies. But today I do say to you, the time for debate is past. The time for work and shame has gone. Leave to the historians of the future to render the verdict. We will have faith in that verdict for we know the truth, and now the time for deeds of faith, the support of the government of the United States and the physical support of the United Nations peace keeping force. We cannot sit idly by watching the conflict grow hotter and hotter.

We cannot simply watch the flame consume the hope and the ambitions, and, yes, even the very lives of the oppressed people of Northern Ireland. Now is the time for candid deliberations, deeds which would go out to the serious dedicated concern for the lives and welfare of our fellow beings.

I ask each of you listening to me today, each of you to heed this message and to carry it back to your Hibernians when you return home. If we work together, we can succeed together, and each of us can be the spark that will ignite the heart of our people to join together in this noble cause.

Let us heed the word of a recent United States Chaplain who said, "I am only a man, but I am a man, what can I do? What should I do, and what I should do, with the grace of God I shall do."

Thank you very much, God bless you.
/s/ Cornelius J. Collins

On a motion by Sherwin (Conn.), seconded by Dowd (D.C.), the report of National Vice-President Cornelius J. Collins was accepted by the Convention.

REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR RICHARD ORMOND:

Mr. President, may I say thank God Mike had the good fortune to be able to join us. I know I am speaking for all of you in this area, and I hope He who grants all favors may give Mike a safe return home, and by the same token, give him enough sense to relax so that he will be able to take care of his wonderful family.

Now may I go on and say, again, Mr. President, officers, national and state division, county and otherwise, delegates and Hibernians in National Convention assembled, let me begin by giving you first a quick resume, and it has to be an interim report on the award. We refer to it as an award.

Incidentally, I sent the report in to our Treasurer, and likewise copies to our National President's secretary, so they know what is going on. But of necessity, this still has to be an interim report, be we are close to the final figure that we can take home, or at least estimate the figures that we are going to give. At the commencement, let me further say, as Henry the Eighth said to each of his wives, I do not plan to keep you too long. Likewise, I have a philosophy, in spite of what you heard yesterday, when it comes to reports and speeches, the longest ones should be attuned to the weakest kidney, but since I am getting on early in the program, this gives me some latitude.

Likewise, when the new incoming President wants to give some disgusting assignment to this organizer, let him give this raffle one month before the National Convention, and each little stub of tickets that comes in, let him break it down according to state and division and county and national, and let him set up these 15 cards. And if he wants to do this, it has to be one of his enemies.

Incidentally, it is a matter of communication. It is remarkable all of these letters going out to all of these different members. Tragically I got 36 envelopes marked "deceased". One had mentioned that the good member had passed away five years ago and wondered why he was still carried on our address plates.

Another one had passed away about three years ago, and was being billed for delinquent dues.

We had Fred Lyon, and he, by the way, is out in Callanan's territory. I think San Mateo if I am pronouncing it correctly, California. He hasn't been a member for 15 years. Mrs. M.S. Pheeter of West Long Beach, New Jersey, she tells me, I am not Irish, nor no one in my husband's family is Irish. How did we get on your mailing list? I would like to know too.

Another member gave me his telephone number and admonished me if I should call after midnight, my wife is a sound sleeper, and I don't want her to know I won.

Two members yesterday afternoon called me long distance to know if we had received their \$10 checks. And this is typical of

Hibernians. You will find them in all classes and dimensions and so on. Nevertheless, it is great.

Let me then, with your kind permission, get into this, and I think it is remarkable. We started this and got our tickets, as you know, in the latter part of June. We had one solid month for returns. We looked at it with apprehension. I think we took a heck of a chance, because after all, there is money involved, money like I am going to tell you about. For instance, the award of \$2,125 is correct. The printing which I have nothing to do with, but I got an approximate figure from our National Secretary, is \$1,600. Our postage \$1,200. And so when we are going into this, we are looking at a figure of five grand -- \$4,925 to be exact.

My final report to the worthy National Treasurer which was given last Monday, August 3rd, noon, showed that 910 members had sent in envelopes with a total return of \$8,537.

Monday afternoon at four o'clock I got 50 envelopes in the mail. Since coming in here, I have been handed envelopes from left and center. We have added them up, that is your worthy Director Ed Callanan came in my room Monday evening at 11:30. He left my room at four o'clock in the morning. We were working on the tickets.

Mrs. Schultz was also with me, and another guy by the name of O'Brien from Cincinnati. Even at that time assembled those to take off the clips, as the checks are stapled to the coupons, and it is really an assignment.

Anyway, the total as of today right now is \$9,087. Remember, I told you at the beginning that the basic expense is \$4,900. That leaves a difference of approximately, if you will take off \$4,162, that is the gross as far as the National Board is concerned. The net figure would be approximately, when I say net, what has to come off, brothers, well as you know, we are cutting in, as it were, to use common day parlance, the divisions, the counties and states, and where there is no county, the amount goes direct to the state. So according to my figures, there won't be much left, because I approximate, we haven't calculated it, I have got my book of reference here relative to all the divisions, but I figure approximately \$2,400 will be distributed all over. If my calculations are correct, Jimmy, I mean our worthy National Secretary, we should wind up with a gross figure to the National of approximately \$2,700. That may be wrong, with my calculations, so I will ask you to bear with me because it is changing as time goes on.

Now at first blush, this would appear to be a rather negative report, but nevertheless, I think it could be developed into something, not only for the National, but for the states and divisions. But you have got to up the ante, and we have got to declare, I think if we could, a moratorium on raffles, because God knows, they are raffled to death. If we had one national raffle a year in which the divisions would absolutely split the profit, maybe \$5.00 complete, \$5 to national and \$5 to state, and as Brother O'Connor mentioned yesterday, this might be a way of diplomatically increasing our dues, which are fantastically low for a national organization.

If we did this, I think that \$5 would be obtained by the divisions and could meet the assessments, could take care of our charitable obligations to the missions and what have you all at one throw, with the cooperation of the states and by the same token, we could give a worthwhile prize.

So I don't want you to think the duties entailed are that difficult if we put forth the right type of effort. But very frankly, I would not go into a project nor would I recommend that we go into one again where the net effort is the figures that I just quoted you.

But again, I would say that it would be the conclusion for getting, perhaps rebuilding, the rebuilding to cover a multitude as Brother Osgood's fund, it wouldn't appear that way, but I am thinking of rebuilding Hibernianism.

So my recommendation would be that if the raffle is to be continued, we do it in a more, we up the ante, we do it more worthwhile, and get the participation of most of the states, as a matter of fact, require them, then if the member did not sell his book of tickets, his dues would be increased \$5 a year. It would be that simple. He would be billed at the end of the year for the \$5, on top of his dues. If he sold his tickets, his dues would continue as always. Otherwise his dues will be \$5 more.

Generally, I think we have to upgrade Hibernianism, the first thing, there are only two attributes for success in any organization, membership and money, Mr. President.

I would respectfully conclude this right now as my report on the raffle.

I am going to jump in right away to give you cause to rejoice. I have my written report as a National Director, and after hearing this very magnificent dissertation by the worthy Vice President on the national

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situation in Ireland, which was what I was going to inject in my remarks, you have had enough of this, you know. As a matter of fact, I assure you that this is my first love. And let me say at the commencement, formally added to my report which I had at the beginning of my report, that I wanted to thank each and every one of you who was at the Philadelphia Convention, for the honor you have conveyed on me in absentia. It is a magnificent honor to become a member of this organization, a National Board Member, but to get up and not being here, God knows this shows the charity of our great organization. And I was deeply honored, and after spending two years on the National Board, I am revived in my belief that the noble concepts of this wonderful organization best serves the Irish-American point of view.

If we adhere to the fundamentals, I think prove that in this national drive. Sure, it is \$110,000, but to my knowledge, that has never been raised before.

Your President gave me the pleasurable assignment, number one, of making sure that we had a Regional Conference in the Midwest, and

Secondly, to look again at the young member situation. And I believe sincerely, and it worries me that Hibernians so closely associated with the word Hibernian, because this might be apropos to our whole operation, at least as I have observed it in the past 20 years, I think you have got to throw off the barnacles of the past as you have heard the reports from Brother Cass and Brother Roche and all of the rest of the men.

We have the facets to attract every element of the community. Like myself, I am like Connie and every native born Irishman, I am dedicated that Ireland eventually has to be free. But this is just one element, I believe. I don't care what you say about it when you say you are Irish, you are a second rate Irishman. We are a second rate nationality until the land of our ancestors get our freedom, and let this indictment remain on everyone that is American-Irish. We are second rate citizens until our country is free. And it looks like now we are going to be the last nation on the face of the earth to obtain that freedom. Why? Because we have grown fat and affluent here and couldn't care less when you see a man and you bow in respect to him like Javits from New York. We are all familiar who, if one word against the State of Israel will be heard from one end of the country to the other, and rightfully so. And compare the contributions of that fine race to our contributions to this country, you see how delinquent we are in our obligations. I could go on with that ad infinitum.

Again, in the circular that I am showing you, forget the six counties in Northern Ireland, the Orange predominates only in two counties, which the American public knows nothing about--two counties of the 32 is all they have control in. And ask any Hibernian how this came about, and I am willing to say that 10 percent may have the answer, because it came about as recently as 1920 and the government of Ireland Act which was passed in London doing this to our friends. This was passed in the House of Commons in London, with not an Irishman voting for it. This was done entirely in this democratic British manner, and it defies understanding. But we are not getting the message across, and this is our responsibility.

There was no one else in this country to do it, and we are sitting right where we should be sitting, right on our lower extremities. But again, I say that is just one facet, because all the rest are there, the development of your civilization, preservation of the ideals of our democracy, the charity funds; like Mr. Cass mentioned, getting into the act on these abortions, which is necessary, this is all a part. This is the way we must live, and what we must do as Hibernians and I thank God that I got in on the end of a decade, the last two years of a decade which indicated that in the past ten years, even though it was the most turbulent in the history of this country, God help us and Mother Church, the most turbulent in the whole period. But nevertheless, it pointed up in no minor way the significance of Hibernianism.

You remember in the past ten years, we had a man in the White House who typified par excellence the significance of Hibernianism, love of God, love of country, love of family, and a penchant for humor and a sense of humor. These are our attributes, and above everything else which the historians have not reached too much, was the great love for Ireland. This man had everything, and then the last two years, if you will, please, that was the beginning, this was Hibernian.

Tell them how the President of the United States could go to Wexford and sing Irish songs and tell them also at the end of ten years how this unpleasantness came about

in the six northern counties of Ireland. And we sit around the theory tables, we who believe in democracy and are against oppression in every part of the world and allow it to happen in six counties. And we go to the young people and say, why don't we do something about the young people, the evil on the campus and the drugs and so on, but there is goodness on the campus, where the young people are getting involved in the political machinations of our country and there is nothing on the campus for the Irish, because as New York will tell you, they know everything else about St. Patrick, they know everything about the Irishmen, but they know nothing about the Irish.

Why don't we in the name of God educate our generation, second, third, fourth and fifth? When we talk about the ethnic problems, why don't we do it with the young people, the young Irish-Americans? And this doesn't detract in any way from being a great American, because as you well know, what we give to the bloodstream of this great country, no other country has contributed as much and consistently.

I had the pleasure, for example, I spoke 27 times. I was invited because as Ed Callanan mentioned yesterday, it gives you a feeling of importance, and rightfully so, when you are a National Director of this great organization and you are invited when something happens like in the North of Ireland, and not too many people, as I say, and this is not flattering to me, but we go to the Kiwanis and all the other razzmatazz groups, but they all want to know about Northern Ireland.

In June I went to the University of Illinois in Carbondale, where the American Committee for Irish Studies had a symposium for four days on Irish affairs that would knock our organization into a cocked hat. And this constituted, the Committee of Irish Studies, it is an international body, there are several hundred members that are all in this country, all the leading scholars in this country, all the faculty members in the various universities, and they do nothing but preach Irish culture, Irish background. And they are quite willing after our deliberations to try and establish this on campus, if an organization like ours would show them the way.

I agree, that we have some problems, because it certainly would have to be non-sectarian, but there is no reason why on every campus where there is a Newman Club or something similar, you continue with the Hibernians, and let those generations get the spirit of what we are talking about.

The first evening of that symposium in Carbondale, and I am going to take too much of your time, but listen to this, they had on their panel of speakers the first night, Timothy Patrick Coogan, Editor of the Irish Press, J.C. Beckett, Department of History, Queens University in Belfast, Shamus Heaney, a poet from Belfast, John Montague, a poet from County Tyrone, and Paris, France, Mary O'Malley, founder of the Lyric Players, Belfast, Ireland. There were five on the panel the first evening, and they traveled to this country at their own expense. And I think this is the way the Hibernians can do, put on national symposiums, and let us take the role that we should be taking of being foremost in everything pertaining to the Irish-American life.

Gentlemen, I have been carried away, forgive me. I would like to stop right now, and ask the worthy President to, if you wish any questions on any particular point that I have missed in the way of the raffle, particularly, I will be real happy to answer.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Richard Ormond,
National Director

On a motion offered by Sullivan (N.Y.), seconded by Conroy (N.J.), the report of National Director Richard Ormond was accepted by the Convention.

At this point in the Proceedings President Delahunty read a written report he had received from the National Vice-President for Canada, as follows:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CANADA John D. Rooney:

"Worthy President, Very Reverend Bishops, Reverend Fathers, National Officers, and Delegates to the 75th National Convention.

"Greetings from your Brothers in Canada and best wishes for a most successful Convention.

"Montreal Division - There is some progress to report to date for Montreal. In the last two years the Montreal Division has grown in membership from 30 to 45 members, including deaths, reinstatements and new members for a net increase of 15. This has been due to new efforts to involve members in Catholic action and social activities.

"Toronto Division - Progress in Toronto has been slow. I have been living and teaching in Toronto the past two years. In June of 1968 I was asked to take on the Vice President for Canada to extend coverage and range of activity for Hibernianism in Canada, particularly to find out information on the divisions in Toronto. Division 3 closed in 1967, due mostly to emigration to the States. Division 1 is all that is left and is

weak in membership but sound financially. Brother M. Carey of 66 Drayton Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, is the main functioning Hibernian there. He is the Treasurer. I had telephone conversations with him several times and I was able to visit him once. I recommend that the Division 1 be renamed the Toronto Division and that the situation there may improve in the next few years.

"Quebec City - There is a possibility of a new division in Quebec City. Some interest has been expressed there. Our contact in that city is Mr. Fred Quinn, 540 St. Cyrille West, Quebec City, Quebec.

"Catholic Action - Hibernians attended a farewell and presentation dinner at the Queen's Hotel in Montreal for an Irish Presentation Brother, Martin Moran. After ten years here he is leaving for Ghana in Africa to open a mission there. The dinner was well attended. Hibernians also helped with a cleanup of a Halfway House for girls returning to society. Rev. E. McEntee is the Chaplain.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Montreal on Sunday, March 15th with a parade. The Hibernians who are the senior unit and led the parade had their largest turnout in years. Toronto does not have a parade, though the G.A.A. celebrate it with a dinner dance. I was not able to attend the celebrations in Montreal this year though I did last year. Mr. Albert Kieran, President of the Montreal Division, represented the Hibernians at all functions during the year.

"Public Demonstrations - On Sunday, May 31st, our members held their annual service at the Stone Monument in memory of the ship fever victims of 1846-1848 who were buried in this area. The Stone Monument has been renovated by the City of Montreal the past year and is located outside the new Expo Stadium near Victoria Bridge.

"A committee is planning the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Mayo, near Buckingham, Quebec, for Sunday, August 16th.

"The Annual Mass for the Manchester Martyrs and deceased members of our Order will be held on Sunday, November 29th at St. Kevin's Church.

"Northern Ireland Relief Fund - I sent some material received to the Montreal Division and the rest out across Canada to all Irish organizations from St. John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver, C.B. I know donations have been sent from Montreal and Toronto to date.

"Necrology - During the last two years, God called to their reward the following members who gave loyalty to our Order: Brother Robert Sloan, Montreal; Brother Arthur Downey, Vice President, Montreal Division; Mrs. Jane Keenan, Vice President for Canada, Ladies Auxiliary A.O.H., Quebec City.

"We know of their worth and of their work, our hope is that these names and the memory of them will be kept on the records of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. May they rest in peace.

"Mr. President, this concludes my report and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the officers and the members for their kindness and assistance during my term of office. I wish that I had the time and the opportunity to have been able to do more. And to you and Delegates, a successful Convention.

"Respectfully submitted,
John D. Rooney,
Vice President for Canada."

A motion was made by Reynolds (N.Y.), seconded by Hyland (N.Y.) that the report of the National Vice-President for Canada John D. Rooney be accepted by the Convention. The National President pointed to a lack of cooperation on the part of the Canadian Division in the efforts of the National Board during the past two years, questioning whether the A.O.H. should continue to have a National Vice-President for Canada. The National Secretary questioned the accuracy of the report since his records reflect no membership in Toronto, and futile efforts in regard to Quebec City. After a discussion on the question, the matter was referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER J. William Reagan:

Worthy National President, Msgr. Lawlor, members of the clergy and delegates assembled, two years ago the delegates assembled at the National Convention in Philadelphia elected me National Treasurer. I am very grateful for this honor and have done to the best of my ability to fulfill the obligations of my office.

I want to publicly thank the members of the National Board, the National President Michael Delahunty and Secretary Jim Sullivan for the cooperation they have given me during the past two years.

I also want to congratulate Dick Ormond on the fine manner in which he is handling this year's raffle. And incidentally, the raffle this year is not included in my report, because the National Treasurer's

books close as of June 30th, and the receipts started coming in after that.

There are a couple of comments that I would like to make, remarks that I would like to make before I go into the figures on my report.

First of all, if the raffle is continued, and when it comes to the distribution of the raffle money to the divisions on this year's raffle, I would suggest that rather than sending checks to the divisions as was done last year, that the National Secretary be empowered to credit their per capita tax for this amount. The reason I am saying that, is that to this date, over a year later, there are still 28 of those checks that have never come back through the National Board of Account. There were over 200 checks written, and I think this would save a great deal of paperwork if we could credit their per capita tax, and we wouldn't have this long list of outstanding checks. There have been checks coming back every month for the past year, and then I think it would help a great deal.

Also, two years ago, when this National Board took over, we established an organizational fund which, as far as I know, has never been set up as a special bank account. We wanted to know just how we were doing, and in this respect, I think it would help the new National Treasurer, whoever he may be, if the divisions would send their initiation fees in a separate check, so that they could be deposited separately from the assessment, and jewelry and whatever else may be paid.

Also, I would like to recommend that the building, or the Northern Ireland Relief Fund be continued as a permanent part of our organization. We all know the need for money in North Ireland is not over, and I think that we can continue this on.

I might say that after this National Board took over, we voted to change the money, the fund that was called the Charities and Missions Fund which had been inactive for many years, as far as I can find out. We changed this, and created a North Ireland Relief Fund before any drive was even thought about. And I think that that could be continued in the future as a permanent fund, because there is going to be a need for funds for civil rights in Ireland for a while, I am afraid.

The suggestion would be that many divisions have club rooms and containers of some sort with notations for the Ireland Relief Fund which could be set up in club rooms, or even in divisions at their meetings, and if you have even \$10 or \$12 a month from every division throughout the country it would add up to quite a sizeable amount over a period of a year or two.

Now to get into the finances, the money, we have set up four savings accounts in the Syracuse Savings Bank in Syracuse, New York, and two checking accounts.

The savings accounts are the Building Fund Account, and we started out with an initial deposit of \$3,535.84, which was transferred from the previous bank. We have earned interest and deposited interest earned on bonds on our bonds in the Building Fund in the amount of \$4,174.82. We have earned interest on the savings account of \$491.85. Our balance in the savings account is \$8,202.51, plus \$45,000 in bonds, giving us a total in the Building Fund of \$53,202.51.

In the Kennedy Memorial Fund, we initially deposited \$14,177.25. We have earned interest in the amount of \$1,233.68, giving us a total of \$15,410.93.

We made a withdrawal of \$1,065.16 to reimburse our General Fund for moneys that had been expended for the Kennedy Memorial Fund. The General Fund savings account, we deposited \$4,312.62. This was our initial deposit of \$4,312.62, which was transferred from the previous bank account. Interest earned was \$632.51, deposits which were the flight fares which were received for the 1969 flight, we put them in the savings account, and it helped us to gain a little bit of interest. They amounted to \$27,729.00, bringing the total up to \$32,674.13.

Our withdrawals included \$921.00 in flight refunds, and the charter flight was \$22,960., which gave us an actual dollar figure of \$23,881.00, and our balance in the General Fund savings account is \$8,793.13.

On the North Ireland Relief Fund, which was previously known as the "Charities and Mission Fund", the National Board meeting voted to use money for the North Ireland Relief Fund and change the name of the account. This is just the money that was received by me in Syracuse for the North Ireland Relief Fund. It is not, I want to make it clear, this is not a report of the North Ireland Relief Fund. That will come from another committee, the North Ireland Relief Fund Committee. This is just the Treasurer's report.

The initial deposit was \$1,885.75. That was when it was known as the Charities and Mission Fund.

We earned interest of \$380.58. We made deposits of \$107,488.41, which included the \$92,000 sent to me from Newark.

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Our disbursements included:

Public Relations to Frank Finnegan	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous: James Sullivan	21.70
Advertising Letters Service	141.36
This is for the letter service for letters sent out in regard to the North Ireland Relief Fund.	
Jim Sullivan, phone calls	\$ 134.36
Letters to Catholic papers	20.00
Advance to Community Counselors	1,084.50
Quire Printing	1,000.00
Military Park Hotel Meeting	15.60
Michael Delahunty for phone calls	136.04
City News Service	20.00
Busatti and McCaffery, expenses	2,000.00
Advertising letters service, letters to members	1,139.67
Telegrams, supplies, etc., (JRS)	128.64
A.A. Duplicating Service	34.68
Check to National President to take to Ireland	100,000.00
Realty Hotels, Press Conference	338.47
Indiana Bell Telephone Conference call	269.25

This was set up rather than call the National Board meeting. This is considerably less than it would cost to call a National Board meeting.

The total disbursements are \$106,984.07.

We have at the present time in the North Ireland Relief Fund bank account \$2,770.66. This is in Syracuse.

Now, I don't know, the Committee on the North Ireland Relief Fund will begiving a report, but this is the money that is in the National Treasurer's hands in Syracuse.

Our Organizational Fund account, this is a checking account. There was no account as such previously, so we have received from initiations \$2,186.75.

At the National Board meeting, it was voted to transfer \$1,000.00 to the Organization Fund to enable the Organizational Committee to carry out their functions.

Our disbursements:	
Check No. 1 Timothy Finn Expenses	200.18
2 A.A. Duplicating Service (Ltr charters)	6.00

The National Board reimbursed them for organizational money spent, and this was to the general Fund, and there were 200 items, \$150.38 and \$155.95. (Checks 3 and 4).

Check #5 A.A. Duplicating Service	1.50
#6 Timothy Finn	350.00
#7 Linden News	6.30
#8 A.O.H. National Board	10.80
#9 Linden News	6.30
#10 A.A. Duplicating Service	10.00
#11 Wallace Company (rings)	30.56

This is for rings that have been earned previously in connection with organization or increasing membership.

#12 A.O.H. National Board (supplies to new Divisions)	600.66
#13 Tim Finn (phone calls)	723.78
#14 A.A. Duplicating service	10.00

Discount on Canadian check	1.30
Imprinting checks	5 31

Our total disbursements amounted to \$2,275.27, leaving a balance of \$911.48. Gentlemen, as you can see, we spent more than we have taken in for organization, and certainly something must be done if we are going to have an organization as a national organization. We have to give our organizers funds to work with so we have got to do something about this.

Now our General Fund checking account, which is of course our main account:

Receipts:	
Transferred from New York City Bank	\$7,983.97
Assessments and reinstatements	3,134.69
Jewelry sales	4,742.97
Supplies	2,788.76
Digest Ads	1,742.72
Digest Subscriptions	54.00
Temporary cards	30.00
Interest on bonds	1,060.00

These are the bonds in the General Fund, not the Building Fund.

Donations	300.00
And I might say that was moneys that came from Schenectady from Mike Lennon's Division for the immigration and freedom for North Ireland.	
Flags, banners, decals	212.35

Reimbursements from Building Fund	195.00
This was for Brother Dowd's expenses for the last National Convention which had been paid out of the General Fund.	

Bond premiums	3,249.50
Raffle 1969	13,156.60
Profit from 1968 flight to Ireland	2,720.44

Reimbursement from Kennedy Memorial Fund	1,065.16
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A check which we received from the Grimes Travel Agency, this was on the '69 flight,

Petty cash and miscellaneous moneys received by National Secy. from former Natl. Secy.	1,690.00
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Reimbursement from Organizational Fund	\$ 917.79
Miscellaneous	114.68

This gives us a total income of \$74,418.39.

Our disbursements:	
Natl. Officers salaries	7,007.00
Natl. Officers expenses	9,013.40
Natl. Board meetings	3,560.58
Merchandise for resale	5,065.75

Social Security and Withholding taxes	1,751.00
Hibernian Digest	13,051.22
Donation to Natl. Chaplain	500.00
Supplies	6,793.13

Organizational fund	1,022.45
Mailing, packing, freight, etc.	1,251.71
Kennedy Memorial Fund	877.25

You might note that there is a difference between the way we expended for the Kennedy Fund and what we received back from it. But there had been monies previously expended in 1968 which had not been returned to the General Fund.

Bond premiums	2,847.25
1969 raffle	7,158.00
1969 flight to Ireland	1,114.85
History contest	457.55

This included prizes and the judging and some small expenses.

Convention Proceedings (1968)	4,608.00
1970 raffle (envelopes)	1,200.00

This is the only thing that I have in connection with the raffle in my report, and that was for envelopes to send out.

Public relations	250.00
Attendance at immigration hearing in D.C.	180.00

Pre-registration of National Board for 1970 Convention	690.00
Miscellaneous	397.74

Total	\$69,569.85
Total Receipts	74,418.39
Total Disbursements	69,569.85

	4,848.54
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Less: Bank service charges	15.28
Exchange on Canadian money	3.85

Bad checks returned by bank	118.60
137.73	

This gives us a balance of \$4,710.81 in the General Fund checking account.

Our bonds, we have \$24,000.00 of bonds in the General Fund, and we have \$45,000.00 in bonds in the Building Fund as I reported before.

There is only one other comment that I would like to make, and I would like to recommend that the National Secretary be empowered to investigate a less expensive way of reproducing or producing or whatever you want to say, the minutes of our Conventions. As you can see from my report, the minutes of our last Convention after a long struggle to get them cost almost \$5,000; \$698.00 for the Reporter and \$4,000 to have them printed up. Now it seems to me that there should be a less expensive way of doing this, and I think the National Secretary should be empowered to investigate and try to find a less expensive way, because it seems to me \$5,000 for minutes is quite a bit of money.

Gentlemen, that is the report of the National Treasurer, respectfully submitted, William Reagan.

On a motion made by Ryan (N.Y.), seconded by Callahan (Pa.) the report of the National Treasurer J. William Reagan was adopted by the Convention.

At this point, President Delahunty informed the Convention that he had received a request from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that the Ancient Order of Hibernians join as an "amicus curiae" (friend of the court) in the school aid case Lemon versus Courtsman. This particular case, then being argued before the Supreme Court, concerned a Pennsylvania statute that grants aid to schools, sectarian and non-sectarian. The A.O.H. Brief would be in support of aid to non-public schools. On a motion by Bartnett (N.Y.), seconded by Montgomery (Pa.), the Convention voted to join in the brief "amicus curiae" in this matter.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY James R. Sullivan:

Worthy President and delegates, when I began my report as National Treasurer, I stated that our National Constitution is your expressed will. It constitutes the laws, rules and manner which you have voted to run the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

This is still true today, and will remain true as long as the Ancient Order of Hibernians functions as a national organization.

In making my report it is necessary that I go back to our 1968 Convention. It is not an attempt to rehash the Convention but to set the record straight and also to prove my position.

As a member of the Hibernians I have

met many wonderful people and consider Hibernians to be my best friends, but the past two years have been an unbelievable experience as far as I am concerned.

I received approximately 100 letters threatening me at this Convention, and I have been called many things, accused of giving false reports. However, the writer or writers of these letters neglected to sign their name. I did receive one letter that was a little rough and the writer signed his name. I took the time to answer his letter. He may not agree with my thinking, but at least I answered his letter.

In the proceedings of the 1968 Convention is a statement from our former past National President concerning the John F. Kennedy imitation medals, that he was concerned only with the invoice dated 1/11/67. This report also states, "I do not know who would be interested in prizing a replica of the original Kennedy medal."

The invoice referred to was the subject of record at the National Board meeting in May 1967, at which time the Board voted to give the medals, six months after they had actually been presented.

Who was responsible for the invoice of October 1967? For in September 1967, four months after the National Board meeting, a medal was sold to a Dr. Steinberg in Silver Springs, Maryland. I have in my possession the copy of a letter offering to sell a bronze replica of the medal. I have certified letters from the jeweler that the medals were delivered and paid by an Ancient Order of Hibernian check, but not a check signed by the National Treasurer.

I have also recovered from the jeweler three additional medals that were ordered but had not as yet been sold or disposed of by the individual ordering same. I did receive one of the exact duplicates of the James A. Farley medal back.

Our past National President has stated, who would prize such a medal? Ask any collector. I asked a collector to value the three plain medals. After examination, he stated that if we would agree not to have any more replicas, they would be easily worth \$3,500 apiece.

I asked him to value the medal, that is the exact duplicate of the James A. Farley medal with Farley's name on it and so forth. He would not place a value on it, but it will become more valuable as time passes.

We could sell it on a commission, but we would have to remember that it could be subject to lawsuits years and years from now on by Mr. Farley's descendants.

Gentlemen, there are eight replicas of the Kennedy medal. I have recovered four. I offered to buy back the medal from Dr. Steinberg. He refuses even to tell how much he paid for it. I have checked all the records given me and I cannot find any record of the sale, or where the amount paid was ever credited to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

I have consulted legal advice, and they told me that we may recover the medal by legal action, but we would have to refund the amount of money plus interest that Dr. Steinberg paid for the medal. We could, however, recover these moneys from our bonding company. Four of the eight medals have been recovered. One is held by a collector, and three by members of the Order. Two of the medals still out are duplications of the original.

I again ask this Convention to request the return of the medals from the members holding them. And if we feel that the A.O.H. owes these people recognition, let's vote them a plaque stating they worked for the Kennedy medal, and if we are going to give plaques, let's give it to the committee that originated the idea. Let's clear the Kennedy medal at this Convention. It is one of the most worthwhile programs the A.O.H. has ever undertaken in regard to our Irish-American culture. Let's make it important and valuable.

I would like to now show you the four medals that I have recovered. If anybody wants to see them. Those are the eight dollar duplicates.

In summary, the past National President stated that all moneys were on deposit and only the Treasurer was authorized to remove money. At the Convention I had contended there was a checking account at the Chase Manhattan Bank that operated without the Treasurer's knowledge. I now have statements from this account that shows over \$70,000 in a two year period went through that banking account. I will show you now two savings accounts in the Lincoln Savings Bank of New York. They were never presented to the Convention for audit. They were deposits made by the Secretary and withdrawn by the Secretary.

I further state that at the National Board meeting in Newark in October of 1968, I presented a check for over \$2,700 to the National Board that came from an individual's private checking account.

I have in my possession photostats of two bank drafts made out to an individual or his wife. It was explained to me they were advances for postage for our raffle. They are over \$1,300. With three accounts, why did we need an advancement, and how many people could afford to advance \$1,300? I couldn't.

Gentlemen, those are the facts concerning our moneys. I still believe we need a public audit. Our system is outdated. At this Convention, you will audit the Treasurer's report. He cannot spend money without the signature of the National President and the National Secretary. But how do we check the Secretary? I realize it is a big job. However, to make it easy, here is a short system we have operated under in the past two years.

First, and this was ordered by the Finance Committee at the last Convention, the National Treasurer does have all the accounts, the bonds and all accounts are in the custody of the National Treasurer as set forth in our National Constitution. I as National Secretary did not deposit one penny for the Order. All accounts are in Syracuse, New York.

In addition to forwarding the moneys to the Treasurer, I as National Secretary, knowing the check is your receipt, have as I write in the moneys received, stapled the check to the original of the receipt, and mailed the same to the Treasurer. Thus the Treasurer has the receipt with the number on it. I have the duplicate and we can be cross-checked. I agree this is not an absolute method, but at least it is a beginning.

I would like to go back to my becoming National Secretary. It hasn't been easy.

First, the National President had to threaten court action to get the office supplies and equipment for me to begin my work as Secretary. This took until October 1968. I promised that as National Secretary I would attempt to improve communications and modernize where I could. I tried temporary membership cards. They were not successful. However, in the past year, I mailed the 1970 membership cards with the 1969 reports. I received only one complaint demanding that we return to the tape type of reporting. I have received many letters and phone calls complimenting me on the change. It still needs improvement.

Our big problem lies in the fact that many of our outgoing Presidents neglect to give the material to the incoming officers. I did have printed at my own expense a division officer's guide, which I quickly presented to the Convention in Albany, New York as a shortie to help division Presidents. This was mailed to all national officers, state Secretaries, county Presidents and division Presidents.

I would like to expand our officers file to include the division Financial Secretary. I feel that he should be mailed the report forms, and maybe we would get better cooperation and get them back. I would favor a constitutional change with us mailing the report forms in November asking that the outgoing officers complete these before December 31, changing the deadline to March 31, and instead of suspending, we would fine the divisions a definite percentage for being late, so much per month. And if they file late, they would not be permitted to file their suspensions. This idea was advanced to me by Mike Coogan.

I changed the quarterly report from a mere password to a quarterly newsletter, and this goes to all division Presidents, county Presidents, and state Presidents and Secretaries and members of the National Board. We removed from our files 41 divisions that I can find no record of their existence. I only received membership for the four previous years. Before removing these, however, I contacted, or attempted to contact individuals listed in all 41 divisions. I was able to reinstate four divisions that previously I had found no record of their existence. I have been able to reinstate four divisions that I had no record of their existence, and there are some, well, they are shown in my membership report. I accepted them by accepting the current assessment. I felt that our job was to save the divisions. to build the Hibernians and not to try to collect on back assessments for four or five years, get them in, let's keep them in.

It is important to note that the only media of communication that reaches every member is our Digest. It is the least expensive to put out, and if all would cooperate we could make it worthwhile and informative.

Having served two years as National Secretary, I find the functions are as an Executive Secretary, but he is also a jewelry salesman, sundry salesman, travel agent and running a raffle. I recommend that if we are to continue these businesses, that these businesses be assigned to the Directors.

Dick Ormond has taken care of this year's raffle, even though it was a little late, and again this is a story in itself.

George Zahn had volunteered for the flight, but I feel this involved more thought and investigation and a set procedure of definite working out of plans.

Our National Secretary should be free to help promote Hibernianism, and follow through on the leads and the various places where our image could be improved.

I would recommend to this Convention that the current \$3.00 initial fee be forwarded to the National Board for deposit in our organizational account, that all State Presi-

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dents and State Organizers would become Assistant National Organizers, and that the National Board would pay them for all legitimate itemized organizing attempts made by these members.

It is of great importance that we begin a little businesslike approach to our organizing. We have an organized force of men advancing Hibernianism. If we are going to go forward, we must give them the tools to work with.

I recommend that our National Board have more elective officers and less appointive officers. I recommend that the National Board elect an Executive Committee of five men who would make emergency decisions. This could be done by telephone conference. Major decisions should be made by the Board, not in the name of the Board. This committee would consist of the National President and the National Secretary plus three members elected by the elected members on the Board.

I recommend that instead of nominating speeches for candidates, we would have the candidate tell the Convention what he plans to do for the Hibernians, then could be judged two years later.

I recommend that a Constitutional Committee be appointed to make a thorough study of our Constitution and recommend the necessary changes, additions or deletions, and that the National Board would have the authority to approve these changes at the National Board meeting in 1971.

I recommend that this Convention under the leadership of Larry Neary set hard and fast rules governing the nomination and selection of the Kennedy Medal winner.

I recommend that we permit the Ladies Auxiliary to vote on the Convention site.

I recommend that this Convention give serious consideration to raising the national assessment. We of the A.O.H., as will all fraternal organizations, face many difficulties in the Seventies. All organizations are faced with the average age going up, while the average age of our country is lowering, which means we are not getting our fair share of our youth.

We must at this Convention prepare to make the necessary changes that will be required to keep Hibernianism alive or we will be lost.

I would like to cover some of the things that have been said to me or asked about:

Associate members -- It is my understanding that many divisions have associate members. We must therefore have rules governing associate members. One thing that should be done, is that no one should be admitted to associate membership who is eligible to be a Hibernian. We should collect the national assessment for these associate members. We should become what we really are, a true ethnic group. Many say we are. I think we are, but we do not fully qualify because we limit our membership on religion and sex.

We must have some type of membership available for the non-Irish husbands of Irish wives. By banning their membership, we are alienating their children towards the Hibernians, and where religious differences exist in the marriage, we may be causing marriage strife. Marriage has enough problems without membership in the Hibernians being one of them.

We should set up plans for our divisions to invite other ethnic groups to meet with us, learn their culture and inform them of ours. Let's help all groups preserve their culture, because in so doing, we preserve our own.

We must in the Seventies build the A.O.H. culture, tradition, dignity of man, sociality and congeniality.

We must have a program for the freedom of Ireland, aid to the depressed in Ireland. We must have a program to make the affluent Irish of America want to be Hibernians. We must begin to study the Irish-American culture that has developed across America. It too is part of our heritage.

One thing we must realize, our limited income impedes our progress.

This covers in part my feelings concerning Hibernians.

I will now give you the statistics of my past two years, and after that I will attempt to answer any questions that anyone wishes to ask.

I have the income here, but inasmuch as Bill Reagan went through this, I will not go through it, but I will state however on the Washington Building Fund, I do note that this includes the interest paid on the bonds plus the interest that Bill reported that we got. However, this National Board did not receive any record of donations made to the Building Fund at this past, the 1968 Convention.

Considerable comment has been made that the National Board passed a resolution that the moneys for the National Home should be on deposit at Washington, D. C. This is true, however, the 1968 Convention, the Finance Committee's report stated that

we should abide by our National Constitution in handling the moneys and that the National Treasurer was custodian of all funds held in the name of the Order.

The resolutions passed in 1968 put two or three other individuals on that fund. We as the National Board, and I made the motion at the National Board meeting, held that the report of the Finance Committee supercedes the resolution, because the Finance Committee is authorized and ordered by our National Constitution. I know there are going to be a lot of questions as to why that was done. Nobody is trying to take any money. The Treasurer is the individual designated by our Constitution to be the custodian, and I think if we are going to have a Treasurer, he should handle the money. If we are not going to elect a Treasurer and let him handle the money, we can go down to any bank and make an agreement. The President and the Secretary can sign a voucher and they will issue the check. It might be cheaper, but if we are going to have a Treasurer, let's let him do his job as the Constitution states.

I would like to go into membership. Membership at the end of 1968 was 16,730.

Initiations	1,592
Reinstatements	142
Admitted by transfer	42
Gain of	1,776
Losses:	
Deaths	407
Resigned	207
Suspended	1,552
Total loss of	2,166

We therefore should have had a loss of 390. However, as I stated earlier in my report, we have worked on loss divisions and divisions not reporting for two or three years.

In 1968, all but five divisions reported. This report gave a membership of 16,730, and the 1967 membership was 16,531. Therefore, our gain was 199 members.

The membership ending 1969, 17,405.

And I can announce that since coming to the Convention the reports I have received, you can add another 121, which will make a total of 17,526.

The gains were by initiations, 2,220; Reinstatements, 148; Transfer, 55, for a gain of 2,413. Losses by deaths, 312; Resignations, 158; Suspensions, 1,278, a loss of 1,748, or a gain over the loss of 874 members, plus 121, which is the first time in many a year that our incoming gain has exceeded our suspensions and deaths.

However, 15 divisions still have not reported their 1969 reports. A conservative estimate of the members that will be reported by these divisions is about 425 members. We take 121 off of that. Now they have a membership greater than this, but we will probably lose some. We could by the end of 1969 have a net gain of 1,500 members. We had hoped to reach 18,000. We will probably fail by 175 members.

We would like to point out that we are suspending over 10 percent of our membership each year. We do need a conservation officer.

Membership in 1967 was 16,531; 1968, 16,730; 1969, 17,405. Let's put it over 18,000 for 1970.

We are losing almost 800 members in the two-year period by deaths. Death is final. We therefore must note that it takes approximately three new members per division each year just to replace our deceased members.

With a good conservation department, we can reduce the suspensions to 5 percent. We must strive to seek means of keeping our members interested.

The 1968 Convention voted that all divisions with less than 15 members were to be suspended, and if the membership was 25, or had 25 or more years of membership, they were to be carried as members at large by the National Board.

I have felt that as National Secretary, my job was to help build the A.O.H., not lose membership. Therefore, I have taken the entire two years to have these divisions reach their required membership of 15 members before withdrawing their Charter. According to 1968, there were 19 divisions with less than 15 members.

To date, I have six divisions which have had their membership transferred to the membership at large group. One asked for an extension to 12/31/70. It was granted. Three are under temporary suspension until 6/30/70, which was last month, to reach 15, or provide a list of members eligible to be put in the membership at large. These divisions did not reply. I suggest that a form letter be prepared and mailed each individual listed as members of these divisions. It would be less than 35 letters.

Six divisions have failed to reach 15 membership. Three have not filed their 1969 report.

Divisions not filing 1968 reports were: Division 3, Los Angeles. It is my understanding that they transferred into Division 1 in Los Angeles.

Division 9, Norfolk, Massachusetts, this division has been dissolved.

Division 3, Monmouth County, New Jersey. This division has been suspended, and

has not filed for two years. This is the third year.

Division 2, Rockland County, New York. Letters to all concerned has given little information concerning Division 2. One Rockland member wrote he thought they had disbanded.

Division 9, Westchester County, New York, that one came in late. That came in, and I will skip it.

Division 1, Burlington, Vermont, this division was organized in 1968, failed to file any reports, made long distance telephone calls, sent registered letters, and I finally received a letter stating they had never received their Charter. I wrote offering a duplicate. No reply. Finally sent a letter to all members in the file, that was 29 letters, asking if they were members or considered themselves members. I received no answers. They have been removed from the file.

Delinquent divisions to date for 1969 are: Division 1, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Wichita. This division was organized in February of 1967. However, it did not file its first report until last year, and it took me several phone calls to get the report. This year, I have not been able to get a report.

Division 1, Atchison, Kansas, is a division of St. Benedict's College. They exist and had reported. I made a trip to Atchison and talked with them, and there I was told by the students that they would like to have the Hibernians, but the college is becoming part of non-saint scholastic colleges, and they were having classes to go to, and they as college students did not approve of the boys and girls being in separate organizations.

Division 6, Baltimore City, have been informed that they were being reorganized. However, Bob Tweedy has told me at the Convention that he didn't think they would be.

Division 1, Stafford County, New Hampshire, I have been informed that it has been disbanded.

Division 68, Bristol County, Massachusetts. I have no information concerning that division at this time.

Division 16, Kings County. This division was organized in 1968, filed for '68. I have been in correspondence and have sent them a new set of forms. They have promised to report.

Division 1, Orange County. This was a new division in 1969 and have not filed a report. No answer to letters.

Division 8, Westchester County. I have received no report. It is one of the divisions with less than 15 members.

Division 7, Philadelphia. They have asked for a second set of forms. They have been sent to them.

Division 46, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. I have received no report.

Division 1, Kent County. This is another one of the divisions with less than 15 members. They do not answer their letters.

Division 2, Kent County, Rhode Island. I have no information on this division. 15 divisions are delinquent for 1969. This compares to 19 at the 1968 Convention.

To date the following states have not filed their 1970 reports:

California and Rhode Island.

The following counties have not filed their 1970 reports:

New Haven, Connecticut; Essex, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts; St. Louis, Missouri; Essex County, New Jersey; Monroe County, New York; Nassau County, New York; Rockland County, New York; Kent County, Rhode Island; Newport County, Rhode Island, and Providence County, Rhode Island.

I feel that this Convention should consider having the State Convention on the uneven year and the National Convention in the even numbered years. This would have the State Board in existence the year before the Convention and all reports would be filed. State Boards would then make greater efforts to see that all divisions have reported. State Boards would have worked together for a year, and would be better organized and understand the problems when they come to the Convention.

I feel that County Boards should be dissolved. County Boards that were important when transportation was difficult and slow, and also, in many areas, the County Boards work in competition with the divisions. I feel divisions will have more rapid growth without county competition, and that in 1970, we must seek unity without uniformity.

I will now give you the standings of our divisions in the country, and I have changed it somewhat. As you know, my report is a little different than it was in the past. I will give the President and I have listed the 20 largest divisions, and if the President is here I would like for him to stand.

1. Division 1 - Bridgeport, Conn. 640, Robert W. Curley.

2. Division 3 - Indianapolis, Ind. 459, Francis Brady.

Fran is on the Convention Committee and I don't think you will see much of him here.

3. Division 14 - Watertown, Mass. 413, John Connolly.

4. Division 29 - New York City, 397, William Duggan.

When I give these next two, you will see why I am giving the members, because I think competition will help.

5. Division 5 - Albany, N.Y. 296, Thomas Leach.

6. Division 1 - Schenectady, N.Y. 295, John McCauley.

7. Division 12 - Malden, Mass. 262, Michael Gover.

8. Division 8 - Lawrence, Mass. 242, Thomas Laine (185 members in 1969). If he is here, will Bill Donovan, the State President, stand up?

9. Division 1 - Detroit, Mich. 212, Richard McMillan.

10. Division 1 - E. St. Louis 211, Vincent Clark.

11. Division 2 - Elizabeth, N.J. 210, Thomas Roughan.

12. Division - Peabody, Mass. 207, John Riordan.

13. Division 8 - Troy, New York 206, Ronald Elliott.

14. Division 2 - Stamford, Conn. 204, Pat Quealey.

15. Division 2 - Akron, Ohio 200, Thomas Jeffeks.

16. Division 9 - N.Y. City 198, James Cameron.

17. Division 3 - Fairfield, Conn. 197, Vincent Skery.

18. Division 3 - New Haven, Conn. 193, James Scurie.

19. Division 10 - Lynn, Mass. 183, Charles Horgan.

20. Division 36 - Worcester, Mass. 182, William Sweet.

....Following the reading of their names, the Presidents stood and acknowledged the applause of the delegation.

The largest counties are:

1. Fairfield Cy., Conn. 1,181, John White.

2. New York Cy., N.Y. 1,168, Joseph Sullivan.

3. Essex Cy., Mass. 815.

They have not filed their report.

4. Middlesex Cy., Mass. 775, Robert T. Smith.

5. Allegheny Cy., Pa., 646, Edward Fay.

6. Queens Cy., N.Y., 585, Patrick Poole.

7. Kings Cy., N.Y., 477, Peter Tierney.

8. Marion Cy., Ind., 459, Fran Brady.

9. Cook Cy., Ill. 436, Joseph McGoldrick.

10. New Haven Cy., Conn. 435. They have not filed their report.

11. New Albany Cy., N.Y. 432, James Fox. They were that close together.

.....Following the announcement, the State Presidents stood and acknowledged the applause of the delegation.

The largest states are:

1. New York, 6,116, John Thornton.

2. Massachusetts, 2,107, Wm. Donovan

3. Connecticut, 1,874, Jerome Travers.

4. Pennsylvania, 1,432, Joe Montgomery.

5. New Jersey, 1,346, Robert Fastow.

.....Following their announcement, the State Presidents stood and acknowledged the applause of the delegation.

New divisions for the period August 12, 1968 to August 1, 1970:

1. Division 5 - Rockland Cy., N.Y., organized by Timothy Finn, National Organizer, 11/9/68.

2. Division 15 - Nassau Cy., N.Y., organized by Edward Kalbfleisch, 12/7/68.

Division has not filed 1969 report, is delinquent.

3. Division 1 - Camden, N.J., organized by William F. Clisham, Jr., 1/22/69.

4. Division 1 - Arlington, Va., organized by George Zahn, National Director, 3/17/69.

5. Division 1 - Oakland Cy., Mich. organized by George Lauster, 9/27/69.

6. Division 1 - Orange Cy., N.Y., organized by Timothy Finn, National Organizer, 10/25/69.

Division has not filed 1969 report, is delinquent.

7. Division 1 - Delaware Cy., Penn., organized by Joseph Montgomery, State President, 6/5/69.

8. Division 1 - Warren Cy., N.Y., organized by L. Patrick Jones (RIP), Edward Dunne, John Higgins, 10/12/69.

9. Division 6 - New York County, organized by James Cameron, 12/17/69.

10. Division 1 - Ulster Cy., N.Y., organized by Timothy Finn, Natl. Organizer, 12/19/69.

Division has not filed 1969 report, is delinquent.

Division or organizer have not filed completed lists of members giving names, address, etc. Therefore, no file can be set up for this division, nor can they receive the Digest.

11. Division 5 - Nassau Cy., N.Y., organized by Edward Kalbfleisch, 4/3/70.

I would like to make a comment that I may have erred. I was sent a list of names for this division without addresses, and I issued the Charter, and sent membership cards for the names as listed and asked for names and addresses so I could set up a division in the file.

I have written twice since, and I have not received the regular list, so the people in this division are not receiving the Digest.

12. Division 4 - Richmond County, N.Y., organized by Phillip McCusker and William Barnett, Jr., 4/3/70.

13. Division 1 - Niagara Cy., N.Y., organized by Edgar J. Doherty, 5/16/70.

14. Division 1 - Marion Cy., Indiana, organized by Edward L. Clark, 7/28/70.

There were 14 new divisions in the past two years. There was one Junior division

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at Albany County, New York, March 23, 1969, again organized by L. Pat Jones, deceased; Thomas Leach and Reverend Henry Tausey.

The 2nd, 6th and 10th place divisions have not filed a 1969 report and are delinquent.

The 10th and 11th place divisions have not filed complete lists of members, giving names, addresses, etc., and therefore no file can be set up for these divisions, nor can they receive the Digest.

This, gentlemen, concludes my report as National Secretary.

You will see that some things may seem trivial. I took the job of Secretary. I believe that you have to do a good job, and you don't try to play favorites. I have tried not to, and you can't always be a nice guy and be a Secretary, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Sullivan, Nat'l. Secretary

On a motion made by Farrell (Calif.), seconded by Keach (Ind.), report of the National Secretary was accepted by the Convention.

With a Closing Prayer recited by Msgr. Lawlor, Deputy National Chaplain, the Convention recessed at 12:25, to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

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Afternoon Session

The session was called to order at 1:35 P.M. by President Delahunty. The Opening Prayer was recited by Msgr. Lawlor, Deputy National Chaplain. The National President then addressed the Convention, as follows:

PRESIDENT DELAHUNTY:

Brothers, the first order of business of course is the nomination of officers, the men who are to guide and direct this Order through the years ahead.

I know that many of you perhaps have read about the position of our Order relative to the visit of Bernadette Devlin to this country, and I would just like to mention it for your benefit, especially with regard to our position that holds in the State of New Jersey, where we had a State President determine that he himself would express the feelings of the Order regarding her. I should say that he was not fit to polish her shoes. But he did come out and express his feelings about it, and we did receive a letter, by the way, from a priest in Minnesota. This is what he wrote:

"With full awareness of what could be envisaged with an exhaustive knowledge and deep personal involvement I, with indignity and with great contradiction of the pernicious charges made by Mr. Eugene J. Byrne, State President of New Jersey Board, concerning Miss Bernadette Devlin, the Irish Civil Rights proponent..."

I just want to mention the position of the Order on that question.

The injection of politics by Mr. Byrne did an enormous harm to our drive for money throughout the length and breadth of the United States. He circulated his own paper which was his own view regarding a situation in a foreign country.

This is the position of our Order, a statement issued this week announcing the statements of Eugene J. Byrne, New Jersey AOH President, warning Irish-Americans against responding to appeals from Miss Bernadette Devlin, M.P. for Northern Ireland, "do not reflect the policy of the Order."

I declare that Mr. Byrne's statement published in the New Jersey Hibernian, the state AOH newspaper, are the "personal opinions of Mr. Byrne, and should be represented only as such."

The Ancient Order of Hibernians now is conducting a campaign across the country for a minimum of \$1 million to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the recent violence in Northern Ireland.

I stated that the AOH is interested in "getting aid to those in need in Ulster, and not in personal attacks on any individual or group working toward that same end."

Money raised by the AOH will be distributed by a special committee in Northern Ireland under the direction of William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Distribution will be to all in need, regardless of religious belief. This is what I stated. I just want to bring this matter to your attention, because many men have raised the question about the position in New Jersey. But I can only say that this Byrne did enormous damage both to the AOH in New Jersey and to the drive throughout the length and the breadth of this country, no matter who you are.

Our brothers should support the officers of this Order, especially when they give direction, they make a decision, and the members are not expected to speak against them.

I know another man that has been intimidated -- of course I am just holding up

nominations until everyone gets in the hall -- and we have a press conference in New York City and I was alleged to have said to the press that we were going to give all the money to the Northern Ireland Relief Fund and so forth. This is the exact statement that I said to the press, and I will read it to you.

You are no doubt aware that Ireland is on the verge of civil war. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is compelled to bring to the attention of the world the truth about its centuries of oppression. It is our duty as the only nationwide organization of Irish origin. It is not Ireland, England holds Northern Ireland only in the Empire by the employment of force. Strife in Northern Ireland will not abate until the case of Ireland has been fully and carefully considered and settled in the world court of public opinion.

We Hibernians therefore support the request of Ireland's Prime Minister, Mr. John Lynch for the intervention of the United Nations. The government of Northern Ireland has failed completely to protect the personal rights of all its citizens and bring about a peaceful solution.

Only by the intervention of the United Nations troops can a holocaust be averted. Bringing in British troops can only aggravate a bad situation. The use of troops against a civilian population cannot be condoned under any circumstances. This prolonged discontent in this county has no equal in modern times civilization. We want the people of all Ireland to know that their cause is ever present in our minds and hearts. The world must be made conscious of the fact that these people have been divided by military force and this division maintained by similar force. People will return permanently to the Green Isle when Britain removes her threat and allows free and independent elections without gerrymandering and unrestricted suffrage. The world will learn that the so-called Catholic minority is not such a minority. It is this which England fears. Americans are famous for their generosity in siding oppressed peoples and minorities and in the present situation we need and ask for financial help from all Americans.

This is our report to the press. Anybody would to question it? It is here, and that is the only report made regardless of the interpretation that may have been alleged.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION BY NATIONAL COUNSEL MICHAEL C. GRAY:

Worthy President, Reverend Monsignor, Reverend Fathers, worthy National Board, my fellow delegates to this Convention, some of you may or may not be aware of the fact that the original Chairman of our Hibernian Immigration Committee was J. Frank O'Connor, and by reason of certain unfortunate personal problems which he had, which took a goodly part of his time, he was compelled to drop out of active participation in the Immigration Committee.

Mr. Delahunty then appointed me Chairman of this Committee, and this is my report on the activities of that Committee for the last two years.

For an understanding of the approach taken by the Immigration Committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, it becomes necessary to review briefly the background of the legislation which affected Immigration. With due deference to those who have knowledge of the situation, we are conscious of the fact that many have no knowledge. Some have a little, and other have been grossly misinformed.

Many years ago when the immigrants from Western Europe and their direct descendants wielded considerable influence in the halls of Congress of the United States, there came into existence legislation which limited immigration into the United States. Within the limits set down by the Act, quotas were established. These quotas were in direct relation to the number of persons who had come to these shores from foreign shores during a stated term of years.

Immigration from Western Europe and particularly Ireland had been great during the term which was used as a measuring yard or yardstick. Ireland had a large quota, as did Great Britain and Germany. During the years that the Act was in force, Ireland never used its entire quota. As a consequence, Irish and those of Irish extraction gave little or no thought to the provisions of the Act, or how they were applied. We had no need to. Anyone in reasonably good health who had the price of a ticket came here whenever he was ready.

On the other hand, countries with smaller quotas and large numbers desiring to come to the United States set up waiting lists. One particular country had a rather large waiting list of persons waiting, holding numbers in the order in which their applications for visas had been received.

The 1965 Immigration Act abolished this system of quotas based upon national origin. It provided a phasing out of the national origins quota.

In 1968, the phasing out was done with and we found ourselves with no visa numbers available for persons who desired to come here from Ireland. This came about by reason of the fact that in those countries with oversubscribed quotas who already had

waiting numbers, they were allowed to accept these waiting numbers and were given first crack at the immigration visas which were made available under the new law.

The Irish had never filled their quotas, had no waiting lines, and subsequently received none of the visas available to non-preferred immigrants. Broadly speaking, the present Act is a fair one if in Christian charity you give due regard to all persons throughout the world who desire to come to the United States, and you give due respect to the equal right of each to be treated alike without regard to national origin.

In enacting the legislation, Congress had in mind to put all persons on an equal footing. However, it was the application of that which hurt us, the system by which persons already waiting were allowed to keep their waiting status. It was obvious to all who gave any thought to the problem that something must be done to alleviate the restrictions on immigration that fell upon the peoples of Western Europe, and our particular concern was with Ireland.

Two measures intended to correct the situation have had much public attention. The first, the Fitz Ryan Bill and the Rodino Bill. The Fitz Ryan Bill was intended as permanent legislation, re-establishing to some degree a quota system based upon national origin. The Rodino Bill was intended as a stopgap temporary measure to ease immigration from Western Europe while the waiting lists of all countries were equalizing themselves.

Our Committee went about sounding out the sentiment in Congress with respect to both proposed amendments of the 1965 Immigration Act.

It soon became obvious to us that Congress would never stomach the provisions of the Fitz Ryan Bill with its return to national origin quotas. What is equally obvious was that many Congressmen had seen fit to make public endorsement of the bill solely and purely because it was politically expedient to do so. We say politically expedient advisedly, because it would not fall to the lot of those particular Congressmen to help the bill get to the floor of the House of Representatives. That responsibility lay with the members of the Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee. It was early in the game that we learned that the Fitz Ryan Bill was doomed to die in the Subcommittee. There is little doubt that everyone connected with the movement to amend the 1965 law was aware of this eventual death of the Fitz Ryan Bill and was aware of it two years ago, or almost two years ago.

At the same time we were examining the merits of the Cahill-Rodino Bill now referred to as the Rodino Bill since Mr. Cahill left the Halls of Congress to take up his duties as Governor of the great State of New Jersey, and we were not satisfied with the original proposal as we felt that it did not give us the help we wanted. It didn't give us enough.

To understand our dissatisfaction, it is necessary for you to know the substance of the original proposal as it was set up. Keeping in mind that the Irish had between 8 and 9 thousand unused available visas under the quota system, it was proposed to give to each nation with unused visas the number of unused visas during the last 12 months of the phasing out period of quota system and allow that number of visas to be used over a two-year period. They were to be made available only to those persons not otherwise entitled to a visa under existing law.

The members of our committee felt that this did not go far enough. Numerous conferences were held with Mr. Cahill and with Mr. Rodino and later with Mr. Rodino alone. Attending for our Committee were Mr. Delahunty, our National President who was always in the forefront, Mr. John Gibson of New Jersey, Mr. Tim Finn from New York, Mr. John A. O'Grady from Rockland County, and various others at various other times.

Finally Mr. Rodino asked us for our proposal. I am especially grateful to Mr. John O'Grady, Assistant Attorney General in the State of New York for his collaboration. On two occasions we were far into the night putting together the draft which was submitted to Mr. Rodino and approved by him. Our draft provides that we get all the unused numbers for two and a half years prior to the effective date of the law and allows the use of those visas over a four-year period cumulatively. That is to say, what we don't use the first year, we may use in the second, and what we don't use in the first, second and third years, we can carry forward to the fourth year. It would give us about 5,000 visas a year, a number not too far removed from the average number used in the ten years prior to the effective date of the present law.

Solely through the efforts of Mr. Rodino that bill drafted by us was reported favorably out of the Subcommittee on May 21, 1970.

We have every confidence that it will be brought to the floor of the House of Representatives this session. It is necessary, quite necessary to report to you that the efforts of the AOH Immigration Committee and the results achieved were without the

expenditures of one penny from the funds of this Order.

Everyone concerned with this particular program and its committee gave his time, his phone calls, his correspondence and in some cases paper messenger service without submitting any bill whatever to the National Board. It is the sincere prayer and hope of this committee that each of you will put his efforts behind HR 10618. Please make a note of the number, HR 10618, and that each of you will give his support.

We have brothers and sisters in Ireland waiting for it

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Michael C. Gray, Chairman
Immigration Committee

On a motion of Murphy (Conn.), seconded by McNabb (N.Y.), the report of the Immigration Committee was accepted by the Convention.

Before beginning the Nominations of Officers, President Delahunty called for a consideration of the question of the Vice President for Canada. Constitution Chairman Keane reported on two proposals submitted to the Committee: one, would amend the Constitution to read - "The following Officers to be elected: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors"; the other, "The following Officers to be elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Directors". The Committee recommended nonconcurrence with the first proposal, and concurrence in the second proposal. The Committee's recommendation of non-concurrence in the first proposal was adopted by the Convention. The Convention then voted to adopt the second proposal, that is, that the Office of National Vice President for Canada be eliminated, and that six National Directors be elected instead.

President Delahunty then called for the Nominations of Officers. For the Office of President, Past National Director Patrick Sherwin (Conn.) was first recognized by the Chair.

PATRICK SHERWIN (Conn.):

Worthy President, Clergy, Hibernians of all jurisdictions, it is with great privilege and pleasure I come here from the great State of Connecticut to present to you a man whom we think a great deal of, and who has proven his worth.

I wanted to prove, and I am going to set the path for you this afternoon by not bringing you a long-winded speech. I will go on and tell you the attributes of this man, but in the interest of brevity, I am going to cut it very short.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, Cork that gave us such men as O'Donovan, Rossa, Palmer, Davis, Michael Collins, this man's name I am about to present left there, brought up in the home of great national intensity, and immigrated to this country, settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut, joined the John F. Kennedy Division, moved to Waterbury, the great brass city, became active in the Hibernians from the day he joined.

The \$100,000 building of that Msgr. Slocum Division in Waterbury is a living memento to his push and drive for better things for Hibernians.

He has served as local division President from 1956 to 1958; State President from 1964 to 1966, National Director from 1966 to 1968, and National Vice President from 1968 to 1970.

We Hibernians are very proud of him in all of his efforts. Delegates to this Convention, you have a great responsibility, and if the Hibernian organization is going to keep on the move it is going to be through the judgment of you people. Now we are facing large scale problems throughout; we need leadership, and I am sure and our delegates from Connecticut are sure that this is the man to do the job. I have the greatest confidence in your ability; you have a great responsibility, and without further ado, I would point out that the man has served in every capacity. He has delivered in every capacity, and don't leave the bride at the altar, bring him the rest of the way.

I am proud to come from Connecticut, because Connecticut has given to Hibernianism Connie Collins, the next President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The nomination of Cornelius Collins (Conn.) was seconded by: White (Conn.), Travers (Conn.), Brown (Ill.), McGarrity (Conn.) and Ryan (Conn.).

JOSEPH GIBLIN (NY):

Mr. National President, Reverend Monsignor, Reverend Fathers, and delegates to this Convention, it is a great pleasure for me to place in nomination for the office of President of our Order a man who is as well known to the leaders and the delegates of this organization as any man in the Order. Since becoming the National Organizer by appointment of our President two years ago, he has traveled around the country promoting Hibernianism and organizing new divisions. He is imbued with a sense of Hibernianism, and was responsible for the bringing of over 200 new members into the

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Order in his own Lieutenant Patrick Walsh Division No. 29 in New York County.

In addition to this, since becoming National Organizer, he has been responsible for organizing four new divisions, and with others in the process of organization, has had a net gain of over 1,000 new members as reported by our National Secretary this morning.

He lives and breathes Hibernianism, and getting new members into our Order.

While others have sought the office of National President and have done a good job, they usually held the membership at an existing level, or else they lost members. We need someone as our National President who will build up the Order so that our membership will increase in the next few years and not stagnate or remain the same. The man I am about to nominate will do the required job. He has proven himself in his own division in New York as the New York State Organizer, and as our National Organizer. He is young and he is dynamic, and he is imbued with the ideals of things Irish, because he works with Irishmen in the field of law enforcement where he has been connected for a number of years.

Now for his experience. He is Past President of one of the largest divisions in the Order. He has been the State Organizer and the National Organizer. He has represented our National President at various functions. He has gone to Washington on a number of occasions in support of changes in the National Immigration Act. He has organized and participated in rallies against the treatment of the people of Northern Ireland at the United Nations. He served as co-chairman of the National Board Dinner in Newark, New Jersey. He has directed much of the public relations work of the National Board. He has correlated news for the Digest and wrote his own column.

He served as Regional Director of the Northern Ireland Relief Fund and National Board Liaison with fund raising organizations. He obtained space for a National Headquarters in New York City without cost to the Order.

In addition, he has been able to raise a wonderful family and is the proud father of four children. Perhaps very importantly, he has been available to help a brother in need, a fact to which so many of our brothers can attest. He has received the endorsement of the New York County Convention and the New York State Convention. I know that if he receives the endorsement of this Convention he will breathe a new breath of accomplishment into our Order.

It is a great pleasure for me to place in nomination for the office of President a great Irishman and a great leader, our present National Organizer, Timothy J. Finn.

The nomination of Timothy J. Finn (N.Y.) was seconded by: Dunn (N.Y.), Ziemann (N.Y.), Duggan (N.Y.), Mullins (N.Y.), Hartnett (N.Y.), Foley (N.Y.), Buckley (Ill.), Murray (N.Y.), Brown (N.Y.), Todd (N.Y.), and Hester (N.Y.).

THOMAS P. O'MALLEY (Pa.):

Mr. Chairman, Reverend Fathers, National Officers and delegates to this Convention, as we assemble here to conduct the business of this Convention, we all realize the importance of leadership. And it is my pleasant duty at this time to place in nomination today the name of the man whom I consider to be the finest exemplification of leadership that our Order can offer. But first, let us examine what it takes to be a leader. The primary qualifications are dedication, inspiration, administration, and implementation.

The man that I nominate today has this very combination of qualities that assuredly will lead us to greater heights. The fire of dedication to the cause of the Irish burns brightly in this man and in his Hibernian family. Being the youngest of ten children, he has Hibernianism instilled into his being by his father and eight brothers who are all men of the AOH. His dedication made him a varsity letter man at Notre Dame during the 1940's when championship football and Notre Dame were synonymous. The inspiration he has given others by his actions and not his words is a talent by all that know him as football coach, educator, social worker, civic leader, county and division President, National Director, National Treasurer and National Vice President of our Order. Administration is his forte and God knows our Order needs this important quality.

In Pittsburgh, he was made Chairman of a floundering, leaderless St. Patrick's Day parade. It is now the outstanding event in the city, where a quarter of a million people annually see the result of his administration. He has displayed leadership and administrative genius in his occupation as Director of the Catholic Youth Association, and as Executive Secretary of the Pittsburgh Notre Dame Club. He has been responsible for disbursements and the collection of over \$1 million with the complete faith and trust

and eternal gratitude of his superiors for a job well done.

Somewhere I saw the slogan, "If we are going to sing the songs, let us perform the deeds." Gentlemen, what more appropriate phrase could best describe the man I present for your consideration?

He is the essence of implementation. Everything he has undertaken he has seen through to conclusion. He leaves no job half done. He as a National Organizer is a hard taskmaster, a dynamic leader, a loyal worker and a charitable man of God. He has come to this Convention with the unanimous endorsement of his county and state Conventions, attesting to the high regard in which he is held by his fellow Hibernians from Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen, I have the pleasure of addressing groups of people for various purposes, but never have I been more sincere when I now say it is with great pride that I place in nomination for President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Notre Dame's Edward J. Fay.

The nomination of Edward J. Fay (Pa.) was seconded by: Thornton (N.Y.), Ormond (Ohio), Montgomery (Pa.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Dalton (N.Y.), Callahan (Pa.), Conley (Pa.), Collins (Pa.), Gallagher (Pa.), Dunne (N.Y.), Tierney (N.Y.), Konroy (Ill.), Hyland (N.Y.), Reynolds (N.Y.), O'Connor (Pa.), Myers (D.C.), Coakley (Mass.) and Reagan (N.Y.).

On a motion by Duggan (N.Y.), seconded by McDevitt (Pa.), the nominations for the Office of National President were closed on the names of Cornelius Collins (Conn.), Timothy J. Finn (N.Y.) and Edward J. Fay (Pa.).

President Delahunty then called for nominations for the Office of National Vice President. The Chair recognized Past National President Michael Dowd (D.C.).

MICHAEL J. DOWD (D.C.):

Mr. President, Father Lawlor, delegates to this Convention, I came before you three years ago, and you were very nice to me. I asked to nominate George Zahn, and you did, and we were never sorry in Washington. We are a small spot in Washington, and we needed George down there, and anything you need from Washington, George will get it for you. George has been a home man, a good Catholic, a good Hibernian, President of his division. I believe that if there was a Hibernian that was in Alaska, he would be up there after him. Anything he is asked to do, he will do, and he will do it well. He took care of the Northern Ireland Relief, and our women were opposed to that down in Washington, but he did a good job of it. He decorated the graves of the Kennedys and Custis in Arlington, Virginia. He organized a division in Virginia, and the first time in 100 years, and they have now 125 members, and at the next Convention, they will have a state, they will have more than one, they will have a delegate here, Mr. Ryan, and you will have three or four of them here by the next Convention.

We need George in Washington. We are a small spot. His home is open to the scholars that you send down there from all over the country, from our Catholic colleges, and he takes care of them. He takes them any place they want to go, and if someone gives them a little trouble, George is always back of him. All I ask you now, on behalf of myself and our delegates from Washington, elect George Zahn Vice President, and you won't be sorry, thank you very much.

The nomination of George Zahn was seconded by: Ryan (Va.), Thornton (N.Y.), Kinane (N.Y.), Downey (Md.), Vaughan (D.C.), Myers (D.C.), Reilly (D.C.), and Halloran (D.C.).

The Chair then recognized William Ryan (N.Y.).

WILLIAM RYAN (N.Y.):

Worthy National President, National Board Members, Reverend Fathers, State County and Division Officers and members, we won't borrow time today with long details of a man who has served our organization well and true, and it is very difficult to address an intelligent audience with the integrity that you people have, but this is what we are relying on tomorrow morning, your intelligence and integrity to elect a National Vice President that can do the job in a quiet, unassuming way that he has done all the past jobs that he has held in the past.

A 26-year member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, this gentleman has held every chair or almost every chair in his division, all the chairs in his county, all the chairs of the New York State Board including State President. He is our present National Treasurer. And as I say, he does his work in a quiet, unassuming way, not asking for your help, but searching his own conscience to do the job thoroughly and properly as we desire it.

You heard his report today, it was complete, accurate, and right down to the detail. So therefore, I suggest a man that is fully endorsed by the New York State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians from Syracuse, New York, J. William Reagan for National Vice President.

The nomination of J. William Reagan was seconded by: Dunn (N.Y.), McNabb (N.Y.), Fox (N.Y.), Finn (N.Y.), Reynolds (N.Y.), Duggan (N.Y.), Cameron (N.Y.), McCauley (N.Y.), and Calnan (N.Y.).

President Delahunty then recognized Russell Murphy (Mo.).

RUSSELL MURPHY (Mo.):

Mr. President, Reverend Fathers, fellow Hibernians, in keeping with the wishes of the Chair, I will not expound on the virtues of the gentleman whose name I would like to place before you for Vice President. I only would state that he has long been active in civic and social affairs throughout the State of Missouri. He has further supplied the Midwest the leadership in the Hibernian cause.

For the past two years he has served as your National Liaison Officer, and I would like to point out that by virtue of his employment, he is uniquely qualified to serve as Vice President of this organization insofar as that he travels throughout the breadth of the land. And therefore, without any cost to the organization, he would be in a position to implement the policies of our national office. I would like to place before you at this time the name of Jack Keane for Vice President.

The nomination of Jack Keane was seconded by: Clifford (Conn.), Sherwin (Conn.), Murphy (Mo.), Galvin (Mo.), Donoghue (Ind.), McCarthy (Mo.), McCaffey (Mo.), Keeley (Ill.), Kelly (Mich.) and Quinn (Mass.).

On a motion by Downing (N.Y.), seconded by Sullivan (N.Y.) the nominations for the Office of Vice President were closed on the names of George Zahn, J. William Reagan, and Jack Keane.

President Delahunty then called for nominations for the office of National Secretary. The Chair recognized James Welch (Ind.).

JAMES WELCH (Ind.):

Would you believe I am dressed for the picnic? And I am going to hurry, for all of you. Would you believe success requires effort? If you look in here, the letter to the Editor that Jim wrote, all we Hibernians ought to get on the ball, and I think what he has done in the last two years deserves for him another chance. I think he deserves it. He needs the salary, but he is a fine Irishman. And I want you to all really stick with the theme of the Convention of unity, and think about it, and all of Indiana is proud to endorse Jim Sullivan for re-election.

The nomination of James R. Sullivan was seconded by: Keane (Mo.), McNabb (N.Y.), Kehoe (Ind.), Lauster (Mich.), O'Shaughnessy (Mo.), Sullivan (Ind.), Erickson (Ky.), Conwell (Mich.), Donoghue (Ind.), Riley (Ohio), McCauley (N.Y.), Ryan (N.Y.), Cass (N.J.), Calnan (N.Y.), Foley (N.Y.), Cosgriff (Minn.) and Ryan (Mich.).

The Chair then recognized State President John Thornton (N.Y.).

JOHN THORNTON (N.Y.):

Worthy President, Reverend Clergy, National Board officers and fellow delegates, the man I am about to nominate for the office of Secretary was born and raised in New York City, has been a member of the Order for 25 years. In June of this year he completed 14 years of service on the New York State Board. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Providence College, Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Immaculate Conception College in Washington, and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Fordham University.

At the present time he is matriculating in a sixth-year certificate program in administration and supervision at Richmond College in the University of New York. At the present time he holds the post of attendance teacher in the New York City School System. Our candidate attended the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Albany, Chicago and Philadelphia. At the Albany Convention he had the honor of acting as Chairman of the Committee that presented the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Medal. It is with pleasure that I nominate for the office of National Secretary the name of the Past State President of New York William J. Bartnett, Jr.

The nomination of William J. Bartnett, Jr. was seconded by: Dunn (N.Y.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Hyland (N.Y.), Hulton (N.Y.), Waters (N.Y.), Kinane (N.Y.), Tierney (N.Y.), Fox (N.Y.) and Guerin (Md.).

On a motion by Sullivan (N.Y.), seconded by Hyland (N.Y.) the nominations for the Office of National Secretary were closed on the names of James R. Sullivan (Ind.) and William J. Bartnett, Jr. (N.Y.).

President Delahunty then called for nominations for the office of National Treasurer. The Chair recognized Msgr. Riley (Pa.).

MONSIGNOR RILEY (Pa.):

Thank you, Mr. President. The Board of Directors, my fellow priests, fellow Hibernians, you have before you a card that the priest always says on Sunday morning, pick up the card and follow me. And a candidate's qualifications are on this card, but one or two have been omitted. He was brought up under the direction of Msgr. John Keogh, who is the priest who started the Priest Institute in 1952 at the Convention in Atlantic City.

He attended one of the oldest free Catholic High Schools in the United States, Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He comes from a great city of financiers, following in the footsteps of Benjamin Franklin and Robert Morris. He was the chief finance man and still is for the St. Patrick's Day parade which has been in existence for over 13 years. He is one of the men who brought to the attention of the Convention the abortion material which you find on your chairs. He is also very conscious of the 200th anniversary of the United States of America which is about to be celebrated in 1976, and the finances for this I am sure can be handled by him.

I place in nomination the name of Brother Tom Gibson for Treasurer, thank you.

The nominations of Thomas Gibson was seconded by: Montgomery (Pa.), Gallagher (Pa.), Callahan (Pa.), O'Connor (Pa.), Schickling (Pa.), and Roche (Pa.).

The Chair then recognized Michael Egan (Ill.).

MICHAEL EGAN (Ill.):

Mr. Chairman, Reverend Fathers, National Officers and Directors, fellow delegates to the Convention, I don't know how I do it, but I always manage to get in a bad spot. I question in my mind whether or not I should make this talk, following the Monsignor. Of course, he is used to talking to large audiences, which makes a big difference. But anyway, I will do the best I can, Monsignor, because I got material, because I have got good material to work with.

I am to nominate a man who was born in the County of Cook in the State of Illinois, a dedicated American, and a dedicated Hibernian. This gentleman of whom I speak has served in the Knights of Columbus for 45 years. He was instrumental in organizing one of the largest divisions in the County of Cook. He was unanimously elected to the office of President of that division for four consecutive terms, until he begged out so that he could serve the County and State Boards of the State of Illinois, which he now is a Director of, both County and State. He is also National Director in the State of Illinois.

It is a great honor and a great pleasure at this time for me to place in nomination the name of a dedicated Hibernian, a man who will serve you with honor, a man who you will be proud of. He has served well in every office he has ever held, and I know he will do this job equally well.

I give you now for the office of National Treasurer, none other than Brother Stephen T. O'Malley from the State of Illinois.

The nomination of Stephen O'Malley was seconded by: Cameron (N.Y.), Gilhawley (N.Y.), Kinane (N.Y.), Mullins (N.Y.), Duggan (N.Y.), McNiff (N.Y.), Foley (N.Y.), McCauley (N.Y.), Thornton (N.Y.), Travers (Conn.), Gavin (Ill.) and Burns (N.Y.).

The Chair then recognized John Hoswell (Ohio).

JOHN HOSWELL (Ohio):

Reverend Fathers, Mr. President, State Board, fellow delegates, I place before you a candidate who was born in County Wexford, Ireland. He is married and has seven children. He is employed as an insurance broker, I think part time, because of his time he puts into the Hibernians. Some of his accomplishments follow -- he is a National Director at the moment on the National Board; he is a past State President in the State of Ohio; president of Irish groups in Cincinnati for 13 years. He is acting as President; Vice President of the Cincinnati Council of Citizenship, Past President of the Cincinnati Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club, Past President of the Cincinnati Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Past President of the Hyde Park Civic Club and Past President of the Cincinnati Polio Foundation. These things could go on and on, but I know my candidate, because although he lives in Cincinnati, I met him so many, many times in so many different cities throughout the Midwest at various functions, because wherever he is asked to go, he has traveled all over the country speaking on behalf of Irish men and women, regardless of what the theme may be, be it immigration, Northern Ireland Relief Fund, or anything of that manner.

Down in his home base in Cincinnati, this man was one of the founders of a St. Patrick's Day Committee. Now this is nothing new to you in New York, but down in Cincinnati, it is a hell of a thing to try and put on a St. Patrick's Day parade in such a German town.

Anyway, this parade in three years has progressed to 3,000 people marching there, 140 bands this year, and 150,000 spectators, and they expect to double that. They already have commitments to double that. Through his efforts, the school kids are learning Irish culture, and this effort is spreading down in the southern end of the Midwest states.

He has doubled his membership in the Cincinnati Division, not entirely through his efforts, but certainly with his help.

On the State Board, the State Board's financial position this year, just in a recent

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Convention they have stated they are as rich now as they have ever been. This man has many, many accomplishments. But I would just like to say that looking down this list, the Past President of the Cincinnati Polio Foundation, I believe with his help the weak get strong, and I feel sure of him helping the weak get stronger in the Midwest. And I am proud to endorse for the Ohio delegation at our recent Convention who endorsed Dick Ormond for National Treasurer, and I place his name in nomination at this time. Thank you.

The nomination of Richard Ormond was seconded by: Hyland (N.Y.), Dunne (N.Y.), McSorley (Ohio) and Purdy (Ohio).

The Chair then recognized Michael Farrell (Calif.).

MICHAEL FARRELL (Calif.):

Worthy President, Reverend Fathers, National Directors, my brother delegates, the man I am about to place in nomination for National Treasurer I believe has all the qualifications necessary to do an excellent job for the National Board. This man has served as a National Director since 1968; he has also served as California State President in 1966 to 1968; California State Secretary '64 to '66, and in division and county offices, which he has held from 1960 to the present time. He has also held the following offices in other Irish organizations in California, which is very important so we can coordinate everything. He has been President of the United Irish Societies from 1966 to 1968; President, Irish Literary and Historical Society, 1962 to 1964; Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Literary and Historical Society in 1964 to 1970; Chairman of the Robert Emmet Commemorative Ceremonies in 1969; Chairman of the John Barry Memorial Exercises in 1968; Chairman of the Rev. Peter C. Yorke Memorial Exercises in 1967, and was Chairman for the Civic Banquet commemorating the 1916 Uprising in 1966.

He is also active in other organizations, and has served as California State President for Library Trustees Association and Council President of the Young Men's Institute in California. He holds degrees in Philosophy and Law, and is employed in an administrative position for the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, and he still finds time to do the following: He is Professor of Labor Relations at the University of San Francisco; Commissioner of San Francisco Public Library from '64 to '70, and as Commissioner of the San Francisco Art Commission from 1965 to 1969.

He is known as one who is devoted to promoting Hibernianism, and as one who will expend his time, talent and energy to perform the duties of National Treasurer with the same dedicated enthusiasm he has demonstrated in all his previous Hibernian activities.

Another reminder, he is also the man to prepare the multi-million dollar budget for the Department of Industrial Relations in the State of California. With his direction and guidance, our California membership has increased during the past two years, which is something that had been declining for the previous ten years. We have been honored in California by this man's election as National Director two years ago, and on the West Coast, we feel that his qualities of leadership will continue to distinguish our Order not only in California, but in the whole Western United States.

Therefore, it gives me great pleasure and honor to place in nomination the name of our National Director Edward F. Callanan, Jr., from San Francisco.

The nominations of Edward Callanan was seconded by Curtin (Calif.) and Duffy (N.Y.).

The Chair then recognized Michael Kilgallen (Ohio).

MICHAEL KILGALLEN (Ohio):

Reverend Fathers, members of the Board, Brother Hibernians, I will only take about six seconds of your time so that we can get out of here and get to our picnic. When one nominates a man for a high office, I think he should first consider three things: Is he able? Is he capable and is he willing? The man I am about to nominate answers yes to all three of these. He has been a Hibernian for 20 years. He has been a National Director from '62 to '64. He was the National Organizer from '66 to '68. He has attended every National Convention since 1954. He is a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Dayton, the largest county in the State of Ohio. He is a member of our Fourth Degree. He is a Treasurer of the Greater Dayton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He organized the Southern Chapter of the Immigration Committee. He is on the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph Orphanage and Home of the Mentally Ill. He is Past President of the Catholic Youth - Adults Group; he is employed by the International Harvester Corporation and has been for 25 years, and I proudly present to you for your consideration for the office of National Treasurer Michael Coogan of Ohio.

The nomination of Michael Coogan was seconded by: Downey (Md.), Donahue (Ind.), McNabb (N.Y.), Brady (Ind.) and Devlin (Mass.).

On a motion made by Erickson (Ky.), seconded by Dugan (Ind.) the nominations for the Office of Treasurer were closed on the names of Thomas Gibson (Pa.), Stephen O'Malley (Ill.), Richard Ormond (Ohio), Edward Callanan (Calif.), and Michael Coogan (Ohio).

President Delahunty called for nominations for the Office of National Director, with six vacancies to be filled. The Chair recognized State President Robert Fastow (N.J.).

ROBERT FASTOW (N.J.):

Thank you, Mr. President, Reverend Fathers, National and State Division officers, and brother delegates, it is my pleasure to place before you the name of a gentleman whom we in New Jersey have great respect for, for the office of National Director.

He has been a long-time member of the organization, 25 years plus. He is a Past President of the State of New Jersey, he has also served as the County President for four years, and was also President of Division No. 4 of Plainfield. He has served as Grand Marshal in the 1967 St. Patrick's Day parade held in Northern New Jersey, and he presently serves as President of that organization. He is a member of the St. Bernard's Holy Name Society. He is employed by Mack Trucking Parts & Supplies in Bridgewater, New Jersey, and has been for the last 27 years. He is presently serving his tenth term in No. 229. He has been a Pension Board representative for over 20 years, a representative of SUB for 15 years. He is presently serving his third term in Plainfield, New Jersey, which is composed of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Hibernians.

He is a graduate of St. Gregory School and St. Benedict's Prep in New Jersey, and he graduated from Fordham, New Jersey with a BS degree in business administration. He is a dedicated husband and father of eight children. Two sons are members of Division 4, Plainfield. His wife is also a member of the Auxiliary and has been for 25 years. This gentleman was unanimously proposed by the State Convention in New Jersey this past June, and endorsed by them for this office of National Director. During Bernie's Administration the State President had a happy and glorious honor of successfully nominating Brother Joseph M. Brennan, known to us all here as "Pop" for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award. Bernie practices friendship, fraternity and Christian charity for the benefit of our Order for every purpose that we desire. As State President, the membership in New Jersey increased four times in ten years, and financially, the State treasury was in excellent condition.

To achieve these goals he is keeping in constant touch with members, divisions and counties. At this time, I would like to place before you for the office of National Director on the National Board, Bernard J. McCreesh.

The nomination of Bernard J. McCreesh was seconded by: Finn (N.Y.), Brennan (N.J.), Conroy (N.J.), Collins (Pa.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Keane (Mo.), O'Malley (Ill.), Cameron (N.Y.), Fay (Pa.), Kilgallen (Ohio), Ormond (Ohio), Coogan (Ohio), Murray (N.Y.) and Gavin (Ill.).

The Chair then recognized John Murray (Ind.).

JOHN MURRAY (Ind.):

Worthy President, Reverend Fathers, fellow delegates, we are very happy to have in the State of Indiana a man who comes from a very large clan. There are 72 in his clan. They all get together and possibly this clan might have the next Governor of our State. This man is also very well thought of in his party and has great responsibilities. He is a graduate from Notre Dame, he is extremely dynamic in his approach and administration; he is Chairman of this Convention which is no easy or simple matter to put on. It is traditional with the Irish that the Chairman be with a national office, and Jim Welch deserves it.

The nomination of James Welch was seconded by: Coogan (Ohio), Erickson (Ky.), Fay (Pa.), Lemihan (Ind.), Ryan (Ind.), Brady (Ind.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Farrell (Calif.), Ormond (Ohio), Mullin (Pa.) and Collins (Pa.).

The Chair recognized Phillip Kelly (Mich.).

PHILLIP C. KELLY (Mich.):

I am here for the purpose of nominating Joseph W. O'Connor of Division 1, Omaha, Nebraska, as candidate for National Director. Brother O'Connor has served as Chairman of the Sports Committee, as an appointee by President Delahunty. He has been a member of the A.O.H. for over 25 years, has served the Omaha Division as President, Secretary, Treasurer, and he has been a delegate to our National Conventions at Albany, Chicago and Philadelphia, at which he served on most all of the committees. The Ancient Order of Hibernians has been a big part of O'Connor's family life. He was instrumental for his division for the purchase of real estate and its resale and adding a profit of \$60,000 for his division. He is a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and has served

as Grand Knight and Trustee of the Third Degree. His platform is to conserve membership, increase membership, organize divisions throughout the Middle West and Western states, and sponsor national publicity.

The AOH needs representatives from all parts of the United States if we are to be a strong Catholic national organization. Brother O'Connor is married, his wife's name is Josephine, and they are known as Joe and Jo. He has two married daughters, and five grandchildren. He has been an independent insurance broker over 30 years.

I take pleasure in presenting to you as a candidate for National Director, Joseph W. O'Connor of Nebraska.

The nomination of Joseph W. O'Connor (Neb.) was seconded by: Sherwin (Conn.), Ormond (Ohio), Finn (N.Y.), Morris (Texas), Keane (Mo.), Lennon (N.Y.), O'Malley (Ill.), Collins (Conn.) and Lauster (Mich.).

The Chair then recognized Michael Lennon (N.Y.).

MICHAEL LENNON (N.Y.):

Worthy National President, Reverend Clergy, delegates to this Convention, the man whose name I am going to present to you for the office of National Director has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for 23 years. For 22 of these 23 years he has been an officer in our Order. He is a Past State President, Past State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Organizer. He has two sons who are both Past Officers of our jurisdiction. He has held all offices in his division, and is endorsed by the New York State Board. He is active in various veterans organizations. He is Past National Commander of the 27th Division Association; Past Commander of Post 105; Past Commander of 1091, and a member of Post 1895 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Holy Name Society of his parish, a member of the Schenectady General Electric Management Association; member of the Schenectady Liederkrantz. It has proven experience in leadership. It is a privilege and honor for me to nominate for the office of National Director John F. Dunn of Schenectady, New York.

The nomination of John F. Dunn (N.Y.) was seconded by: Finn (N.Y.), Sullivan (N.Y.), McNabb (N.Y.), Hartnett (N.Y.), Thornton (N.Y.), Foley (N.Y.), Buckley (Ill.), Giblin (N.Y.), Waters (N.Y.), Coakley (Mass.), Glavin (N.Y.) and Kilgallen (Ohio).

The Chair then recognized George Lauster (Mich.).

GEORGE LAUSTER (Mich.):

Fellow delegates, we in Michigan have a young dynamic man who has been active in the Hibernians for 10 years, who was too young to start any earlier. He has also been active in and around the Irish organizations in Detroit, the Gaelic League, the GAA; he was also on the United Irish Society. He at present is the President of the ninth largest division in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and in the last year we expanded our facilities through his efforts and leadership. We had 50 to 60 men that went down and volunteered to work weekends and nights to make it one of the most beautiful halls that I have ever been in.

Now at this time I would like to put him in nomination, Richard McMillan, President of the Detroit division as nominee for National Director.

The nomination of Richard McMillan (Mich.) was seconded by: Ormond (Ohio), Coogan (Ohio), Erickson (Ky.), Hoswell (Ohio) and Finn (N.Y.).

The Chair recognized Richard Ormond (Ohio).

RICHARD ORMOND (Ohio):

Mr. President, in the interest of time, my remarks will be very brief. I want to place in nomination a man that we should pay attention to, because he typifies the type of man we should have coming into the organization, a young man from Dublin, he has been an inspiration to us in Ohio since his arrival from Ireland. He has unified Dayton which had its problems. He has done a magnificent job; he was Dayton's officially endorsed candidate for State President, and it gives me great pleasure without taking any more time to tell you much about his attributes, to present the name of John Hoswell for National Director.

The nomination of John Hoswell (Ohio) was seconded by: McMillan (Mich.), O'Brien (Ohio) and Sheen (Mich.).

The Chair then recognized Peter Tierney (N.Y.).

PETER TIERNEY (N.Y.):

Reverend Clergy, National, State and County Officers, delegates, it is my pleasure to come before you and present to you the name of a man who needs no introduction to Hibernianism. He is a man who over the last 35 or 36 years has attended all Conventions, both county, state and national, and he is a man who will give his time and talent and energy, and he is capable and able and a willing man, and that is the type of man we need as a National Director.

This man hails from County Tipperary, and he has held all of the offices in his division in Kings County, mainly Division 5. He has held all the offices in Kings County, all the way up to President. He is a Past

State President of New York.

I now present to you the name of Brother William Kinane of Brooklyn, for the office of National Director.

The nomination of William Kinane (N.Y.) was seconded by: Dunne (N.Y.), Sullivan (N.Y.), Duffy (N.Y.), Dalton (N.Y.), Vaughan (D.C.) and Collins (Conn.).

The Chair recognized William Guerin (Md.).

WILLIAM GUERIN (Md.):

I don't come with notes, so you won't have any speech from me, because I am not going to attempt to paint wings on my candidate. Reverend Clergy, National President, my fellow delegates, the man I wish to present to you is one of the dynamic workers in the State of Maryland. As a tireless worker he has served as President of the division, President of the County Board - - we call it the City Board - - President of the Maryland State Board. He is a successful businessman, and without further ado, as I know most of you know him, I give you J. Robert Tweedy, Towson, Maryland.

The nomination of J. Robert Tweedy (Md.) was seconded by: Sherwin (Conn.), Coogan (Ohio), Sullivan (N.Y.), Hyland (N.Y.), Thornton (N.Y.), Ormond (Ohio), Fay (Pa.), Vaughan (D.C.), O'Malley (Ill.), Murphy (Conn.), Kinane (N.Y.), Collins (Conn.) and McMahon (Conn.).

On a motion made by Dunne (N.Y.), seconded by Sullivan (N.Y.) the nominations for the Office of National Director were closed on the names of Bernard J. McCreesh (N.J.), James C. Welch (Ind.), Joseph O'Connor (Neb.), John Dunn (N.Y.), Richard McMillan (Mich.), John Hoswell (Ohio), William Kinane (N.Y.), and J. Robert Tweedy (Md.).

At this point in the proceedings, because of the lateness of the hour, National President Delahunty suggested that the names of the cities in contention for the 1972 Convention only be mentioned, with the actual speeches to be deferred until the following day. Leahy (N.J.) so moved, seconded by Brown (N.Y.) and the motion was passed unanimously. The following cities were then named: Dublin, Ireland (by Browne of N.Y.), Detroit, Michigan (by McMillan of Michigan), Syracuse, New York (by Reagan of N.Y.), and San Francisco, California (by Callanan of California).

Following the Closing Prayer by Msgr. Lawlor the Convention recessed at 3:30 P.M. to reconvene on August 6, 1970 at 9:00 A.M.

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The Convention was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by President Delahunty.

Following the recitation of the Opening Prayer by the Deputy National Chaplain, Msgr. Lawlor, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Delegates.

President Delahunty then called for the report of the JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL MEDAL COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE J. NEARY: Brother Chairman, Bernard McCreesh has asked me to inform members of his Committee that they are going to meet right next door.

Report on the Kennedy Memorial Fund Committee. To my amazement, we didn't have too many attend the meetings. I called three or four times, but we did have a few people there. It is recommended by this Committee that the present set of rules and regulations that are now in effect for this Kennedy Memorial Award are put on a fair and equal basis for each and every individual in our entire Order, and should remain as they are in their present state, with one deletion in the sentence of "Irish culture" as a requisite.

I would also like to have it on the records that the total expense from our operation of this project was \$25 per year, or a total of \$50 for two years covering stamps only. As I assumed all the other expenses on the printing and so forth. The reason I state this because yesterday there was an expense of \$1,200 or so which of course goes for the medal and the dinners and so forth, but that was not for me. Thank you, gentlemen.

On a motion from the floor, the report of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee was received by the Convention with a standing ovation.

The Presiding Officer then called for the report of the National Organizer, Timothy Finn (New York).

Worthy National President, clergy, Msgr. Lawlor, my fellow delegates, with every ounce of gratitude available to me, I want to thank our worthy National President for the opportunity during the past two years to serve as National Organizer. I was given the opportunity to do what was dearest to my heart, work for the improvement of our great Order.

At the very outset, while I was looking and planning, I found a peculiar resentment in some quarters for our proposals to form new divisions. I soon learned that this was caused by fear that the control held by some

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small cliques might be weakened by the creation of new divisions.

One group was bold enough to adopt a resolution at the county level condemning the formation of a new division as an unfriendly act. In another area, a County President resigned when a new division was formed.

I prepared and distributed suggestions, directions for increasing our membership, and this was mailed to all state, county and division Presidents. During some of my regional meetings, I found that some of the material I had sent out had never even been read nor had it even been presented to the membership.

In addition to organizing four new divisions, I wore many hats whenever the National President called upon me. I served as Co-Chairman of the National Board Dinner held in Newark, New Jersey. When the occasion called for publicity of one kind or another, or a contact with the right person at the right time, I directed most of the public relation works of our National Board.

We are aware of the fact that the Hibernian Digest only became an interesting periodical when it became a newsy item. I correlated items from the New York area and contributed a column regularly.

To further the program of the Immigration Committee, I traveled to Washington and made numerous trips to Newark, New Jersey, and to New York City to attend the conferences. At the beginning of the Northern Ireland campaign, I arranged for sizable free office space for the National Headquarters for the program, and I arranged to get the immediate cash for stationery, office machinery, and the salary of a typist. I acted as Regional Director of the fund, and I traveled extensively throughout the State of New York on behalf of the drive and served as liaison with professional fund raising organizations.

My contacts with the various duties which I have carried out showed me that the basic problem is promoting the continued health of our Order is indifference. This indifference grew not like a tree from bottom to top, but started with the indifference of many of our leaders and filtered down upon the young and new members, and eventually quenching the spirit before it got a chance. If we give these sparks a chance to ignite in this Order, a group of well chosen leaders, leaders who will give life's breath to the sparks and encourage them to a living name, we can progress.

One of the projects which I started and which I was unable to complete was a collegian program. This afternoon, I hope we hear more here about this. We have three proposals from the Organizing Committee which I would like to present at a later time so all the delegates have a chance to decide upon it.

So basically attempting to organize the divisions in the colleges, this is what we are trying to do, so that we could have a source of new membership. According to the latest data there are over six million collegians in over 2,300 institutions of higher education in the United States.

Of this number, perhaps 750,000 now are of direct Irish descent with an additional one million with more extended Irish ancestry on one or both sides of the family. This is a group in terms of age and education which the Ancient Order must attract to its membership if it is to continue to be a national organization whose members represent the best in the Irish-American tradition.

Continued restrictions on immigration together with competing demands of modern society which tend to supplement the appeal of heritage and tradition make it absolutely necessary that the Ancient Order of Hibernians make a strong appeal in this area. This goal may best be accomplished by the following means:

The establishment of the Ancient Order of Hibernians College Division to be organized nation-wide, but responsibility of membership at the college and university level.

The division would elect its own officers and its representatives who would meet regularly at stated intervals and attend the National Ancient Order of Hibernians Convention. Because of the comparatively low overhead cost for an organization, such division would entail, it is estimated that the dues would be approximately \$3.00 per student.

Upon graduating from the college division, younger members would then be transferred for membership into the divisions located in the areas where they reside. This takes into account the current problem that many students during their college years are away from home, and could not in any event become permanent and active members at that point of any regular division.

It is anticipated that a pattern of membership would develop which would provide a continuous feeder into division membership on a regular basis for the best young Irish-American university graduates. In order to get this program, we might include such

programs as organization of travel, work and study programs in Ireland for members of the college divisions, taking full advantage of the new low boat transatlantic fare rates, and a wide variety of programs would be organized to give students an opportunity not only to visit Ireland, but also to derive a meaningful experience from the trip. Upon return, such students would be an asset to the college division, and also to the regular divisions where they might for example give a talk.

Publication of a national newsletter outlining topics of special interest to this group of members, with copies made available to each regular division would be planned. The division would also be instrumental in calling for the adoption of more courses on Irish studies, of Irish studies in the colleges, and using the university platform as an ideal podium from which to advance the ideals and the interests of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

I thank you, Respectfully submitted, Tim Finn, National Organizer.

On a motion by Cameron (N.Y.), seconded by O'Leary (N.Y.), the report of National Organizer Timothy Finn was accepted by the delegates with a rising vote of applause.

President Michael Delahunty then called up the matter deferred from the previous session of the Convention, that is, the actual speeches by nominators of Convention Cities. The first speaker to be recognized by the Chair was John Reagan, Onondaga County, New York.

DELEGATE JOHN REAGAN, New York: Worthy President, Reverend Fathers and delegates assembled to this Convention, I come before you this morning to extend an invitation to have your next National Convention in the City of Syracuse, New York. Syracuse, New York is situated centrally for the greatest number of Hibernians in the country. I believe that figures show that we are less than 300 miles from the majority of the membership of this Order. We are at the intersection and the Crossroads of the two major north-south, east-west highways of the country, that is Route 90 going east to west, and New York State Thruway which connects with the Pennsylvania Thruway, the Ohio Thruway, the Turnpike, and all the other roads going to the West. And also, we are at the crossroads of Route 91 from the South.

At this time, I have a letter here that I would like to read to you. It is from our county executive Mr. John Mulroy. He states:

"I am indeed pleased to learn that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and the Ladies' Auxiliary are considering Syracuse as a site for the 1972 Convention. I am pleased to join with the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau in a united and kind invitation.

"Onondaga County feels confident that we will host your 1972 Convention to its fullest measure. Syracuse is accessible by every mode of travel and our airport is serviced by three major airways with direct jet service to all major cities."

It is signed by John Mulroy, County Executive.

I would also like to read to you another letter that we received.

"I join our civic leaders in extending a very cordial and warm welcome to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary that the 1972 National Convention be held here in Syracuse, New York.

It would be a significant honor to our community and to the Diocese of Syracuse to host the National Convention in 1972, and I sincerely hope that we will have an opportunity of welcoming you to our city.

"I am indebted personally to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary for this kindness, and if the Convention were held here in Syracuse, it would afford me an opportunity to extend my thanks to the members of the Order and the Auxiliary.

"I pray that the decision regarding the 1972 National Convention will be in favor of Syracuse, and I extend my prayerful best wishes to you and the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary."

That is signed sincerely yours in Christ, Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse.

We also have a letter from the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau, the Hotel-Motel Association, and letters from the headquarters, the Hotel Plan Headquarters, the Syracuse Motor Inn, which has reserved tentatively their complete convention facilities for the week of August 7th through the 9th, which is the week that it looks like our schedule would be.

In addition, they have tentatively reserved for us 500 air conditioned rooms. Also, there is attached parking garages which are available to the membership, any guests of the hotel at no extra cost.

I would like to add that we haven't had a National Convention in the City of Syracuse since 1946. At that time Brother Ed O'Neal, now deceased, was the Past State President of New York State went, I believe it was in 1940 to the City of Minneapolis and was awarded the '42 Convention. Of course, most of you brothers will remember that this Convention had to be postponed due to World War II. And so in 1946, Syracuse had a National Convention. We feel sure that you will con-

sider and come to Syracuse, that we can and will give you a very fine Convention. Thank you, gentlemen, for your attention.

The nomination of the city of Syracuse, New York was seconded by Ryan (N.Y.) and Fox (N.Y.).

The Chair then recognized Stephen Browne, Kings County, New York.

Worthy National President, National Board Officers, Reverend Fathers, fellow delegates and brothers at this 1970 Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, I stand before you and place in nomination a city which is known to every Irishman from when he first became cognizant of his national heritage, the city which is the capital of our Motherland, Ireland, which I am sure you are all aware is Dublin.

Dublin has become in the last ten years one of the largest convention centers in the world. I have been asked to come before you on behalf of the City of Dublin and of the officials of the Irish Government to invite the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America to hold their Convention in the capital city of all Irishmen. I realize that to most of you as it was to me when I was first asked by them if I would come and stand before you on this, it was something unique, to say the least. And the first thing that crossed my mind is, is it feasible, because it would require moving into the country a considerable number of people, and as we checked around to see if it was worthwhile here to place Dublin in contention, we found the numbers far exceeded any number that was interested in attending a Convention in an American city, because such Convention would also be combined with a vacation in Ireland.

We then turned around and said to the Irish Aer Lingus, is it feasible? And in consultation with Pan Am and TWA and Air Canada, which are the major carriers into the Irish Gateway, we asked, is it possible, and how many people could physically be moved? This required a logistical problem for the transportation of a considerable number of people, and we estimate and set a figure of 3,000.

Now the first thing we did, we turned to the people who ran Dublin Airport, and we said, can you move 3,000 people in five hours through your terminals in 1972? It took them one week to come back with an answer, and they said they could, surprising, but they said they could. We then turned to the official National Transportation Company in Ireland, and said, what do you think, has it ever been done before, such a large group of people? And they said yes, of course it has, as recently as last year, the Gibson Refrigerator Company took 6,000; American Can is taking over 7,000 this October. This October also, the International Junior Chamber of Commerce throughout the world has selected Dublin the site of the Convention. This is just to mention a few.

So we said, let us do a survey of facilities, and what is available with reference to convention facilities in Dublin? In all, we came up with 2,106 twin-bedded rooms with bath, central heating and telephone; rooms on a comparable standard to any room in the United States.

We are also informed by the P. V. Doyle Hotel, which is one of the most progressive hotel groups not only in Ireland, but in Europe, and is a credit to any country, that they had commenced construction of the new Burling Street which would be located at Saline Street which would be available as a convention center hotel, designed exclusively for conventions.

We said, what facilities will offer the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the headquarters hotel and through your system? Now at this stage, they sat down with other interested hotel owners in Dublin, Irish Aer Lingus, Pan American and TWA, and the project began to grow. They offered a land price of \$130 based on double occupancy in a grade 'A' hotel. They also offered at this hotel, and this is the attraction that I think may be worth offering to you people, they offer, included in that price, not only the customary accommodations which is the normal offering, but they offered to include the transportation to and from the airport, transportation between any hotels used by delegates free of charge on a ten minute departure service, connecting every part of the city which would be exclusively Hibernian. They also offered a cocktail party with hot and cold buffet in conjunction with it, an open bar. They offered a Communion Breakfast and Mass facilities in the morning up to 2,000 people.

They also offered a dance with orchestra and everything provided with an open cash bar. They provided a second cocktail party comparable to the first and a dinner in the evening for the last night, which would be soup to nuts. The air fare that these people are offering is based upon what we call a basic New York price which is \$160 round trip, and departures will be for return one week, two weeks or three weeks or a month open selection prior to departure.

Now there are C.I.E. Tours and there is also a thing called on line routing which provides a special rate between connecting carriers serving an international departure point. And I won't keep you too long, because I mentioned some of the features. Some of

the delegates have asked me about this who do not live on direct locations.

Now as recently as yesterday, because this stuff is just coming in, because these airline prices are based on a complete new structure which is constantly being adopted of \$140 round trip Boston, \$165 round trip Philadelphia, \$180 round trip Chicago, or comparable, and a price \$100 round trip from either San Francisco or Los Angeles.

I think that Dublin has a lot to offer this group. I think that the promotion of a Convention in Dublin would reap back new life into the order, would get many members because like many organizations, there are always members looking for something.

On top of that, it would be a very, very historic occasion. It would be an occasion for a return to the home land of anybody of the Irish and Irish-Americans, of the principal Irish and Irish-American organizations in North America, the Motherland of the people. Based on these facts, I am sorry if I at times sounded technical to you, because I thought I had to spend a few moments to explain some of the points, but I would like to place in nomination for the first time in the history of this Order the capital city of Ireland, Dublin, for the site of the 1972 Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc.

The nomination of the city of Dublin, Ireland, was seconded by: Hulton (N.Y.), Murray (N.Y.), Curtin (Calif.), Downey (Md.), Sherwin (Conn.), Conley (Pa.), Gavin (Ill.), Riley (Ohio), Donohue (Ind.), Dowd (D.C.), O'Shaughnessy (Ind.) and Rice (N.Y.).

The Chair then recognized Richard McMillan (Michigan).

DELEGATE RICHARD F. McMILLAN, Michigan: Worthy President, Reverend Fathers, fellow delegates, I stand before you to place the name of Detroit, Michigan into nomination for the 1972 convention. In the interest of brevity, I am not going to lead you down the primrose path about the good points of the City of Detroit. The City of Detroit is not a Garden of Eden, but Detroit does have some excellent points. Detroit, first of all, and I think most important to the Convention, has excellent hotel facilities. They have approximately 2,600 rooms available. They have better than 700 under one roof in several hotels. We would be able to hold the entire Convention under one roof, so that we would not be split up.

In addition to the hotel facilities, we are centrally located; the transportation mediums into and from both airplane, highway and train in some cases is easily accessible. Five minutes away from the convention area if it were to be held in Detroit, we can go to our friendly neighbor, Windsor, Canada, and enjoy the facilities that they have to offer which are many. Many of you are aware, I am sure, of the outstanding entertainment facilities that are available in Windsor. They have nightly topflight entertainment from around the country in addition to the fine recreational facilities and also fine eating establishments.

Detroit also has Greenfield Village and other museums. We have free auto industry tours. We have many facets of entertainment, all sorts of sports, and at least two race tracks. Our eating facilities which are very close to the hotels are very difficult to beat. You won't be walking two or three blocks in order to get to the restaurant. You will have more than enough within a block and a half or so, or even one block away. We from the City of Detroit have not had a Convention since 1918. We have been working very diligently to bring the Ancient Order of Hibernians back to the fore in Detroit, and to the State of Michigan.

We are well on our way. We intend to show you the proper time in the event that you choose our city in 1972. I have also an invitation to you from the Mayor of the City of Detroit, and also the Governor of the State of Michigan, but in the interest of brevity, I hesitate to read them.

At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to all delegates and assure royal treatment to each and every one of you if you see fit to choose Detroit as your Convention site for 1972. Thank you, brothers.

The nomination of the city of Detroit, Michigan, was seconded by: Brady (Ind.), Coogan (Ohio), Lauster (Mich.), Erickson (Ky.) and McGrath (Conn.).

The Chair then recognized Edward Callanan, California.

EDWARD CALLANAN, (Calif.): Reverend Clergy, members of the National Board and delegates, it is my pleasure to extend on behalf of the California State Board an invitation to the 1972 National Convention of the Hibernians to meet in the City of San Francisco. San Francisco is a city of magnificent qualities. It is known as everyone's favorite city. Here the golden sands are washed by the gentle tides of the Pacific. Here the Irish settled many years ago; the contributions of the Irish to San Francisco are legend, and yet here we have the great melting pot of all races and all nations and all religions. It has been said that with its bay it is Naples, with its hills it is Rome, with its opera it is Vienna, with its sometime azure blue skies it is Switzerland.

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Here on the edge of the Pacific the Gateway to the Orient and the Gateway to the World we offer a city of gleaming white, and a city whose potential for a convention site is unparalleled anywhere in the world. We have the finest hotel accommodations. We have the finest hotels and night life that is known throughout the world. We have the finest restaurants without question, and we have, when you arrive, a magnificent new cathedral.

This is the city where if you accept our invitation you will find the Irish eyes from every county of Ireland greeting you in the warmest and friendliest of tones. They say that the words of the song state, "I left my heart in San Francisco," and to those who have had the opportunity to visit the city of San Francisco, have left their hearts there.

There have been two past National Conventions in our city. In 1893 when "Pop" Brennan was Assistant Secretary travelling for one full week to get to the Convention site, and again in 1919 when the delegates to that Convention filled the Civic Auditorium. It is the city that knows how, and we would like to show this Convention that we know how to perform when it comes to providing the best accommodations, the best possible climate, and the most friendly of people.

As an officer in the State of California, it is my pleasure to extend to you the greetings of our Governor Ronald Reagan and inviting you to the State of California. It is my pleasure as an official of the City and County of San Francisco to extend the greetings of our Mayor, Joseph Alioto, who by the way was educated by the Irish Christian Brothers, and he said to try my best to encourage you to come to the city where every race and every nationality will greet you; and our Archbishop Joseph McGucken would be more than thrilled to welcome you to our city. Here on the edge of Paradise we have a history of the past, but more than that, we have a spirit of tomorrow, and this is a spirit which the Hibernians could well use. And I would hope that we generate that spark of enthusiasm to show that we are a national organization reaching from coast to coast to encourage young Irish who settled in San Francisco and California to join our ranks, and to show that we are a concerned Irish organization, that we respect the heritage of all Irish from all 32 counties.

Gentlemen, I invite you to leave your heart in San Francisco.

The nomination of the City of San Francisco, California was seconded by Murphy (Conn.) and Curtin (Calif.).

On a motion by Hulton (N.Y.), seconded by Mulhern (Ohio) the nominations for Convention City were closed on the names of Syracuse (N.Y.), Dublin (Ireland), Detroit (Mich.), and San Francisco (Calif.).

At this point, John Mulhern, Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave an interim report, as follows:

JOHN MULHERN: --

Report of Credentials Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHN MULHERN: Thank you, Brother Chairman. Reverend Fathers and delegates, this report that I am about to give this morning is an interim report, and it was made just prior to when we opened the credentials this morning, and I will give it very quickly.

State of California are entitled to 16 delegates, they had 3 registered before we opened this morning.

State of Connecticut is entitled to 31; they got 21 registered. Washington, D.C. entitled to 13, there were 6.

State of Illinois had 19 that were eligible, 18 registered.

State of Indiana entitled to 19, have 22 cleared by Credentials.

State of Kentucky is entitled to 1, there is 1.

Maryland 6, they have 6.

State of Massachusetts 7, they have 7.

State of Michigan 15, they have 11.

Minnesota 13, they have 2.

Missouri 13, they have 8.

New Jersey 25, they have 10.

New York 75, 44 cleared.

State of Ohio 20, 13 registered.

State of Pennsylvania entitled to 17, and 25 registered.

Wisconsin, the first time we have had a division there in over 100 years, is entitled to 1, and the delegate is here.

National Board are entitled to 23, and they have 15 here. Thank you.

The President then called upon John Leahy, National Editor, to give the report of the Committee on Press and Publicity and the National Hibernian Digest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS & PUBLICITY AND NATIONAL HIBERNIAN DIGEST

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EDITOR JOHN M. LEAHY: This will be a combined report. I was named Chairman of the two Committees, one was the Hibernian Digest, and the other was Press and Publicity, and I have combined them into one, and I will submit

my complete report to the Secretary.

I would like to make one point, that I didn't get the whole two Committees together at any one time. I met with several of the individuals, I called a couple of meetings and two or three showed up. But what we have drawn up is a generalized thing, it is nothing of any great specifics.

We have pointed out in the report the need for publicity for the organization. We called for every letter from the divisions right through the national office to people in charge of disseminating information, to the local radio, TV and so on, and the news media, that these people be qualified and not pick on a person who is a friend of us. If you got somebody who knows how to do it, use them.

These Publicity Chairmen personally must contact the reporters or whoever is handling information for the newspapers. They must see these people. Don't always try to do it by telephone.

Now as to the Digest, we recommend that since it is a major means of communication within the Order, reaching every member, we hope, that the National Officers avail themselves of this newspaper in publishing their reports not only for the Convention, but during the two-year period in between on their programs, progress reports outlining information for every member. You know a lot of people, when they get to the Division President it is not only read, not only Division Presidents, it is all the way down the line, and some of these programs are never implemented, because some of the members don't even know they exist. The columns of the newspaper also are open to all the echelons of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

I know that while I have been Editor everything that I could fit in got in. I throw away nothing just because it came from a little division. And I give the State Boards no great preference for the division, because the members are in the divisions, and that is what they take home.

On the paid advertising, the advertising that is in there is paid for by these people in cold cash. This helps to support our paper. We hope eventually the paper will become self supporting, and be a means of communication which will be free to the Order, because the advertisers will carry the bill.

I would urge you to patronize these advertisers when you can. There is one instance, I know when there was a member who placed an ad in the paper, a brother right here in Indianapolis. He paid about \$70 for the ad. It went out to 20,000 Hibernians, and he had two responses, one inquiry, and one purchase. But we would have been very happy if he had had some inquiries, even if no one bought anything. The fact that his ad had been seen is so important. It is important that you patronize the advertisers whenever possible, and if they ask a question, if there is a coupon, send it in. I work for a newspaper and every once in a while somebody will put an ad in with a coupon and he gets all the response, neighbors and friends send it in. This helps us to sell advertising, too.

And we will look into the problems of the men who are not receiving the Digest, and we will ask that everybody down the line, I can't put a notice in the paper and say if you don't get this paper, let us know. So we have to work through somebody else. Let the divisions and counties or otherwise, let the National Secretary know that someone is not getting the paper. Then he can have the mailing list checked to make sure there is a plate in there, and we can trace it from there; if there is no plate, that is easily rectified.

I would also add that any recommendations be sent to the Editor, whoever they be. You don't need any political pull to get something in the paper. Just send it directly, and actually it would save time, because it would take just an extra day or two to get it back in the mail again.

There was one publicity gimmick used by a division, and I thought I would bring it to your attention. I think it is an excellent one. On March 17, every baby that is born in Louisville receives a certificate from the division by virtue of the good fortune to have been born on the Feast of St. Patrick, the child is a member of the Wee Leprechaun Club of Louisville, and is presented this notice which has the emblem of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is a tremendous piece of work. I think that also would be a good idea if a lot of these divisions would make presentations, the people who have earned it, just for service to the Order, to members, a guy who is a Chairman of a Committee. The certificates cost but 15¢, and you can get a nice certificate printed up, and you can use them, publicize the fact that they are given. They are frameable. This little thing has got the Ancient Order of Hibernians listed on it, and it goes into probably Jewish homes and Protestant homes, and black homes, but they know we exist. So it is a good thing to let people know where they are.

On a motion by Neary (Conn.), seconded by Fastow (N.J.), the report of the Committee on Press and Publicity was accepted by the Convention.

National Secretary, James R. Sullivan brought up the question of using voting machines for the balloting later in the Convention. At his request, a constitutional amend-

ment was offered, and seconded, permitting their use at this Convention. The motion was passed.

The National President announced that he would give his own report at this time:

PRESIDENT DELAHUNTY:

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in August 1968, the 74th Biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Canada, the assembled delegates elected me National President. Unfortunately circumstances did not permit me to attend my installation. It seems that the situation has not altered considerably, as I was forced to miss the opening day of the 75th Biennial Convention, that is Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th. I probably should thank God that I am here.

The past two years have passed rather quickly, and I must say that I did enjoy my term as President, and I trust that I have discharged the duties of the office honorably and in keeping with the great tradition of our beloved organization.

I will attempt to relate some of the events of the past several years, but I will certainly not attempt to bore you with everything. Suffice to say, I was present and responded to any invitation which this office received, and was proud to represent the Order at what fraternal and civic functions, wherever I was called upon to do so.

I have always felt our Conventions are faced with lengthy reports, and that certainly the time would be better spent in preparing programs of the incoming officers. At the outset, let me thank Vice President Connie Collins for filling in for me during my absence. I knew he would do a good job, and the reports of the proceedings are evidence that he was most capable. He certainly worked diligently over the past year in his participation of our programs which insured their success. His report of yesterday is an indication of his interest and ability, and I assure you we will benefit from his ideas.

It always seems that our National Board after elections is almost forgotten until they come back to the Convention two years later. At the outset, we decided that this had to be changed, and in an attempt to coordinate the efforts of the National Board, we had our first meeting in New York in October of 1968. We detailed plans for all elected and appointed officers so that the operation of the National Board would be brought closer to the divisions, since they are the basis of our organization. Each officer was accorded duties in areas of the country to coordinate, and I will venture to say that we at least made the membership concerned of our interest and helped to inspire them in their efforts to bring Hibernianism into the Seventies.

How successful our total efforts have been, only time and you alone can judge, but I can honestly say that we tried. None of our programs were undertaken without all appointed and elected members of the National Board being informed. And their advice sought before decisions were made.

In order to keep all the National Board aware of our program, we had two telephone conferences together with mid-term Board meetings. That was a total of four meetings during the two years. The telephone conferences with the officers were not too costly, but they were undertaken to obtain the national officers' views, and were used primarily for the Northern Relief Fund and proved most beneficial. You have had the reports of this fund by the National Office, and a further one to be made by Brother Cass. And I would only add that for all intents and purposes, it was not the success that I hoped it would be.

This fact is not anyone's fault, but can be attributed to the apathy of the over-all membership. We are all conscious that the Preamble to our Constitution declares that one of our objectives is to advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and the endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence. Yet when we are called upon to help, how did we perform?

It would be unfair to generalize, because there are many who over-expended themselves in this great cause, but there are so many more who did not lift a finger when our brethren called upon us for help. I wonder how they can subscribe to the motto of our Order, friendship, unity and Christian charity? I might mention that the records will show who did contribute.

With regard to my own efforts, I did travel to most of the state meetings to help advise and direct officers and members in this drive. Literature and all relevant material was provided and forwarded to each division by the fund raisers, and at least four letters were sent directly to all members, therefore no member of our Order can honestly say that he was unaware of the program. We were the focus of nationwide attention, and attempted to focus nationwide attention on the conditions in Northern Ireland when they called a press conference set up at the Roosevelt on August 14, 1969. There we outlined before the press and TV our concern for our suffering brethren in Northern Ireland. This conference was carried by every major TV and radio station throughout the nation and the world press. And here for the record is my statement, because I understand there have been

many who have misinterpreted it to suit their own points of view. This is it.

You are no doubt aware that Ireland is on the verge of a civil war. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is compelled to bring to the attention of the world the truth about eight centuries of oppression. It is our duty as the only nationwide organization of Irish origin. It is not denied that England holds Northern Ireland in the Empire only by the employment of force. The strife in Northern Ireland will not abate until the case of Ireland has been fully and fairly considered and settled in the world court of public opinion.

We Hibernians therefore support the request of Ireland's Prime Minister John Lynch for the intervention of the United Nations. The Government of Northern Ireland has failed completely to protect the personal rights of all its citizens and bring about a peaceful solution. Only by the intervention of the United Nations troops can a holocaust be averted. Bringing in British troops has only aggravated a bad situation. The use of troops against the civilian population cannot be condoned under any circumstances. This prolonged discontent in the Irish nation has no equal in modern times among civilized nations. We want the people of all Ireland to know that their cause is ever present in our minds and hearts. The world must be made conscious of the fact that one people have been divided by military force, and this division maintained by similar force. Peace will not permanently return to the Green Isle until Britain removes her troops and allows free and unfettered elections without gerrymandering and with unrestricted suffrage.

The world will learn that the so-called Catholic minority is not really such a minority. It is this that England fears. Americans are famous for their generosity in aiding oppressed people. In the present situation we need and ask for financial help from all Americans.

Brothers, that was the context of our statement to the press and the TV.

Continuing, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, under the chairmanship of one of our ablest Hibernians, Lawrence Neary of Connecticut, the Gold Medal Commission, our late brother Hibernian John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, was awarded to Astronaut Col. James McDivitt, a member of South Bend, Indiana, Division in March of 1969.

Col. McDivitt was indeed a worthy winner. The resultant publicity was of enormous benefit to our Order. Even the New York Times saw fit to comment on his acceptance of the award while he orbited the earth. By direction of President Nixon, Col. McDivitt was informed of the award while in orbit. Col. McDivitt said not what an honor it was to receive the medal, but what an honor it was to be a member. Contacted by phone, Mrs. McDivitt stated that her husband would be deeply touched by the award.

The 1970 award winner is our beloved National Chaplain, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, and I am sure that we all agree that again we have chosen a most worthy recipient and to Larry and this Committee of course go our sincere thanks. The process of selection of the would be recipient is commendable, and certainly has done much to insure the continued interest of our membership.

I am not ignoring the other areas of Hibernianism that benefited from the advice of Larry Neary. He has placed his own state in the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, and I might say that it was achieved by his continued begging and asking that Hibernianism should grow. And the growth of the State of Connecticut during his years as State President is an indication of his untiring efforts on behalf of our Order.

Membership, membership as always was a major project during the past two years. I know no doubt all of you are gratified with the results. However, there is much to be done, and all of us should continue to expend our energies to rebuild Hibernianism. It was something to have as National Organizer a dedicated and devoted worker in the person of Tim Finn. He has done a remarkable job, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. For me personally, Tim was always on hand to offer me assistance, traveling to the immigration hearings, helping to set up procedures for soliciting funds for Northern Ireland, or simply accompanying me in my travel throughout the various states that our Order has shown growth. It is a tribute to Tim Finn and all the programs that he participated in, or an indication of his deep concern for the cause of Hibernianism, and constant desire to make this organization prosper and offer the necessary advice to our people throughout the length and breadth of this great land. Yes, I can honestly say that Tim was not only a good friend, but a hard worker.

Catholic Action, the Chairman of this important Committee was Harold Cass, a member of Division 9, Montclair, and you could consider me an ingrate if I did not officially mention him, since has been my constant friend and close adviser ever since I joined the Order, although at times, we have disagreed somewhat. No words can

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express my sincere gratitude for his help and guidance indeed. I can honestly say that he is like a father. In addition to being a helper, his work in Catholic Action was worthy of my praise. He handled every contribution, and has completed a detailed record for all that gave to this worthy cause. He arranged meetings of the fund raisers, he handled all the mail and telephone calls relative to the drive. He was perpetually at my side continually. And indeed, his work in the fund raising alone would have singled him out for an outstanding job, but as I said previously, he lived Hibernianism during the past two years, and any successes I may have had, I attribute to Harold Cass, thank you, Harold.

American-Irish Immigration. The Chairman of the Committee was J. Frank O'Connor whom I appointed to the position, but unfortunately because of inability to function, I appointed our Counsel Michael Gray. As reported to you by Mike, the results in this area of amendments to the Immigration Law of 1965 are now virtually due to the efforts of the Committee working closely with Governor Cahill and Congressman Peter W. Rodino of New Jersey. The Bill HR 10618 introduced by the Order is reported out of committee, and is now before the full Judicial Committee. We are sure that this proposed legislation will have the approval of the Judiciary, and should come before the House for a vote this year.

I am sure I express the sentiments of Brother Gray and his Committee along with York, Harold Cass and John Gibson, and all you Hibernians, I say thanks to Congressman Rodino, Governor Cahill for their advice and direction, and of course to Mike Gray and his Committee my sincere thanks.

We know that this proposed legislation is only temporary, but at least, it gives us four years to obtain a permanent solution. Like the other officers I mentioned, Michael Gray was connected with the relief drive and all the work that we were involved in during the past two years. His counsel and advice were very beneficial, and I say humbly, thank you.

Hibernian Digest -- Our National Editor John M. Leahy has done a remarkable job with the official organ of our Order. Like so many of those dedicated Hibernians John M. Leahy has served us both in the division, county and state levels, and we are proud of his record on the National Board. The improved format has made the paper more attractive, and certainly more easily read. Our advertiser, Irish International Aer Lingus has helped to defray the expense of publication, for which we thank them, and I should like to mention that our rate, which almost doubled, is that right, Jim?

SECRETARY SULLIVAN: 75.

PRESIDENT DELAHUNTY: 75% with an agreement that I drew up with them.

The successful paper is largely dependent upon your information you provide to the Editor. It is your newspaper, it is up to you to insure its success.

Our Historian Joseph P. Roche has worked hard keeping our membership aware of the history of Ireland, and also servicing our contest.

Brother Daniel F. Herlihy, Chairman of the Charitable and Mission Funds, is unable to be with us, and recently returned to Ireland upon the death of his father. He has continued his work in the Order and has given all in the relief drive and other programs of our Order. We are sure that Hibernianism will prosper throughout the state and grow, throughout the state of Massachusetts with the devoted years that Dan Herlihy provided direction.

Freedom for All Ireland, Michael J. Lennon is Chairman of this Committee, and was Chairman during a very trying period of our beloved Order. He has been ably assisted by Phillip C. Kelly, and their work has continued for the success of our organization. Their efforts have not gone unrewarded, because your relief drive was a success through their help and direction as mentioned.

As I stated earlier, all elected National Officers had duties prescribed for them, and all of them gave of their best in insuring the success of our program.

Unfortunately, the results are not always a true barometer of the energies and the efforts of the National Officers, because it is difficult to overcome the apathy and complacency of our membership. To try and arouse curiosity is indeed difficult, not to mention stimulate interest. Hence it is very difficult to be critical of an officer without fully realizing the impossible task that we expect of him. Therefore, I can honestly say that the Directors, Thomas Gibson, Stephen O'Malley, George Zahn, National Liaison Officer, did endeavor to promote the objectives of our Order and the discharge of their duties of their office, and brought credit not only to our Order, but to all members of our race. It is hard to single out the particular events that can be attributed to them, especially since all of them were involved in the programs we

engaged in over the past two years.

Yes, they were a hard working National Board, and one cannot forget the meetings they arranged, especially with regard to our fund drive and their efforts in helping to coordinate their areas in the distribution of campaign literature and the solicitation of donations for this great cause. Together with their efforts in behalf of the proposed amendment to the Immigration Law of 1965 and their constant help and assistance whenever they were called upon for assistance has furthered our efforts.

Finance -- Bill Reagan has proved himself a worthy Treasurer and a most competent one. As indicated by his report, he has filled the position ably, and we can be proud of his efforts in all areas wherever our programs were being tested. I say to Bill thanks ever so much for your contribution and effort over the past two years.

Our National Secretary Jim Sullivan, while you all heard our National Secretary's report, and you indicated your approval of his two years as Secretary in the manner in which you applauded him, I must say that he was successful in spite of many obstacles. I remember one of course was the difficulties of obtaining the minutes of the last Convention. These were never given to us, and we never had an opportunity to compare the notes with the transcript until a year later. As a matter of fact, we did not have any notes to compare with the action. A threatened suit was necessary before the Reporter released them a year later. Yet in spite of this, and the ensuing problems our Secretary gave of his untiring self to promote our Order. He traveled and worked endlessly on our programs and campaigns we undertook, and the success we enjoyed can certainly be attributed to the devotion of our Secretary to our cause and our Order.

Ladies Auxiliary -- as usual, our Ladies Auxiliary worked in concert with us, and we are most thankful to all of them for their efforts over the past two years, especially Mary L. King, National President from Newport, Rhode Island, together with her staff. She was a most gracious lady, and I am proud to have had the opportunity of working with her for the purposes and principles of Hibernianism.

I also wish to thank Jim Welch for the wonderful Committee, for the manner in which they handled this Convention. I am sure that all agree with me that they have done a magnificent job.

I am sure our National Secretary was partly responsible for this wonderful job. Indeed I can say that made our stay in the city of Indianapolis a pleasant and a memorable one.

In the minutes of the last Convention you will notice my ideas for the improvement of Hibernianism. I don't know how beneficial it has been to any of you, but there is very little I can add to the plan which was outlined in the last minutes. The success, of course, of any program is dependent upon the amount of effort expended, and by that, I simply mean the work necessary to insure a success.

One of our faults is that we are apt to outlined grandiose ideas, and never follow through. Therefore, my only advice at this time is to elect officers who are doers, and not talkers, because quite simply, we need workers. Talkers or orators are a dime a dozen.

I do believe that some form of national headquarters is necessary, even if it is only a telephone and an answering service. This is essential when we are engaged in any kind of a campaign where we seek a central location to operate from. I know that over the years we have used the home address of the National Secretary or the President, but it would seem that the image is essential to a national organization to have a national headquarters.

The two-year term for National President may seem to some of you sufficient. Maybe in my own case and for myself, more than sufficient. But aside from what I think, we must agree that it does not provide sufficient time for many to prepare a program, put it into work and supervise and direct it. Indeed, almost two years can elapse before a President can bring about worthwhile programs into operation. Therefore he does not have an opportunity to see the fruits and bring to fruition his ideas. We do of course need to practice a little more Christian charity towards one another, as we cannot honestly see a successful organization develop if we are forever deriding our fellow members. None of us should engage in this petty infighting, as it has brought us nothing but dire results. If we cannot help a brother, let us not hurt him. One should remember that this is one of the basic requirements which I know of. If we don't believe in the programs and directions we are given, don't spend your energies attempting to undermine them, because you are only hurting the organization, and our beloved Order is greater than any of us.

So I appeal to you, please support your National Board in its programs. This is the only way we can insure success. Don't be misled by those who want to subject our national organization to the dictates of this own self appointed group of critics. Remember, we are after all the only national organization of Irish and Irish-Americans

and let us not relinquish our position to anyone or anybody.

I would like to mention briefly my trips throughout the country, and I want to say thanks to the various individuals and the members of our Order who were responsible for the welcomes afforded me throughout the nation, and that was in the City of San Francisco, Los Angeles, to Ed Callanan, to Mayor Daley of course in Chicago, Tom Gavin, Dan Herlihy in Boston, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island our Past National President, and Larry Neary throughout the State of Connecticut, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, to John Roche, and of course to Tom Gibson and in Maryland Bob Tweedy; Washington, D.C., Mike Dowd; Upstate New York all of the great Hibernians, including past State Presidents, where I can say honestly that I did travel the nation. I might mention briefly on behalf of this Northern Ireland Relief Fund, that I visited Ireland on two occasions, the first visit was in August where I went to Belfast and met with the leaders and had a meeting with the Prime Minister John Lynch, and discussed our support of his intervention, and he appreciated our telegrams to him, and our telegrams to the Pope, and to U Thant, and to the President of this country.

This year I visited Ireland of course for the presentation of the \$100,000, which I presented the 4th of July to Cardinal Conway, the Primate of all Ireland in Armagh. This was on July 4, Independence Day. And on Sunday, I met with John Hume who by the way has come over here as the representative of this trust fund we have established. John Hume is a member of -- and together with other members of the trust fund, one organization and another, an attorney from Donegal, Pat Duffy, are here to thank you and tell you how they are going to utilize the funds we have given them. And I think you will be very proud of what we have done and what we have attempted.

I will also say that I had a very pleasant visit with Eamon De Valera on July 6, and I had a wonderful visit with him. As a matter of fact, he recalled some of the occasions of his visit, and I had an opportunity to pick up some medals that were given my father who died in 1936 before the medals were received and given him. One is a medal for the 1916 to 1921 conflict, and the medal for the 1921 to 1923. My father died in 1936, so I just received the medals. But I certainly had no time to acknowledge his efforts of energies, but I am certainly very proud that in July of 1970, I had these given to me in Dublin. One of course as I said is the 1916 to 1921 medal which I am sure you are aware of, and the other is a 1921 to 1923 by the Republican Movement given by those who opposed the partitioning of Ireland. And of course, that continued even in Ireland. I am very glad my father also believed in the unification of Ireland, and that I have in some way continued the work that he would want to continue.

In conclusion, I want to thank our worthy National Chaplain Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland for his guidance and direction over the past two years. Because of problems in the wake of our ever-changing Church, he is unable to be with us. I can say that he would have loved to be here, and we are all indebted for his efforts in the Northern Ireland Relief Fund, especially. We do now that he brought the drive to the attention of the Catholic Bishops meeting in Washington last November. We do know that he provided the necessary credibility that the Catholics as a result did provide the major contributions to our drive. It was as a result of his efforts also that we obtained permission from the many facets of the various Churches for the collection of our appeal. Indeed we can honestly state that whatever success we achieved was the result of his influence.

To our Deputy Chaplain Msgr. John T. Lawlor, thanks for everything. He has been a dedicated and loyal Chaplain, and certainly was an inspiration during my term of office. I know that he loves his work and the cause of our Order, the organization can be assured of his continued interest in the years ahead.

To all of you again, my sincere thanks and appreciation for your cooperation, and your support in my term of office. I assure you that I will always be available to work in unison with the National Board and the Hibernians everywhere in providing a strong and vigorous national organization.

Before I conclude, I would like to read two letters, one is from the President of the United States, White House, dated July 22, 1970, this is in reply to a letter by Phil Kelly who expended lots of energy in writing to everybody and anybody in behalf of the Irish participation.

"Among the peoples that have most enriched the American way of life through their wealth of tradition and the warmth of heart of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and on the occasion of your bicentennial Convention, I share your pride in that special quality that has earned you such a prominent place in the history and achievements of our great country.

"I join with all your fellow Americans in expressing my congratulations to you for the humanitarian efforts of your organization and best wishes for your every future success. -- Richard Nixon."

No mention of the request that Phil Kelly wrote him for.

Now we have a message from the Bishop. "I am glad to have the opportunity of sending a message to the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for 1970.

"Ireland has had an anxious time in the past couple of years. Much progress has been made in the North in the direction of focusing attention on the need to change the nature of the society there. I am satisfied that with good will on all sides it will be possible soon to begin to see the beginning of a new community relationship in the North and between the major Irish traditions in the country as a whole. This is what we should aim for as the key to a permanent solution.

"The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America can assist in this matter, prepared to work for the people in the North who most need assistance. I welcome what is being done in this regard, and I am happy that the intentions expressed by our National President are not confined to one part of Ireland.

"As I have stated recently, my aim is that we can in our country eliminate the fears which have led to misunderstanding and disunity so that Ireland may be one. This is an aim which I feel our organization can readily endorse, and I am confident that you will have the support of all your members."

That is the end of my report, members, and I thank you.

With National Vice President Cornelius Collins presiding, on a motion by Giblin (N.Y.), seconded by Fastow (N.J.), the report of National President Michael J. Delahanty was received by the Convention with a standing ovation.

The next report called for by the Chair was that of the Deputy National Chaplain, Monsignor John T. Lawlor.

MONSIGNOR LAWLOR: This report will be rather brief. I hope this Convention will bring to a close my term of office in the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary. The position of Deputy Chaplain was created in 1952 in Atlantic City. It was the brainchild of a priest since deceased who attended a dinner meeting of the Chaplains. This dinner meeting gave all the priests attending the Convention an opportunity to spend a brief time together and thus become better acquainted, and was proposed for the first time by the planners of that year's Convention, and has now become a tradition at all National Conventions.

Since the restructuring of many parts of the Constitution was under consideration that way, Father Keogh of Philadelphia advanced the idea that the National Chaplain concept be somewhat altered by that, one, the National Chaplain henceforth always be a member of the hierarchy, and two, that a Deputy National Chaplain be appointed, an alter ego to represent him at any national meetings that he would not be able to attend, and develop whatever routine business and other matters of the Order that might be necessary or proper.

It was further proposed by the priests assembled that they would choose the Deputy National Chaplain, recommend him to be appointed by the newly elected National President. The proposed changes in the Constitution were successfully accepted by the Convention assembled, and I was accorded the honor of being chosen the first priest to occupy this newly created office.

The recommendation of the Deputy National Chaplain, of the Chaplains assembled at the Convention for the appointment of a Deputy National Chaplain was accepted by all present until the newly elected President of Pittsburgh saw fit to elect him at the Pittsburgh Convention. Since that time, the dinner meeting of the priest Chaplains has been strictly a social affair. The practice of selecting a Deputy National Chaplain has been practically forgotten, although it remains in the Constitution as the proper procedure. And I would interject here a note that I think in a certain sense that this has contributed to a lessening of interest by the Chaplains in the National Convention.

Our dinner the other night was relatively small in comparison to the number of priests that have been at Conventions in the past, and have attended the dinner. I would suggest that either this section of the Constitution be reworded, eliminating the selection of the Deputy Chaplain and therefore placing the responsibility of choice completely and solely in the hands of the incoming President, or return to the observance of the Constitution by resuming the practice of his selection by the priests as was the original intention.

I do not think that any priest seeks this job, but I have never heard of anyone campaigning for it.

Viewing the matter objectively, and from my experience in and out of office almost the past 20 years, I can see reasons why a President may wish to make his own selection rather than accept the proposed candidate. Each newly elected President usually has a priest Hibernian for a friend, or is associated with a priest Chaplain of his own particular Hibernian unit. It would be natural as a gesture of friendship to

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offer this position to his own particular friend. And I would heartily agree with this procedure if the position of Deputy National Chaplain was completely honorary. What difference would it make whose name was on the letterhead? But if the position is considered to be a working position occupied by someone who has some familiarity with the A.O.H. on the national level or who has or is now exhibiting an intense interest in and dedication to Hibernianism as was the original intention of this proposed change in the Constitution in 1952, then what better choice could be made than a selection of a priest who seems to have these qualifications?

I think this is a matter that ought to be explored and discussed, and a determination made whether the position should be abolished or simply honorary with no duties or tasks, or whether it is a working position which would then seem to be necessarily to restrict the position to a priest who has a reasonable contribution to the growth or at least the stability and stature of the Order.

I would also like to call attention to a procedure, disposition of the Charitable Mission funds, which has not been observed, to my knowledge, since its incorporation in the Constitution at the 1958 or '60 Convention. My memory is not clear on exactly which one. Columban Missions were originally the sole recipients. Without demeaning the Columban Fathers it was considered judgment of many men that the stature of the A.O.H. would be enhanced and its reputation more widespread if our beneficence would be channeled into more areas. It was finally agreed and it came into the Constitution, Section 19, Paragraph D, that disbursements from this fund be authorized by a two thirds vote of the National Board with the Deputy National Chaplain sitting as Chairman for this Committee for this purpose.

As far as I can ascertain, no meeting of this Board has ever been held. It has come to my attention over and over again, that usually after a Convention the incoming President has decided with consultation with other National Officers, to contribute the entire balance in some instances again to the Columban Fathers. If this is true, then of course this is contrary to the whole procedure for disposition of funds as outlined by the Constitution.

I have no knowledge of what funds were collected or in what manner they were disposed of in the past eight years, but again, as in the matter of the selection of the Deputy National Chaplain which we either follow the procedure as outlined in the Constitution or change it to coincide with the current general practice. If a practice or procedure has received the time and attention of mature members and has been considered important enough to be presented to and accepted by a National Convention, then its implementation is mandatory. Experience has proved that it is impractical or burdensome, if so, the matter can be changed constitutionally. But they deserve greater faith than to be completely ignored.

I might say that some reference was made here yesterday to change, I don't think it is constitutional, that the Mission Fund is to be diverted to the Northern Ireland Relief Fund. Now it sounded like this was a permanent change. I have checked and found out that this is not so, that that was suggested as a temporary diversion. And if that is so, I think that matter should be clarified, otherwise, you would have a commitment made indefinitely of Mission Funds going to that source.

These two above mentioned observations have no general applications; they are intended to apply only to the two above mentioned, mainly the selection of a Deputy National Chaplain, and the disposition of Mission Funds, both of which fall within the jurisdiction of the Deputy National Chaplain. Whether these admonitions might or might not apply to other areas of the Constitution is beyond my competency, and I would not presume or claim any right whatever to pass judgment.

I might say in closing, this is not a part of my remarks, but in our meeting that we held the other night, we reviewed the Constitutionality of the selection of a National Chaplain, and reviewed for the priests the history as it stands now, and they insisted that they were going to exercise this constitutional prerogative by selecting a Chaplain and presenting this recommendation to the incoming President. Of course, we heartily agree this is the way it should be followed, and that is the way they were going to do it, although, as I say, this practice has kind of fallen into disuse over the past years.

So I did, as the gentleman from Indiana announced, and I was going to make it a part of my report, they did unanimously choose Reverend Thomas Carey, who is the Indiana State Chaplain and a Chaplain of the Indianapolis Division of which I believe there are 459 members. We think it is a very excellent choice, and we are sure that Father Carey will prove to be a worthy Deputy National Chaplain.

To further clarify this, and to find on what grounds we stand as of the moment, and whether this is going to be accepted as I think it should be, I questioned the three candidates for the Presidency, and each of them have assured me that they are perfectly willing to accept the recommendation of the priests that Father Carey will be, if any one of them are elected President, Father Carey will be the new Deputy National Chaplain.

I thank all my fellow officers of the past two years, those with whom I have had contact, as they have shown me the usual courtesies which are the hallmark of a true Hibernian.

I wish my successor well, and I pledge my cooperation and offer my service to him if in his judgment at any time he might feel that I might possibly be of assistance to him. Thank you very much.

On a motion by Fastow (N.J.), seconded by Giblin (N.Y.), the report of the Deputy National Chaplain, Msgr. Lawlor, was accepted by the Convention.

President Delahunty called upon Harold Cass to report on the Northern Ireland Relief Fund.

HAROLD R. CASS: Mr. President, Msgr. Lawlor, members of the National Board, my fellow delegates, eavesdroppers never hear anything good of themselves. So I went over the women were saying this guy is a lengthy talker. They didn't say how good I was or how good looking I was. But this guy talks at great length now. And I am not going to talk at great length here.

In any event, I would like to give you, from St. Matthew's Gospel, 25, 35, but don't be too sure of that one either, for the simple reason that I got it out of the Gideon Bible, I think the Dewey version, but I got it out of the Gideon Bible, "I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was hungry and you fed me, naked and you clothed me." These are the corporate works of mercy.

In August 1969, in the Roosevelt Hotel there took place a monumental change in the history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Your great President saw fit with all the turmoil and the hell that was breaking loose in Ireland to immediately call a press conference as you heard, with a national hookup. And he had a position paper which he read to you.

As usual, the press are provocative, especially those from the New York Times, who I don't think love us too much. In any event, they asked him, are you going to buy guns, Mr. Delahunty? Are you going to buy ammunition? "No," he said, "We are rather getting bread and butter. And we try to remember how these people's houses have been destroyed."

So we started our great work, and we were off to the races, and with the advice of our great Archbishop, we engaged the services of the Community Council Counseling Service whose offices are in the Empire State Building, and who are great fund raisers in the Catholic Church. I think they raised for Cardinal Spellman, millions to the amount of 40 odd, and for our Archbishop 11 million, and then later I think they raised something like 16 million. We thought we were in good hands. And so off we went. And they had a brochure which was sent out to all of our National Officers, the International President, a telephone hookup throughout all the nation with all the National Board listening. We went over page by page, and with these fund raisers present, also to advise us, we went down page by page, and here we had this great proposition for \$78,000 they are going to raise \$1 million plus expenses.

At first, we were neophytes at this game, we didn't know anything. It seemed to us if you worked it out percentage wise this was a relatively low rate to get \$1 million. So what happened? They went to work. Tim Finn got a headquarters in New York at no cost to the National Board. And they went out to see Mrs. King. They sent three guys out to see Brother Sullivan, and they started to run up an expense account, but they weren't doing a hell of a lot. So we had three or four conferences, and finally one which Mike Gray set up. We threw the cards on the table, and we said to them, what are you going to do, and when are you going to do it? We have had five meetings with these guys in hotels prior to this, and they are giving us promises, promises, promises. I think there is a song or play about it. I think they wrote it about them.

But in any event, they got nowhere. And when Mike Gray proposed the proposition, what do you intend to do, the President said, and I use the vernacular, now did the Hibernians expect to sit on their ass and have a million dollars thrown in? And Mike Gray said, "Yes, because we are not fund raisers, and you came to us with great recommendations, and you have done nothing."

Whereupon in short order, they said, "You have no credibility. You have not the ability to raise this money." And they went out and they broke the contract. Subsequently they sent us a bill for \$7,800, and with the advice of our great Counsel, he told them what they could do with that, and nothing has been done with that \$7,800, and nothing will be done, because they broke the contract. We have the contract.

So in any event then, he turned to another fund raiser, and we were off to the races. As I say, at the final meeting, they broke the contract and sent us a bill of \$7,800, and I told you what Mike Gray told them. Their bill was not and will not be paid. This is my opinion, and I am not a lawyer, that we ought to sue them, because I think they cost us a lot of money.

Subsequently we got another organization. They have in our opinion done a good job. Our drive was badly hurt by the time lag. There was no question about that. If we raised the sum of money that we did, and this was after the fires were over, and in Belfast, the bauxite, and the things had kind of simmered down, we still were in there pitching, but the time lag hurt us very badly. And then there was a little lady that flashed across the continent like a meteor, and she came and captured the imagination of the Irish, some Irish, but there are other Irish that took another viewpoint on it. But we were in the middle. But we held no brief, because we are not engaged in international politics or Irish politics. But in any event, this young lady raised a considerable sum of money, and in my opinion, the estimates that were made, many people used this as a crutch. I cannot wear two hats. I have collected for Bernadette, and therefore I cannot collect for you. This also hurt. Straight down the middle we were split on the question of immigration, and I am not going to talk about immigration, because I am not an authority on that.

According to our records, the figures and statistics, I want you to bear in mind, that I am not in possession of all the facts insofar as the total moneys received is concerned. The money was sent to the National Secretary, to Archbishop Boland, to the fund raisers, to the National President, to the state and county officers, and to the Fidelity Union Trust Company where it was supposed to go, incidentally, after the county Presidents, the division Presidents and the fund raisers and so forth, they are supposed to send it in to the Fidelity Union Trust Company. Facsimiles of all checks, checks that went through the Fidelity Union Trust Company indicating deposits in the bank were sent to me, and in some instances, this amounted to a fair amount, so that proper acknowledgement could now be made; hundreds of envelopes have been handed me in this very hotel. These people will not get an acknowledgement for some time, I assure you of that. But this amounts of a considerable amount of money. It is a stack like that. Naturally these have to be acknowledged. Certificates for all who donated \$10 or more will be sent; some 4,000 acknowledgements have been made, and we have a fairly accurate record. I have the names, I have the amount up in the room. I have card files of thousands of cards, and this was done at no expense to the national organization nor to the drive. And here is something to shake you up a little bit, no affluent Catholic outside of the hierarchy other than Mayor Daley gave us any substantial amount of money, and this is astounding. You should see some of the names that we sent it out to in politics -- they call it a suckers list if you will, but nevertheless, amongst them were many, many prominent Irishmen, and most of them did not even deign to reply. And out of our great organization, Jim Sullivan could check me on this, and I don't know whether there are 229, whatever the number is, but it exceeds 200, and I will tell you to this date, 49 have replied. Now 49 divisions out of 200 and some odd is apathy of the worst order.

I sat in the Committee, and I have been making talks to where you come from, and I have been saying that there are probably affluent people there, and they have a lot of money, but we don't have that kind of money. And I said to many in the Bronx, if the Irish will give us what passes over the bar this Friday and Saturday nights, we will have our million dollars. Let's not kid ourselves.

Comparisons are odious, and in naming names of individuals and divisions, you are bound to get into trouble, and here is why I get into trouble, but I welcome the trouble for the simple reason is that it is only fair to single out men who have done an outstanding job on this drive. And they have been in the forefront, and I mention the names of two. Tim Finn and Mike Gray from the great State of New York. I mention the State of New York as having done a tremendous job in this drive, and I also mention the great State of Connecticut which probably exceed New York. I don't know yet, because of things that have come in but are not tabulated. But it is like that now, and New Jersey is right on their neck. But there are men like John Thornton and many other guys that I could pick up going down the list. There are many concerned gentlemen. Don't forget the great state of New York, they did a tremendous job. Larry Neary of Connecticut, and then under his guidance, we had one great man, I think he is from Stamford or Bridgeport, I am not sure, but his name is Brown. He some day will have an office upstairs, and I mean in that upstairs, he raised \$6,000 himself.

And I speak of the great State of Maryland and Washington, D.C., I speak of George Zahn, I speak of Larry Travers, and Tom Gibson and Pat Coyne of Scranton, these are names that stick out. And then there

is another great old soldier, and he is tremendous. He got to the Cardinal, that is further than I ever got, I am sure of that. He got to the Cardinal Cody, and he was instrumental in getting \$5,000 from him, and he badgered a lot of good people out in Chicago and raised a tremendous sum, and thanks to John Gavin and to Illinois.

And then our great State of New Jersey, and particularly to those in the Elizabeth Division, and the great Irish organizations around Union County and Elizabeth, thanks to them, and thanks to many of the great men who made such a success in that area.

I would like to say that many great officers and chairmen and members are entitled to great praise. And for those who did nothing, I say this, and I say this very emphatically, because we had a cause here, the Irish are always looking for a cause, give the Irish a cause and they will come through -- Father wants a church in Ireland -- we will fill a hall and we can get him up five or six thousand dollars in one night, and we can get it done. But I say to you that gave nothing, there is an actual need for money, and they did absolutely nothing, and as Mr. Hume said, one guy said, when are you going to start the drive? I have had no communication. I said either you cannot write or read or are blind. It has been in. You can give me any excuse, but don't tell me you didn't know that the drive was on.

And I say to these officers and members that did work, we emphatically thank them. This is the most over-all drive we have had to date. I would estimate that we have raised \$150,000.

In finalizing my report, I should like to pay tribute to our great National Chaplain because without his efforts and without his giving us credibility which we did not have, we would have gone nowhere. And he gives us the sum of \$2,000.

The great Cardinal of New York gave us \$1,000. The Bishop of Syracuse gave us \$5,000. Bishop Mugavero gave us \$1,000. Bishop Whealon of Hartford gave us \$5,000, and one little Bishop up in Anchorage, Alaska, and I think we have more Catholics in our diocese than he has in Alaska, gave us \$100. And so in conclusion, and to our great President, now I want to say this, without reading from my notes, because I speak from my heart now, when it came to us in 1954, I am not a soothsayer, but I thought 'here is a man with the qualifications to make the top spot in the Hibernian organization. And when we nominated him in Philadelphia, I did it with no qualms in my heart that that guy would not come through. He has done a tremendous job and at great expense, and I don't mean financially to himself. Some of you know him, and to those of you who do not know him, he signed himself out of the hospital to be here. He expended himself for Ireland and for this cause. He was a motivating force, he was a Director, and fortunately many of our divisions and many of our states were good enough to raise large sums of money, but they put a price tag on it. And they said come and get it. In a couple of instances he sent me. And he sent Tim Finn and others. But in a majority of instances, he went to pick up the tab.

And I want to tell you in Atlantic City in our Convention was the first I noted that he wasn't too well. And I called his good wife, I told her the story, and I said this guy ought to get out of here. And then there was some sort of a mixup. He had no transportation. He was in Atlantic City, his car was in New York and he had to speak in Brooklyn that night, and address the Convention at four o'clock in the afternoon, and he left on a bus at five o'clock and got into New York at 9:00, because this thing was like Paul Revere, it stopped at every Middlesex village and farm on the way to New York. Then he had to go over and get his car and go out to Brooklyn. But I say, I was very gratified. He is like my son. And when you stood up and gave him that ovation, as he makes his last appearance, or he will, I sort of bathe in reflected glory that I wasn't mistaken, because this is a great President. Thank you.

There is another thing, we had a dinner for Mike, and many of you attended, particularly from the Eastern area, and gave him a check, and Mike turned that over, to the extent of \$2,000 to the fund. I neglected to tell you that.

I am getting carried away with my enthusiasm. I got a little sentimental, and forgot my notes, but the records will show this. We have the records, if anybody wants me to pick your name out of the file, you come up to Room 908 -- that is according to our records now. I assume there may be 35 or 50 outstanding from what I have heard around this hotel. But Mike himself has raised approximately \$10,000, so anybody who would like to know what happened in their state, if I can possibly do it, I have got the records. It is a card file, three by five cards, and we have got the name and the divisions, telling what you gave. Thank you.

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the report of Harold R. Cass was accepted by the Convention.

The Chair then called for the report of National Counsel Michael C. Gray (N.Y.).

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MICHAEL C. GRAY (N.Y.): Actually I have very little to say except that in connection with signing that agreement with Community Counseling Services, they presented the National Board with a stock contract. This was after they had provided us with a very fancy prepared brochure of what they proposed to do, and then threw a stock contract in our face and said this is our contract. I am happy to report that this contract was signed over in Newark in the Archbishop's office, but only after we insisted upon adding some language to it, and that was that the contract, the terms of the contract would be carried out in accordance with the brochure, or the tender, the offer which they made.

Subsequently we had that, I call it a blow-up meeting in the early part of October, 1969, at which time the drive had for all practical purposes lost two months of impetus. And following that meeting, they send a rather sharp, and I would say derogatory telegram to Mr. Delahunty, in which they advised him they were going to discontinue this contractual relationship as of October 15, 1969. This was almost immediately followed by their bill for \$7,000 which they presented with a letter. My response to that letter is probably what may have persuaded them not to press the point of collecting this bill any further. I advised them that having reviewed the representation made to induce the Order to enter into the contract and finding that these representations were false and known to be false, the Ancient Order of Hibernians elects to consider the contract null, and then I put a little veiled threat in here -- Analyses are now being made to appraise the extent of the damage caused to our campaign by reason of the delay inherent in your false representations with a mind to making demand upon you to make us whole.

We never heard a word from Community Counseling Service as of that letter. But I think of probably greater interest to you, in connection with this drive, the question came up as to whether or not the Ancient Order of Hibernians was in fact an organization which could accept funds from the general public, and that the people who gave the money could thereupon classify that gift as a taxable deduction on their own income tax returns. Well, of course, everybody like myself has always been quite sure that the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been incorporated as a charitable corporation.

I in my time in the Order never came across anybody who has seen a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Charter. Knowing of course that the Order had been originally founded with a Charter, founded in the United States with a Charter which had been sent from the Old Hibernian Order in 1836, I thought that some place in the State of New York these must be a record of this. And knowing of course that it was in New York County, I went to the archives of the County Clerk's Office in the County of New York, and when I say archives, I am talking about digging through papers where when you get through, you are dity up to here. And I found and was able to get a rather poor photostat of the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The original paper is handwritten on a parchment paper which has been over the years falling apart, and is now held together with that type of adhesive linen tape which preceded the use of Scotch tape, and it consists really of just two pages.

It makes very difficult reading, and so I have taken the liberty of copying the language of it, and I would like to show that to anybody that wants to see it, and I would like to read the language of the certificate, and this is it:

"In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled 'An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and infirmity societies' passed April 12, 1848 and the Act amendatory thereto passed April 7, 1849, we the undersigned do hereby certify that under and by virtue of the authority contained in said Act, we have associated and do hereby associate ourselves as and for a society for benevolent and charitable purposes to be called and known by the name and title of 'Ancient Order of Hibernians' to be located in the City of New York, that the Trustees thereof are three in number, and that such Trustees for the first year are Joseph Murphy, Owen McGinn and James Saunders, and that the place of business and office of such company or association is located in the City of New York.

"Given under our hand at the City of New York this 5th day of March, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-three, acknowledged on March 11, 1853, filed March 15, 1853."

The back of the document contains the endorsement of the County Clerk of the County of New York showing that it was filed in the office of the County Clerk on March

15, 1853. So there is, at least the first formal legal paper which provided for three Trustees as a charitable corporation in the United States. Thank you.

On a motion of Cass (N.J.), seconded by Murphy (Conn.), the report of Michael C. Gray was accepted by the Convention.

The Chair then recognized Past National President Michael J. Dowd (D.C.) to render a report on the National Home and Building Fund.

MICHAEL J. DOWD: Mr. President, members of the Board, Father Lawlor, delegates to this Convention:

The Hibernians don't want anything for themselves, they work for everybody else. May we ever be charitable that way. I look over all the books in America, and I can't find anything that the Hibernians have. The nuns have the Battle Green Monument. And I went out to Catholic University and saw the President, and he said, could you tell me what you are doing with that \$50 that I gave you when you were out here? He wanted to give me a long story, but there is no class, no Gaelic class out there. Gentlemen, I just couldn't find it. I am not saying anything against the university, but people that went didn't leave a solid foundation behind them or the Hibernians themselves didn't make them do it, it was a sad part.

This Home was started in Atlantic City in 1952. You people out here weren't born then, some of you. And I am sure it is open to funds. We can get nothing without money, but we are getting very little funds now. We haven't gotten in two years, one line in our paper -- one line. I never saw the name of the Home. It wasn't mentioned at all. Everything else was mentioned but the Home.

A lot of people don't know what the Home is. It isn't a home, it is a building. It isn't for Washington people. A lot of people say why should I build a home for Washington? I don't need your home in Washington. My home is the Hibernian Home, and every Hibernian in Washington, their homes are open to you people to come in. It would be a center. Ten million people come into Washington every year, and I know one million of these have a small drop of Irish blood in their veins, and they would be glad to come to see their own home.

I didn't want to go out through the country, go into Philadelphia and say, I want a donation from you. I won't mention any names -- but I want a donation for the Irish Home. I didn't want it that way. I wanted this to be a Hibernian Home, and you can only give me one dollar. I would rather get that dollar from a Hibernian than I would a million from somebody else. I wanted that book to be left there with your name on it, and when your great grandsons come down there -- That is my grandfather's name, he helped to build this building. That is the history that we were going to make. But we can't make it if you keep that damn money in your pocket and don't send it to me. You didn't do it, but we are not doing bad.

We have today, and it is not from all donations, it is from interest, \$53,165 total cash and bonds. I couldn't put this in the report about the bonds, because I know very little about it. And it takes a lot of work to know when these bonds mature, and what they are worth and the interest on them.

I was appointed by Past National President McEnery as representing the Home. Walter O'Leary reappointed me. Mr. Delahunty didn't reappoint me, and I don't care, I like Delahunty. He had his own reason, maybe, but I hold my job because I am not replaced. I believe that is the law.

Down in Washington you know, we have people replaced every day. And now since the Republicans have come in, they are sneaking around the corners to get something on the Democrats, and out they go. One comes in the morning, and he tells them I am going to be here, that is my job, and then they throw the chair away. But that is me, I am staying here until I am kicked out. And I want to warn you, I am not going away from this report.

I am not going away from this fund, and if anybody has an eye on it to do anything else but build a home in Washington, you have something else on your hands, because there would be one man down in some town that would tell you, you better stay away from those funds, they are dangerous. And Jim Comerford's report two years ago, we put it in every year in the proceedings -- I didn't get any proceedings this year, I guess you buy them, I don't know.

Mr. President, I have been campaigning since I came here, and I have a sore throat, and I will ask you to let me call on a gentleman to read this report to you before I go. You can ask me any question you want about this Home. It is my bread and butter. I live on it, and I can tell you anything about it. So if you ask me any question, I know that I can give you an answer. But I know that you will let the gentleman read it. His name is John Evans from Pittsburgh.

JOHN EVANS (Pa.): Mike, you are a pretty hard customer to follow. You get everybody all worked up, and then you turn the microphone over to me.

Worthy President, Clergy, delegates to the National Convention, the National Home Committee, Building Committee met and

came up with the following recommendations:

Recommends that the National Board hold a complete and concise report by a certified public accountant of the National Home Building Fund, and that this report be published in the issues of the National Hibernian Digest following the completion of the report.

Recommendation, that the National Treasurer invest the entire National Building Home Fund in a maturity term savings account at a minimum rate of 6 percent per annum with the stipulation that the fund be invested for a period of two years. The banking institution in which the fund will be must be protected by the FDIC Act.

Recommendation, that the Chairman of the National Home Building Committee report semiannually to the membership through the National Hibernian Digest the current status of the National Home Building Fund.

That is the report of the National Building Fund Committee.

On a motion by Dunne (N.Y.), seconded by McNabb (N.Y.), the report of the National Home Building Committee was adopted by the Convention.

There was a considerable discussion about the feasibility of selling some of the securities now being held in the name of the Building Fund and reinvesting the money in various savings programs with the thought that greater interest rates could be obtained. It was finally decided that the matter would be best left in the hands of the incoming National President and National Board for decision.

At 12:55 P.M., following a prayer recited by Msgr. Lawlor, the Convention was recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 1:15 P.M.

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The Convention was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by National President Delahunty.

PRESIDENT DELAHUNTY: We have with us, before we open the meeting, and I do think half the delegates are absent, at least, John Humes, Member of Parliament. John and two of the members of the Civil Rights Movement have traveled over here to express their appreciation on behalf of all people throughout Northern Ireland for our gift and our attempt to help the needy and the distressed. I don't have to give you too much of a background on John Hume. I am sure that any of you that have knowledge of this would be conscious of the fact that he has been with the Civil Rights Movement since its inception in 1968. So he certainly is not a Johnny-come-lately on the scene like many others.

John Hume is regarded as one of the most responsible elected officials in the British Isles, and highly recommended for his handling of the situation last August and September throughout Northern Ireland. From there he went to Queens University as a lecturer in French and went into the smoked salmon business and made himself a fortune, and from that, he went to politics, and as I said, he is regarded as one of the most responsible elected officials, and certainly is endeared to our family by John Lynch, and all people outside and inside the island. So it is with great pleasure that I give our next speaker. He has come here under the jurisdiction of the Order, and primarily his visit here is to thank all of us, and he has traveled widely thanking Hibernians in America. His travels included Monday and Tuesday in Massachusetts, Wednesday in Washington, and today here. The week prior, he traveled in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia, and other areas in the States. So here is John Hume to say hello.

JOHN HUME - Member of Parliament - Mr. President, friends, I think I can call you all that, I can call all of you friends after your record of service to the people that I represent that you have given over the past troubled months in Ireland. I have been told that I have to speak to you this evening at the dinner, and I would propose at that time to dwell at length on the situation in Ireland, and to give you a full appraisal of our approach to the problem there and the situation as it is there at the moment.

Suffice it to say at the moment at this time, that myself and my two colleagues have come from Ireland to express our gratitude to you for the very generous assistance that you have all given to us in the past 12 months. As you know, the situation in the North of Ireland has been pretty bad for 50 years since the inception of the Northern Ireland State. As you know, that state has been maintained by means of injustice against the religious minority for a period of 50 years through injustice in the field of elected law, housing and employment.

One of the aspects of this injustice that is not widely known throughout the world, although Northern Ireland and its evils have been spotlighted very adequately in the past two years due to the fact that the people finally lost patience with asking for a change and finally demanded it by going on the streets. And some people have tried to interpret that as something very extreme.

But all we were asking for was one man, one vote, fair allocation of houses, fair distribution of jobs in our own country, and there is nothing extreme about that. It is a simple moderate demand. But many people know now about the housing problem, but a far more evil system of discrimination has been operating in the North of Ireland over the past 20 years. That is planned economic discrimination against regions.

The day before I left home, the unemployment statistics were announced by the government for the Derry area. There were 17 percent male unemployment, one out of five men out of work. Tyrone, Fermanagh, South Down, South Armagh, West Belfast, all areas which elect nationally minded representatives are all areas where male unemployment ranges from 10 to 30 percent, and yet government economic planning creates a new city in a union stronghold and spends \$240 million where people aren't even there, and refuses to spend in areas where people are already existing and already unemployed. And so therefore, this is to us one of the deepest forms of discrimination, because it forces emigration, and because it causes a scorched earth policy subsidized by the British.

That is one of the big battles that we have to fight. Now many people have come to the United States over the past 50 years, as you are well aware. You yourself have contributed generally over the past 50 years to Ireland, but we have felt that many Irish organizations that sent thousands and thousands of dollars back to Ireland, today there is no sign anywhere in Ireland of what that money has done. Indeed many organizations got a little recognition for that which they did, and there seems to be little record kept of how it went there. And there has been considerable concern in the North of Ireland over the past 12 months about the amount of funds that were coming from the United States that were going to all sorts of different people, and it was being dissipated, because the strength of these funds put together could have done an enormous lot, but it went for all sorts of different places. People complained that they got no acknowledgement whatsoever.

So I was asked by Cardinal Conway and some of my colleagues to come together to try and do something about this particular problem. And what we decided as the best plan, was to set up a trust fund legally set up. It is called "The Northern Ireland Resurgence Trust." The purposes of this trust are to help people to help themselves, to promote self help, housing projects, and the local industrial projects to provide employment in areas of high unemployment. That is the purpose of this trust, and we were extremely delighted when the first donation to set up this trust came from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States, presented appropriately on Independence Day, July the 4th. We cannot express our gratitude too much to you for that. We deeply appreciate it, because we believe that this can be the first step in a major development in Irish-American relations, because this can be something which can help the people to help themselves to construct and to mold our country, because we have already begun projects in the field of self help housing, in the field of self help industry, developing our industrial potential, because in the past we lacked the capital.

Now we are starting in on this. I will give you a more detailed account of this this evening, but this is what the money is going for. It is not handouts, it is going to build for the people in North Ireland. Monuments will be built to your generosity in bricks and mortar and homes, in jobs, because in the last analysis, yes, patriotism today is about people and service of people. It is about sweat, it is not about blood, it is about sweat, it is about building a country. And there is a new spirit abroad in Ireland, a spirit of self reliance and self respect that we can stand on our own feet, lift ourselves up by our own bootstraps, and build a society of which we can be proud, and with which we can eradicate the social injustices that destroy our people.

You are helping us to do that. You in fact are the only Irish-American organization that has come forward in strength to date to help us with a magnificently generous donation. Your donations are not being given away in handouts, your donations are providing homes and jobs for men, women and children, for Irish men, women and children of the future who will grow up in Ireland to defeat and smash those who want to keep us under oppression.

Thank you very much.

The speech of John Hume, M.P., was received by the Convention delegates with a rising vote of applause. Thereupon, National President Delahunty escorted Mr. Hume to the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary and National Vice President Collins assumed the Chair.

The Chair then called upon Michael Lennon to render the report of the Committee for Freedom For All Ireland.

MICHAEL LENNON (N.Y.): Worthy National President, Reverend Clergy, delegates to this Convention, at a meeting for the Freedom for All Ireland Committee

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which met at eleven o'clock in Room 1424, there were eight members present. It was unanimously recommended that the Northern Ireland Relief Fund be continued while it exists; that a liaison member in the county where the state capital is located be appointed for presenting the views of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to each Legislator by personal contact, and to act as a lobbyist in the interest of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

We have recommended that the resolutions as presented to this Committee by the Chairman on Resolutions who is to follow to partition of Ireland be adopted.

Signed respectfully, Michael J. Lennon, Phillip C. Kelley, Rev. Robert Sullivan, Frank Brown, J. Fay McDonough, Daniel J. Gallagher, Patrick Galvin, and Tim Ryan. Thank you.

On a motion by Glenn (N.Y.), seconded by Hulton (N.Y.), the report of the Committee For Freedom For All Ireland was accepted by the Convention.

The Chair then recognized Philip Kelly (Michigan) to give the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

PHILLIP KELLY (Mich.): I am going to read the proposed resolution to be presented to this meeting on the Freedom for All Ireland. Some of them were prepared by the Freedom for All Ireland Committee; some by others.

I am going to read them all through, unless I am interrupted, and ask for your vote on them as follows:

RESOLVED, that since we believe abortion is murder, we oppose all attempts throughout the nation to make murder legal.

We further condemn the use of all communication media for this purpose.

Second, resolved that we who owe our faith to the Apostle Patrick who taught that as you are Christians, so be ye Romans, pledge our allegiance to our Holy Father Pope Paul and ask God to bless his endeavors for peace and unity among all men.

We further congratulate him on the 50th Anniversary of his priesthood.

RESOLVED that we reiterate our age-old proven loyalty to the Constitution of these United States where we and our forefathers or forebears received opportunities denied us in the homeland by the occupying powers. Loyalty to country is our record from Lexington to Vietnam.

RESOLVED, that once more we demand, that the Irish nation be reunited and that we cooperate on every level in every part of our country with all legitimate movements in Ireland and England to end the partition of Ireland, home of our forefathers.

RESOLVED, that our organization expose the fact that discrimination in jobs, housing and pluralistic voting make a mockery of democracy in Northern Ireland.

RESOLVED, that we endorse all legislation to alienate the effects of the 1965 Immigration and Neutrality Act.

RESOLVED that we request the National Board to continue to cooperate with all groups regardless of religion in order to rectify the problems of Irish immigration.

RESOLVED that we the victims of persecution, exploitation and ostracism lead the way in these United States in bringing about peace between peoples of all color and religious persuasion.

Our history and our faith demand that we take this lead. The record of Ireland's outlawing slavery in the year 1200, finding apartheid today, training the civil servants for the new African nations, sending large numbers of ministers, teachers and civil servants to these countries should inspire us.

RESOLVED that we thank Archbishop George J. Biskup for being the celebrant of our opening Mass and the clergy of Indianapolis for their wholehearted cooperation.

RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to the civil authorities of Indianapolis and Indiana for their many courtesies shown during the Convention.

RESOLVED that we congratulate the Chairman and the Committee of Indianapolis and the Ladies Auxiliary who arranged the Convention program.

RESOLUTION -- Whereas, Irish immigrants enlisting in the American Revolutionary Army in numbers far in excess of their proportion of the total population contributed so greatly to winning American freedom from England that it was acknowledged in the British House of Lords that "We have lost America through the Irish" and

WHEREAS, by failing to do anything whatever to aid the people of Ireland in their fight for freedom, our government has twice in this century gone to war in aid of England, sacrificing thousands of American lives and spending millions of dollars and

WHEREAS, by the Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians it is declared and decreed that the purpose of this organization includes, "to aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and en-

deavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., by affirmative action commencing immediately solicit the aid and join with all interested persons and organizations in the United States of America in a united people's campaign to obtain official action of the United States Government to bring to an end the unjustifiable continuing partition of Ireland and to bring full and final freedom for all Ireland.

And the final resolution, gentlemen, is on the same subject, but I think requires a little introduction.

You will recall that President Delahanty this morning read a communication to this Convention from President Nixon. I think I should give you the background of that, and then what the Committee on Resolutions and the Freedom for All Ireland Committee asks us to do about it.

I have been working with Mike Lennon for the past two years on the Freedom for All Ireland, and frankly, I think Mike will agree we have gotten nowhere whatever in any affirmative action by our government or any public official. Now however any of you feel about President Richard Nixon, I know how I feel, but it occurred to me that a method of getting something from President Nixon on this Freedom for All Ireland movement, of course we might ask him to send a communication to this Convention expressing something favorable to our wish for freedom for all Ireland. This has no significance at all, as far as I personally am concerned. I voted of course for John F. Kennedy and would vote for him again if he were alive. But Nixon is President now. He is in a position, he is meeting with various heads of other governments as we see in the newspapers. He is in a position to express himself in favor of our Freedom for All Ireland if he can be persuaded to do so.

My two years, and Mike Lennon's two years of effort has convinced me, at least I am sure Mike, that the only way to get any aid from the President on this subject in which apparently he has no personal interest would be to suggest that there are quite a number of people who would appreciate him doing something. So I wrote this letter. And at the expense of taking some time, I told President Delahanty that I was going to follow up his remarks this morning and communicate the whole story to you so that you could act on it and see whether or not we can't get some results.

On April 13th of this year I wrote this letter dated April 13, 1970, addressed to President and Mrs. Richard Nixon, White House, Washington, D.C.:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nixon:

"I am writing this letter to both of you because it is on a subject which should appeal to you, Mr. President, on its merits, and to Mrs. Nixon for the added reason that she is of Irish descent.

"I refer of course to the subject of Freedom for All Ireland, a subject dear to the hearts of all Irish-Americans of whom there are several million throughout the United States.

"They see you meeting with the President of France, the President of West Germany, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and others and wonder if you would have time to listen to the troubles of Ireland where in 1920 after seven centuries of oppression the freedom was achieved in 26 of its 32 counties, but England still maintains by force its hold on six counties in the north.

"Ireland is a partitioned land, the partition being maintained by the British Army.

"I write this letter as a descendant of Irish ancestry who came to America in the famine years, and also as Chairman in the Midwest United States of the Committee for Freedom for All Ireland of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and I enclose a short summary of the case for Ireland's freedom which I hope you will consider. It includes the part played by Irishmen in winning our war for Independence from the same oppressor.

"Our A.O.H. Biennial Convention will be held in August this year at Indianapolis, and I would greatly appreciate being able to report to the Convention your interest in the cause of Irish freedom. I would be happy to cooperate in any way. May I hear from you?" -- Signed by myself.

I heard from him very promptly, in about two weeks. I had a call at my office in Jackson, Michigan, where I practice law with my two sons who are doing all the work these days for the future too, as far as I am concerned, if I can get into this activity. I had a call from the White House of all things, a long distance, and it was a Miss Hasak, who identified herself as Secretary to the President, and told me over the phone that the President had instructed her to call me and find out who is President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, where is the Convention going to be and when, and that he intended to send a message to this Convention.

So I gave her this information, and then I wrote to her, so she wouldn't have it mixed up in any way. And I asked her over the phone and again in my letter, to send me a copy of whatever communication she was

going to make, and she did.

It was the letter which President Mike Delahanty read to you this afternoon, and in order to possibly inform some of those who might not have been here or to refresh the recollection of the rest of them, because I think this is an important part of the work of this organization, this is the message which the President sent to President Delahanty to be read to us here.

"July 22, 1970.

"Among the peoples that have most enriched the American way of life by their wealth of tradition and warmth of heart, the Irish are high on the list. And as I greet the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., on the occasion of your biennial Convention, I share your pride in that special quality that has earned you such a prominent place in the history and achievements of our great country.

"I join with all your fellow Americans in expressing my congratulations to you for the humanitarian efforts of your organization, and best wishes for your every future success."

Saying absolutely nothing about the Freedom for All Ireland to which I directed his attention, not only by a letter, but by a brochure on it.

In other words, what I expected, frankly, I am not criticizing President Nixon, but this is what I am coming to expect from public officials to whom I have tried to communicate over the last two years. If they say anything, it amounts to nothing. So does this President Nixon, except for the last phrase you note he says "best wishes for your every future success."

So as a member of the Freedom for All Ireland, and also on the Committee for Resolutions, I concocted this resolution which I would like to present to you in reply, a further inquiry to the President as follows:

WHEREAS, one and a half million Americans are fighting, are standing guard in many countries around the world including Vietnam, Korea and Germany, which countries have been divided by partition, and

WHEREAS, Ireland is divided by a partition created and kept in force for 50 years by the British Government, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America declares its purpose to "aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence," and

WHEREAS, our President Richard Nixon has conveyed to our members in Convention assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 6th day of August 1970 his greetings and congratulations and best wishes for our every future success,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that President Nixon be requested to meet with representatives of our Order at an early date at the office of the President to present our case for aid of the United States Government to bring to an end the partition of Ireland, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted immediately and directly to President Nixon for his attention.

That is the resolution, the final resolution of our Resolutions Committee. And I think when that reaches the President, I have reason to believe that we will have a response which will allow some of us maybe, not me, maybe not any particular one of us, but will allow us to present either to the President or to someone who can speak for him and bring to the attention of the head of the United States Government what the Irish-Americans in this country would like to have him do to terminate what is going on over in Ulster now, the last vestige of eight centuries of oppression.

As I understand the history, the first British invasion was in 1192, and 22 years from now will complete eight centuries. It should be our objective and present this to the President if, as I believe we are going to see him or someone and inform him that this should be the deadline, no pussyfooting, no petty figuring, outright action to bring full and final freedom for all Ireland before the beginning of the century. Thank you.

On a motion by Dalton (N.Y.), seconded by Lennon (N.Y.), the report of the Committee on Resolutions was accepted by the Convention.

The Chair then recognized the Chairman of the Credentials Committee for a progress report.

CHAIRMAN MULHERN: Out of a total eligibility of 381 delegates at this Convention, we have a total allowable vote of 257. I think I should explain the voting and give the figures all the way.

National Board	21	21
California	16	2
Connecticut	31	30
Illinois	19	19
Indiana	19	19
Kentucky	1	1
Maine	1	0
Maryland	13	8
Massachusetts	34	9
Michigan	15	13
Minnesota	13	3
Missouri	13	13

Montana	1	0
Nebraska	2	0
State of New Hampshire	2	0
State of New Jersey	25	13
New York	75	56
Ohio	20	16
Pennsylvania	27	25
Rhode Island	13	0
Texas	2	1
Virginia	1	1
Washington, D.C.	13	7
Canada and Quebec	1	0
Wisconsin	1	0

President Delahanty called upon the Chairman of the Immigration Committee to report to the Convention.

CHAIRMAN MICHAEL GRAY: An Immigration Committee was appointed for this Convention. It consists of 13 members, 14 members including myself acting as Chairman. The meeting was held last evening and six of the named members attended.

After discussion centering on the possibilities of either the FitzRyan Bill or the Rodino Bill getting out of committee, the Judiciary, and getting into the floor of Congress, the committee recommended to this Convention assembled that it adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that further effort be expended by the Ancient Order of Hibernians to exert every proper pressure at its disposal to alleviate the restrictions on immigration now affecting the entry of Irish men and women to this country.

Respectfully submitted, John Gibbon, Joseph Mull, Al Melia, John Thornton and William Garrett.

After a motion to accept the report of the Committee on Immigration had been made and seconded from the floor, a spirited discussion ensued. The proponents of the Ryan Bill were in favor of the resolution as permitting those interested in keeping all options open to seek better conditions those offered in the Rodino Bill which they termed as giving "half a loaf to the Irish." Those in favor of the Rodino Bill argued that this was the only bill that had a chance for passage; therefore, it would do as a stop-gap measure until something more permanent and satisfactory could be worked out. Some delegates took a position that was neither for nor against either the Ryan or Rodino Bills. They felt that the resolution of the Immigration Committee gave those working for a more liberal immigration policy more leeway in their dealings with the legislators. After extended discussion, the Committee Resolution was put to a vote, and adopted by the Convention.

President Delahanty then called for the report of the Committee on Finance.

JOSEPH BRENNAN (N.J.): Worthy President and delegates, the members of the Financial Report Committee on August 4, 1970, unanimously recommended the following report for adoption of this Convention:

Number one, that the requirement of four copies of the Division Financial Report as required by Article XIV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America be maintained as presently written, and that four copies of the addressograph roster be utilized as stipulated therein.

The second part of that, it is further recommended that the National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America be directed to obtain the necessary information for the preparation of a computer program to be presented to the National Board for its approval of any expenditures, and with the approval of the Board to implement this computer program.

Number two, that the per capita tax be increased from the present \$1.00 per member and \$0.75 per newly initiated member, be increased to \$1.25 a member, and to \$1.00 per newly initiated member.

That the National Treasurer's salary be increased to \$800.00 annually from the present \$500.00 annually, and that this be approved and passed and inserted in the Constitution.

This particular article and recommendation was passed at the 1968 Convention, but due to inadvertence, we did not insert it. It needed a constitutional amendment, and for that reason, it was never implemented.

...During the report of the Committee, the voting by the delegates was commenced, starting with the National Board.

Number four, that an independent reliable CPA firm be retained by the National Secretary, and that an audit be performed by this CPA firm this year, closing out the books on the 30th of June, and that the report on the odd year audit would be provided each President and each member of the Board of Directors not later than the 31st of July of that year.

The audit of the even or convention year will be made and together with the preceding or odd year audit will be included in the convention report.

Number five, this is a hot potato. The Building Fund, also known as the Home Fund, be maintained by the National Treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America as outlined in Article XI, Section 7 of the Constitution.

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Section "A" of this, it is understood that the National Treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is specifically directed by Article XI, Section 7, Paragraph A, to deposit the funds received by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the same Home Building Fund, said fund to be deposited in a bank or other financial institution in a manner which permits access to them by the National Treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as approved by a properly signed voucher from the National President and countersigned by the National Financial Secretary for use as intended and based on the intent when the monies were received.

b. This stipulation is intended to point out that the "Home" Building Fund cannot be utilized for any other purpose than the building of a national edifice, wholly owned by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, in Washington, D.C. The whereabouts of the funds are the responsibility of the National Treasurer.

c. It is also recommended that a detailed analysis be made by audit of the "Home Building Fund," specifically detailing the type of bonds, their number, their present worth, their worth at maturity, their date of maturity, and all other monies available in or to this fund, said audit to be made available to the Chairman of the Home Building Fund Committee, Past National President Michael Dowd, not later than September 30, 1970.

Number six, that the 1970 delegates to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America in Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, amend the existing Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America to allow the National Financial Secretary and the National Treasurer to succeed themselves, if elected, but not to more than two successive terms.

This is respectfully submitted by Brother Joseph Brennan, New Jersey, Honorary Chairman; Bernard McCreesh, Chairman; John O'Donnell, Connecticut; Michael Gill, Connecticut; Michael Egan, Illinois; Martin Hennessey, Kentucky; Fred Coakley, Massachusetts; Thomas Reagan, Minnesota; Lawrence Purdy, Ohio; Thomas Gibson, Pennsylvania, and Vincent Halloran of the District of Columbia.

Thank you very much. This Committee recommends its adoption.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was accepted by the Convention.

The Chair then called for the Report of the Constitution Committee.

REPORT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

NATIONAL ORGANIZER TIMOTHY FINN: Your Organizing Committee met yesterday afternoon, and they adopted the following proposals:

Number one, that the sum of \$2,500 be used by the National Board for the purpose of advertising our organization.

Number two, use of our mailing list for advertising and exchanging purposes under the control of the National Board.

Number three was the admission of college divisions where both men and women meet together. These divisions would be under the supervision of a National Director, and at Conventions, their vote would be in proportion to the section on membership.

I offer this report to be received. I agree with Brother Leahy that I think it is important that this be brought up under new business for a vote.

The Organizing Committee was composed of Tom Landers, New York; Tim Hartnett, New York; Charles Vaughan, Washington; Frank Galvin, Massachusetts; Al Sheen, Michigan.

On a motion by McMillan (Mich.), seconded by Down (D.C.), the Convention voted to accept the report of the Organizing Committee.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC ACTION CHAIRMAN HAROLD R. CASS

Brothers, this isn't going to be a long report.

I should like to say one of the most important parts of my report was contained in the matter on abortion, and you have all had copies. If you don't, I will give you additional copies. And I am not going to bore you with that, because it was rather lengthy. You know what that one was. It was, we said in essence, that abortion is murder, and not that we said it, our Archbishop said it, and the Church has said it, and so we went on down the list, and we are petitioning in this resolution for all the members of the Legislatures throughout the United States. I think I took on something when I undertook this proposition, along with many other duties. And I think you have all seen the blue sheets with the abortion proposition on it.

We have another here from our good friend from New York, Brother Bartnett, one of the greatest problems with which society is faced is narcotics addiction, especially among the young people. Since we are a Catholic fraternity, we cannot ignore this cancer which threatens even our

sons and daughters. Our role in the alleviation of this problem need not be a complicated one. It must be handled on a local division or county level. It would mean sending a representative to the local addiction services agency, and offer the help of the Order. This might encompass some volunteer work on the part of the members or a subsidy or scholarship training of needed personnel or other ways.

Our own important element that is to be considered is to make sure that sufficient publicity is given in the local newspapers, and in this way people in the community will see that the Hibernians are interested in solving this most pressing problem. It would demonstrate that we are not merely talking, but we want to really carry out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Above all, it would demonstrate that we are not narrow or parochial, we are not interested in helping only our own, but other people's children as well.

This can be done. The question is, is the A.O.H. relevant today?

Then we have another statement here:

In charity, we should strive to help our fellow men. We suggest that all jurisdictions set up a retreat for shut-ins in areas in order that that be done properly, we ask that the National Chairman of the Catholic Action send a written procedure for setting up such retreats to each state, county and division President, and that such procedures be mailed no later than six months from the end of this Convention.

Mr. Chairman, we move their adoption.

The motion for adoption by Cass (N.J.), was seconded by Bartnett (N.Y.), and carried by the Convention.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHN RYAN, Indiana: Report of Auditing Committee completed today, August 6, 1970, to the officers and delegates of the 75th Biennial National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America -- We the undersigned members of the Audit Committee have examined the books and financial records of James R. Sullivan, National Secretary, and J. William Reagan, National Treasurer, and find their respective accounts to be true and correct.

All checking account balances have been verified by bank statements. All savings account balances were evidenced by pass-books and found correct.

United States bonds and treasury bonds were shown by maturity dates and are kept in a safety deposit box in Syracuse, New York.

All assets are registered in the name of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The assets of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians increased by \$966.60 during the past two years. Their breakdown is as follows:

The assets as of July 31st, 1968, \$107,635.69.

Cash value of the General Fund as of July 31st, 1968 was \$8,793.13.

The cash balance in the Northern Ireland Relief Fund is \$2,700 -- I will have to verify this figure -- \$2,707.66.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Fund has a balance of \$14,345.77.

The Building Fund has a balance of \$8,202.51.

Under the national bonds, we are holding \$24,000 and under the bonds for the National Home, we are holding \$45,000.

The checkbook balance as of July 31st, 1970, is \$4,578.74 in the General Fund and \$911.48 in the Organization Activities Fund.

The total assets are \$108,602.29.

We have verified receipts and disbursements during this period. It was impossible in the time allotted to analyze each item. A spot check was made of certain large expenditures and deposits and they were checked against the bank statement.

We commend the system now being tried whereby the National Secretary forwards an approved voucher to the Treasurer for payment. That voucher is returned by the Treasurer and numbered and the date of the check recorded thereon. We noted that several expenses were not accompanied by a detailed breakdown of such expenses. We would recommend that future expenditures be accounted for with detailed analyses.

It is also recommended that in the future, an outside firm be employed, to audit the books prior to the Convention. We respectfully submit this report for your adoption. John Ryan, State of Indiana, Chairman; Joseph Sullivan, New York, and Ed Lamb, New Jersey.

Leahy (N.J.) moved the reception of this report. Seconded by many from the floor, the Convention voted to received the report.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GEORGE A. ZAHN: Worthy National President, Reverend Fathers, delegates and brother Hibernians, in view of the fact that I have called several meetings and have had only contact with three members of the Grievance Committee, we find that there are no complaints or grievances and will recommend no progress. I only hope that we can have friendship, unity and Christian charity on all committees. Thank you.

Respectfully yours, signed by Larry Neary, Jack Keane and J. P. Brown, Michael

Quinn, Frank Conley, John Ryan, Eugene Burns, William Halley, Jr., and George Zahn, National Director.

On a motion by Sherwin (Conn.), and seconded from the floor, the report was accepted by the Convention.

At this point, under new business, National Editor Jack Leahy (N.J.) moved that a special convention be convened in 1971. The only subject to be taken up at this Convention would be the updating of the Constitution of the Order. Brother Leahy cited the proliferation of amendments over the years, and the patchwork that has resulted. This motion was seconded by National Secretary James R. Sullivan (Ind.), and passed by the Convention.

JACK KEANE (Mo.): At the outset I shall read an amendment to the Constitution. Article XIII, Assessments, National, Section 2, shall be amended to read, in the first sentence as follows:

"The National Convention shall levy an annual assessment on all Divisions not to exceed \$2.50 per year for each member."

"Be it further amended that the section covering monthly assessments on members of new Divisions shall have the figure \$.08 stricken and amended to read \$.25 per member per month."

The committee recommends adoption.

Following the seconding of this proposed amendment from the floor, a discussion followed. Some of the delegates argued that a steep rise to \$2.50 would prove to be damaging to the smaller units of the Order. Proponents of the amendment argued that increase in prices over the years, with no proportional rise in "per capita" has placed the Order in a weak position, unable to render services to the members. A compromise amendment was offered by Sherwin (Conn.) setting the "per capita" at \$2.00 per member. Put to a vote, the compromise was approved by the Convention, then the original amendment was approved in its amended form by the Delegates. The Committee Report then was continued.

JACK KEANE: BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates assembled at this 76th Biennial Convention directs the National Board to take all necessary steps, legal action if necessary, to recover all copies of the J. F. Kennedy Memorial Medal."

The committee recommends adoption.

During the discussion on the resolution, it was pointed out that this was not a proper subject for the Constitution Committee to deal with in its work. President Delahunty ruled that the question be set aside, to be brought up later under "new business." The Committee Chairman continued.

JACK KEANE (Mo.): This communication was brought in by Brother Henry Ferguson from New York, and he brought it in behalf of Brother Driscoll who I understand would have been here, but broke his leg, and Brother Tim Driscoll had written this letter, and sent it in early, and it says the November-December 1969 issue of the National Hibernian Digest has a photograph showing Major Degree Team in uniform. It has been my understanding that the Major Degree of our Order is a secret ritual, and in honor to those who receive the Major Degree given during the ceremony, the lesson to be learned by the candidates may be a pleasure, and made much more pleasurable, because they do not know what is to be done; further, if they do not know in advance the identity of the members of the team concerning the Major Degree, the interest and attention of the candidate is much keener.

Therefore the publication of the photograph of the Major Degree Team seems to violate the spirit of secrecy which is so essential to the successful and complete fulfillment of the very wonderful lessons of the Major Degree.

It is suggested that a comprehensive review of the Major Degree and all of its understanding be undertaken to expand and make more uniform the practices and procedures which may operate.

Further, careful consideration should be given to the revision and the updating of the Ritual itself, to make it more meaningful to our membership in this, the latter third of the 20th Century.

Brother Driscoll has put this into the form of a motion that was acted upon by the committee, and I will read the resolve:

It is respectfully moved that the President of the National Board within one month from the final adjournment of this Convention appoint a committee to work in accordance with the foregoing, such committee would be required to render an interim report of its activities and progress to the National Board at its meeting in 1971 and thereafter render a final report, with the proposed revision of our Ritual in proper form to be considered by the National 1972 Convention.

What this has done, brothers, the one letter was strictly a letter, and it was to the National Digest, and the suggestion is that no further pictures of the Degree Team be published in the Digest.

The Committee felt that this was not action perhaps for the Convention to take, but rather something for the Board to discuss. But content of the further resolution is that a committee be appointed of

people to try and update and revise our Degree Team Ritual, and the committee recommends adoption of the resolution to refer this to the National Board for their consideration.

On a motion by Leary (Conn.), seconded by Ferguson (N.Y.), this section of the Report was adopted by the Convention. The Committee Chairman continued.

JACK KEANE (Mo.): Brothers, this resolution was submitted by the New Jersey State Secretary Tom M. Conroy, and John R. Murray, President. It says:

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Monsignor Francis J. Cosgrove Division 4 of Camden, New Jersey, requests that the National Board of Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Canada give serious consideration in forming a group life insurance policy.

This suggestion and plan was adopted at a regular meeting of the Monsignor Cosgrove Division 4 of Camden, New Jersey held on June 8, 1970, and sent to State Secretary Thomas M. Conroy to be presented at the National Convention. Our division is now working on a group insurance policy plan. It has become a very attractive way in getting new members to join our Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Monsignor Cosgrove Division 4, Camden, New Jersey, requests that this resolution be adopted by the National Convention in Indianapolis, held August 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

The committee discussed this resolution and the recommendation of the committee is that this subject be referred to the newly formed National Board for study and consideration.

The motion was adopted by the Convention.

CHAIRMAN KEANE: This resolution reads, or it is an amendment to the Constitution, reads as follows:

We, the A.O.H. are now in the age of change even as it comes to the Church. We, the Hibernians must meet the challenge of the modern day. As we have all seen and heard over the past twenty years, the results of this modern society as it has affected other national groups, for example the Italians, the French, Scandinavians and the Germans, etc. We have seen their organizations fall and expire in many cases for one main reason; the membership was, as is the A.O.H., confined to ancestry or birth.

Inter-marriage of the Irish with different nationalities now faces the A.O.H. with widening the latitude of the restrictions of birth and ancestry to include marriage. This is a must to keep and insure our younger generations as a potential source of A.O.H. members.

The committee adds these remarks by way of explanation, and if the Massachusetts Brother Mike Quinn would like to explain further, but the committee felt that what this resolution says is that the wife's membership qualifications for the Ladies Auxiliary would grant her husband membership requirements in the men's division.

The women now have this, if a man belongs to the men's division, his wife is eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary. What this would do would make the reverse, if the woman was eligible, the man would belong to our division.

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

The Committee recommendation of non-concurrence was upheld by the Convention.

CHAIRMAN KEANE: This amendment is submitted by Albert D. Murphy, Secretary of the Connecticut State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Please be advised that the following resolution was presented and passed at a Convention of the Connecticut State Board held in Stamford June 27 and 28. As it affects the Constitution of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and will be brought to the floor of the National Convention, I am sending this copy to you and to the National Secretary James Sullivan.

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Connecticut in Convention assembled, go on record in support of changing the admission requirements for membership in our Order, to allow Irishmen and Irish-Americans who are non-Catholics into the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The reason for the proposal is that it would give our Order a broader base in the face of dwindling membership and because the annals of Irish history are studded with the names of patriotic Irishmen who could not belong to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Please take the necessary steps to have the resolution presented to the assembled delegates at the 1970 National Convention to be held in Indianapolis.

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

The Committee's recommendation of non-concurrence was adopted.

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CHAIRMAN KEANE: Brothers, the committee was in a bit of quandary over this particular resolution, we had a number of them sent to us, and it involved the Canton, Ohio, delegation, and the action is mentioned in there of past Conventions wherein the 1974 Biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians that the mode of some type of national attire be contemplated and investigated and a report be given at the 75th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is my pleasure to write you again, urging you in your position as Liaison Office and Chairman of the Constitutional, Ritual and Progress Committee, to recommend to this body acceptance of our blazer for national distribution.

The letter goes on to explain why the national organization needs one particular piece of attire, either attire or a coat, something to that extent.

The committee acted in the following way:

The committee recommends that frequent publicity be given to the blazer jackets offered by Canton, Ohio, in our official publication, The Digest. The committee felt there was no way that our organization could force upon the members that they would have to purchase a particular piece of clothing. So therefore, we do say that if the Canton, Ohio division has these jackets, and we know that there are a great number of divisions throughout the country who have bought some from that area, we feel it is a good thing, if the members want it, but we recommend that the Canton, Ohio, division be given some publicity in the National Digest to at least make the members aware that these jackets are available.

And that is the recommendation of the committee, and I move its inception.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted by the Convention.

CHAIRMAN KEANE: This was proposed by members of the committee of the Illinois State Convention, by members of the committee Robert Fahey, Joseph McGoldrick and Joseph Murphy.

Resolution, or Amendment No. 1:

That we the members of the State Convention do hereby resolve that a change in the Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians should be made to the effect that divisions and county and state Board should be assessed to provide funds to have a Degree Team in attendance at all National Conventions.

The committee discussed this recommendation, and the committee recommends non-concurrence.

The motion was adopted.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KEANE: The same Illinois State Board adopted another recommendation for an amendment to the Constitution:

Amendment No. 2:

BE IT RESOLVED that county and state Conventions be held in the alternate year to the National Convention for reasons of convenience and finance.

This is submitted by the committee, Robert Fahey, Joseph McGoldrick and Joseph Murphy of Illinois. It is only one sentence, I will read it:

That county and state Conventions be held in the alternate year to the National Convention for reasons of convenience and finance.

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

The recommendation of non-concurrence was adopted by the Convention.

CHAIRMAN KEANE: It is recommended as amended, constitutional amendment, an amendment which would provide:

That the National Board would have the authority to present an Honorary Membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, provided that the individual has received the recommendation of the division initiating the action, the County Board if one exists, the State Board before being presented to the National Board for final action.

In way of explanation, as I understand, some years back, it had been the practice for a while for the National Board to install or to give what we call an Honorary Membership to some outstanding citizen of this country.

For some reason, the practice was stopped, because it said that there were no provisions in the Constitution that permitted the National President or the Board to grant an Honorary Membership to anybody. We felt as though it would be a good idea in some cases to present honorary membership, however the committee felt that it should not be an easy thing to be handed out. Therefore, the committee added this section, that it had to receive the approval first of the division, the County Board, go to the state organization, and then be submitted to the National Board, and the National Board could then issue an Honorary Membership.

The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

After the adoption of this amendment was moved and seconded from the floor, Barnett (N.Y.) moved to amend further to provide that "the individual so honored must be of good character who cannot, because of religious or racial heritage, qualify for regular membership in the Order." Put to vote by the President, the amendment offered by Barnett was approved by the Convention. In its amended form the amendment offered by the Committee was then approved.

CHAIRMAN KEANE: This is a resolution that was submitted at the Convention in Atlantic City. It has to do with abortion, and this subject was discussed earlier and action taken by Brother Cass, but the committee does recommend concurrence.

The resolution calls for each member of all the nation's Legislatures to oppose legal abortion, because deliberately provoked abortion is murder and contrary to the laws of God and man. Thou shalt not kill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the State Board of New Jersey, Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Biennial Convention assembled spread a copy of this resolution on the proceedings of this Convention, and that copies be sent to members of the Legislature and the Press.

I didn't quite get it, calling for copies of our action opposing legal abortion be distributed to members of the Press and members of the TV and other news media.

Brother Cass informs me that they already have gotten it, so I think it should be in the records that the committee recommends concurrence with Brother Cass's action.

This is again from Atlantic City, New Jersey Convention:

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pope Paul VI, Vicar of Christ on Earth, Bishop of Rome, Servant Of The Servants of God is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood, and

WHEREAS, Our Holy Father has been a good and zealous priest and Bishop ever steering the bark of Peter on a straight course through troubled seas,

BE IT RESOLVED that we the New Jersey State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America in Biennial Convention assembled congratulate him on his Golden Jubilee and pray God to bless him and his work ad multos annos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread on the proceedings of this Convention and that copies be sent to the Press, Atlantic City.

I think this would be the Press of the country, as I understand.

The committee recommends concurrence, with wishing Pope Paul VI well on his 50th anniversary.

The resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KEANE: Resolution of the New Jersey State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Convention assembled at Atlantic City.

RESOLVED that the New Jersey State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, in Convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on June 6, 1970, do deeply resent and strongly condemn the telecast on Channel 13 TV on Monday, May 25, 1970, at 7:30 P.M. in which birth control devices were flagrantly exhibited in close-up sequences. We found the program to be tasteless and repulsive to public decency.

The committee moves adoption.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KEANE: One last action, brothers - that we have some brothers who are not with us at the Convention because of illness, one brother in particular, the past President of the State of Missouri, Brother Ed Clark is in the hospital, and would have otherwise been here. We would like to have the names of any one of our Order who were not able to make it or who were ill, we would like to send them a telegram from the National Convention, telling the people we hope that they have a speedy recovery, and that we are sorry that they couldn't be here with us.

The committee moves that the National Secretary be directed to send telegrams to those individuals whose names are presented to him. So if you have any, we would like for you to submit them to the Secretary so that a telegram can be sent.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PATRICK SHERWIN (Conn.): A point of information. Past President Pat Hogan of Stamford, it was my understanding submitted a resolution to the Resolutions Committee, and it dealt with many years ago back in 1922 when Jim Daley, member of the Connaught Rangers was executed by the British Army in India and his body remains there to this day. The Indian Government has given permission to the National Graves Association in Ireland for exhuming the body and removing it to its proper place in Glasnevin Cemetery. Now if this resolution isn't in, worthy President, I move you that the National Board contribute the sum of \$100 for that purpose. I have received

\$100 from the Connecticut State Board, and I think it would be in order that the man should get the recognition that rightfully belongs to him, because his actions and the actions of the other members of the Connaught Rangers focused world-wide attention to what was happening in Ireland in 1920 when Kevin Barry was executed and brought to the attention of the civilized world.

So with that thought in mind, I move that the National Board contribute the sum of \$100 and also make recommendations to the State Boards throughout the land to send whatever they can afford to send to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

The motion of Patrick Sherwin (Conn.) was seconded by Murphy (Conn.), and adopted by the Convention.

President Delahanty then called upon Timothy Finn (N.Y.) for a report from the Organization Committee.

TIMOTHY FINN (N.Y.): Brothers, when I gave my report earlier, I mentioned three points that I felt this Convention should vote upon, and they are the recommendations of the Organizing Committee which met yesterday:

Number one, that the sum of \$2,500 be allotted for the National Board to use for the purpose of advertising our organization.

After considerable discussion the recommendation was tabled.

ORGANIZER FINN: The second proposal was the use of our mailing list for advertising and exchange purposes under the control of the National Board.

President Delahanty ruled the proposal out, for the want of a seconder.

TIMOTHY FINN: Truthfully, the Organizing Committee expected the first two to be defeated.

However, the next one is very important, we feel to the organization, and that is the admission of college students in college divisions where both the men and the women boys and girls of school can meet together and these divisions would be under the control of a National Director and at Conventions such as this, the men would meet with the men, and the women would meet with the women, the Ladies Auxiliary. The purpose of this is to provide new membership coming into the Order, and perhaps when they leave the colleges, they will be well acquainted with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and then go into the already formed divisions that we have in the areas.

Motion was made to adopt by Giblin, (N.Y.) seconded by McMillan, (Mich.).

The proposal was adopted by the Convention. At this point, President Delahanty interrupted the proceedings to announce the death of Joseph J. Dowd, a nephew of Past National President Michael J. Dowd. Joseph Dowd, 40 years of age, died while on a business trip to London.

The chair then recognized Michael C. Gray, (N.Y.).

MICHAEL C. GRAY: Worthy President, in view of the fact that we have adopted and approved the report of the Organizing Committee, I now move that Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"Divisions may accept male and female persons without medical examination for membership over 16 years of age upon payment of required initiation fee as social members; such members will not be entitled to sick or death benefits."

After considerable discussion, the proposed amendment was tabled.

Michael Farrell (California) raised the question of abolishing the use of the password in the Order. National President Delahanty ruled that while it might be worthwhile to have a discussion on the question, no positive action could be taken since the proposal had not been submitted in time for consideration by the appropriate Convention committee.

Fred Coakley (Mass.) complained that the voting which had been taking place throughout the session was distracting Delegates from the proper consideration of the many proposals being placed before the Convention. President Delahanty expressed his agreement with the complaint, further observing that the social program of a Convention should not encroach on the business sessions.

The Chair then recognized Vincent Halloran (D.C.) for a report from the Finance Committee.

VINCENT HALLORAN: It is recommended that the National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America be directed to obtain the necessary information for the preparation of a computer program to be presented to the National Board for its approval of any expenditures and with the approval of the Board to implement this computer program.

After considerable discussion which encompassed costs, scope, potential uses for budgetary purposes, and as a mailing device, a motion was offered to table the question pending further study by the National Board. This motion was seconded, and then adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL REPORTS

Albert Murphy, Connecticut, Chairman Worthy President, National Officers and Brother Hibernians, the Committee on Official Reports verifies that all reports required by the National Constitution of the Order have been made, and the reports have been submitted to the appropriate committees.

It has been suggested that the officers reports be limited to pertinent facts involving the Order and activities such as local parish functions be omitted from their reports.

The committee is composed of Albert D. Murphy, Chairman; Robert W. Curley, Edward Hanlan, John Luney, Edward Donohue, Edward Scannell, Joseph Robson, James T. Kelley and James Reilly.

I move the adoption of the report.

...The motion was seconded and upon being put to a vote was carried.

A motion was offered by Dunn (N.Y.), seconded by Ryan (N.Y.), with National Vice President Cornelius Collins presiding, that when new Divisions are formed the State Organizer, State Secretary, and State President be informed by the new Division, with the National Organizer and National Secretary receiving copies of all papers concerned. The motion was adopted by the Convention.

The balloting having proceeded during the session, and having been completed, the Election Committee brought the results to the National President.

PRESIDENT DELAHANTY: RESULTS OF BALLOTING

Convention City:

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For Directors:

James C. Welsh, Ind., Ind.	131
J. Robert Tweedy, Towson, Md.	141
Joseph W. O'Connor, Omaha, Neb	158
Richard McMillan, Det., Mich.	149
B. J. McCreesh, Plainfield, N.J.	144
Wm. Kinane, Brooklyn, N.Y.	132
John Hoswell, Dayton, Ohio	135
John F. Dunn, Schenectady, N.Y.	111
Elected: Tweedy, O'Connor, McMillan	
McCreesh, Kinane and Hoswell.	

Treasurer:

Richard Ormond, Cincinnati, Ohio	17
S. T. O'Malley, Chicago, Ill.	90
Thomas Gibson, Phila., Pa.	39
Michael Coogan, Dayton, Ohio	77
E. F. Callanan, San Fran., Calif.	28
Elected Treasurer: Stephen T. O'Malley, Chicago, Ill., with 90 votes.	

Secretary:

James R. Sullivan	163
William J. Barnett, Jr.	81
Elected: James R. Sullivan, Indianapolis, Indiana with 163 votes.	

Vice President:

George Zahn	37
J. William Reagan	53
John M. "Jack" Keane	165
Elected: John M. "Jack" Keane, St. Louis, Missouri, with 165.	

For President:

Timothy J. Finn	60
Edward J. Fay	119
Cornelius J. Collins	81
Elected: Edward J. Fay, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with 119 votes.	

National President Delahanty appointed Barnett (N.Y.) and Gibson (Pa.) as Marshals to escort the newly-elected Officers to the Dais for their installation. Past National President Michael J. Dowd (D.C.) conducted the Installation in the presence of the members, and the wives of the new Officers. Each of the Officers expressed their appreciation for their election. President Edward Fay introduced Deputy National Chaplain, Father Thomas Carey of Indianapolis to say the Closing Prayer.

At 5:55 P.M., on August 6, 1970, the 75th Biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. adjourned SINE DIE.

Joe McArdle Dies In Bronx

Hibernians were saddened to learn that Joseph S. McArdle, husband of Sister Marie J. McArdle, former New York State President of Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H., died recently at their home in the Bronx.

Marie wishes to express her deep appreciation for the many Mass Cards and messages of sympathy that she received from her sister and brother Hibernians. She is especially grateful to those who were able to be present at the funeral home and to those who attended the concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection in St. Barnabas R.C. Church.

The office of the dead was recited at the David J. Hodder and Sons Funeral Home in Yonkers, New York. Concelebrants of the Mass were Very Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm., New York State Chaplain, A.O.H., Rev. Donald T. Driscoll, a nephew of the deceased and Director of Guidance of Bishop DuBois High School; Rev. James E. Burke and Rev. Edward J. Quirk. Another nephew of the deceased, Brother Joseph Dunn, C.S.C., was seated in the sanctuary.

At the time of his death, the deceased was a superintendent in the Bronx Post Office. As the cortege reached the Church, it was met by an honor guard of Bronx mailmen, and a second honor guard from the Bronx County Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Hicksville Div. Working Hard

Brother William Patrick Collins, President of Division 11 (John Barry Div.) of Hicksville, Long Island, New York is working hard for the interests of his Division. He writes to the Digest as follows:

As per our most recently revised Constitution, the President announces at this time the following appointments: Chaplain - Father William Galloway, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle, Jericho; Chairman Charities and Mission Fund - Vincent Jones; Chairman Catholic Action - Patrick McHugh; Historian - John Campbell; Organizer - Arthur Grey; County Committee Freedom for All Ireland - James Crimmins. The following committees will commence operating as of our January 13 meeting: Admissions: Arthur Grey, Patrick Dowling, and Stephan Ryan; Finance: George Harkin, Jr. Past President, Lawrence Roby and Joseph (Tom) O'Hara. Employment - Arthur Grey and Daniel O'Shea. Entertainment: Patrick McDonnell Sr., Peter Collins, Donald Buckley, John Connely, Michael Cronin Sr., John Hart, Warren Healey Sr., Francis Larkin, James Mills, Patrick McDonnell Jr., Peter O'Reilly, William Smothergill, Francis Shannon, Edward Sneed and Eugene Ziegler (Honorary). Grievance: James Brogan, Danny Donovan, John Hart and William Minihan. Irish History: John Campbell, Thomas Fallon and Jim O'Sullivan. Sick & Hardship: Vincent Jones, John Byrne and Robert Clemens. Parade: George Harkin, Michael Cronin Jr., Vincent Jones, and William Roemer. Community Activity: James Cummings, Peter Collins, and George O'Haire. Publicity: James Cummings.

In view of our National Convention going to Dublin, and our own participation in Community Activities in Hicksville and other areas, we will proceed through

Ireland for the Irish

Bloody Sunday and its ugly aftermath, with perhaps worse to come, should underline the certainty that, on present course, Northern Ireland will be a permanent battleground pitting Irish against Irish as well as Irish against British.

Partitioning countries has been historically a formula for trouble. The division of Ireland is a classic example. After 50 years of strife, the only prospect is for further and irreversible deterioration.

For the Northern Irish, living in a state of siege and what amounts to martial law, the British presence is detestable. For the British, the situation is like an open-ended Vietnam.

Since hate and violence inevitably beget more of the same, there is little use in solemnly undertaking investigations to try to determine who provoked whom on a given occasion.

Indeed, it is impossible to see how any amount of negotiations and conferences in London can achieve anything until they accept as starting premise and final goal the unification of Ireland as a free state.

Britain, which has given up colonies in other parts of the world, owes the northern counties of Ireland no less.

This is not to minimize the religious schisms in Ulster and the cussedness that has sprung from them. But this is to suggest that the British have made a bad situation worse. There is far more reason to believe that the Irish can resolve their own differences than that London can ever do it for them.

To be sure, the notion of unification requires a considerable shifting of psychological gears, in Ulster as well as London. It might well entail voluntary relocation for some Northern Irish who found the thought, or the reality, of unification to be abhorrent and unbearable. But coalescing nations have survived such transitional strains and pains.

Brooklyn Ball A Big Success

The Annual Ball of the King's County Board, Brooklyn, New York, was a great social and financial success.

Brother John F. Curry, the big Kildare man, was chairman and, as usual, he turned in a great performance for the benefit of the County Board. Peter Tierney is County President.

King's County Breakfast
Dan Sullivan, Chairman, announces that King's County Boards of Men and Women will hold their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 30 in the Democratic Club, 76th Street and Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn. Father Lodge Curran will say the Mass at 9:00 a.m.

channels to get authorization to affix to our sashes an appropriate reproduction of our beloved Stars and Stripes.

NOW HEAR THIS: EARLY TABLE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR OUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER-DANCE, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 17 AT THE JOSEPH BARRY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HEITZ PLACE & BAY AVE, HICKSVILLE. Subscription: \$10.00 ea. (Deposit required to assure table space) - don't delay! 1972 dues are payable - they will assist our division to continue our community projects and Christian charity. Mail to: John Campbell, 8 Lorretta Lane, Hicksville. Brother John Hart also has data on Dublin flights for discussion at the meeting.

Those strains and pains will be minor compared with continuation of Britain's dead-end course of trying to hang onto an anomaly and an anachronism that bleeds from repression and cries for liberation.

The above article appeared as an Editorial on February 3, 1972 in "The Peekskill Evening Star." Peekskill is in New York State by the River Hudson in Westchester County. It is a city with 20,000 population. A new A.O.H. Division was recently organized there.

Don Eustace, its President, sent this article to the Digest. Among all the American Editorials we have seen on this subject, none has equaled this one in clarity and forcefulness. Thank you Brother Eustace.

Peace To Men Of Good Will

Sir: A few days ago Mr. Heath, speaking magnificently from No. 10 Downing Street, said that he would not allow the Irish to be united by force. Can he not see that the Irish are being divided by force? How can he avoid the stigma of rank hypocrisy?

Besides, who is he to say? By what ethics or moral authority does he speak? De facto Ireland is being kept partitioned by force-to the tune of 15,000 Black-and-Tans plus 6,000 auxiliaries armed to the teeth with their tanks rumbling daily through ghettos and country lanes. What bravery!

Does force become legitimate in maintaining injustice but not in overthrowing it?

The Berlin Wall and the Belfast Moat are a pair. Really the Fascist-Nazi axis and the British-Orange axis have so much in common, though in such Lilliputian proportions that it would be laughable were it not so tragic. The Belfast Moat is a tortuous borderline of blown bridges and cratered roads, meandering (like its guardians) for 200 miles. Each succeeding day the jolly old empire is becoming the laughing stock of the nations-imposing its militaristic will on a fatherland older but smaller than itself; while squinting a blind and jaundiced eye at "colonies" like Rhodesia. O tattered remnants of empire and decency!

Peace to men of good will-god will to the rest of them!
Kearney Magnier, Baltimore

Send Greetings To Ireland

Enthusiasm is the word as plans for the 76th Biennial National Convention take shape. Never has an occasion generated so much interest. Members from all over the country are planning to attend and take advantage of the many special features it has to offer.

We are happy to announce plans for a Special Convention Souvenir Book. We feel sure the enthusiasm that now exists will make it one of the finest. Plans are under way also in Ireland and we are assured of widespread participation from business, industry and most of all the people, so this is the year for all Hibernians in America and friends of Hibernians to participate.

A special section of the Souvenir Book will recognize and pay tribute to each County. We feel sure that members and friends of the Order will wish to be part of this special feature and send greetings to their native town and County. This is a personal way of saying Hello to the place of your birth.

You can do this by completing the form below and also please encourage your neighbors and friends of Irish descent to participate.

Please enclose \$1.00 for every greeting and make check or money order payable to: A.O.H. Convention Committee, and mail to: A.O.H. Convention Committee, P. O. Box 6046, Albany, New York 12206.

Greetings from: _____

To (Name): _____

Address: _____

St. Brigid Dinner Held By Ladies Of Queens County

On Friday evening, February 4, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Queens County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, New York, sponsored their 13th Annual Dinner Dance in honor of Saint Brigid.

Saint Brigid is the Patron Saint of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The name and fame of Saint Brigid has outlived many European Empires which once were considered indestructible.

Mrs. Una Murphy was the Chairlady of this perennial affair. She is the vice-president of the Queens County Board of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Dinner Dance was held at Dante's Restaurant, located at 7505 31st Avenue, Jackson Heights, and a record breaking crowd attended.

A complete menu consisting of soup, Prime Ribs of Beef, Dessert, and liquid refreshments was served, and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. followed to the tunes of the ever popular Mickie Carton and his orchestra.

Mrs. Mae Mederle is County President in Queens of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Elder Sister Of Michael Collins Dies In Ireland

Miss Hannah Collins, 92, elder sister of Michael Collins, famous leader of the Irish Republican Army from 1916 to 1922, died recently at the home of her nephew, Lt. Gen. Sean Collins Powell, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

Miss Collins was a native of Woodfield, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. The only other member of the Collins family now surviving is Sister Celestine of the Convent of Mercy, Withby, Yorkshire, England.

Delaware Div. Inaugural Dinner

Division No. 1 Delaware County is holding its Third Annual Inaugural Dinner on March 3, at 8 p.m., at the Officers Club, at the Defense Supply Agency, 20th and Oregon Avenues, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At this dinner the division will honor the former Mayor, the Honorable James H. J. Tate, the first Irish Catholic Mayor of Philadelphia, and also a brother Hibernian. He will also be the principal guest speaker.

Mass In St. Patrick's For 13 Derry Martyrs

Nearly 3,500 worshippers turned out on Sunday, February 6, for a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, for peace and justice in Ireland. Cardinal Cooke offered the Mass in memory of the 13 Catholic men killed by British soldiers in Derry during the Civil Rights March on January 30.

A number of dignitaries attended the Mass, including Senator James Buckley of New York and Irish Republic Foreign Minister Patrick J. Hillery, Land Minister Sean Flanagan, Consul General Kevin Rush, and UN Ambassador Cornelius C. Cremin.

Various Irish organizations were in evidence both inside and outside the cathedral during the ceremonies. Hundreds of Officers and Members of the A.O.H. were present from the New York area. Outside, men and women asked for donations for "the oppressed people of Derry," while others across the street from the Cathedral carried signs denouncing British policies.

The homily was delivered by the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, former Fordham University president, who assailed Britain's North Ireland policies. He told worshippers: "I was in London during the bombings of 1943 and saw the English at their best. Churchill was right. 'It was their finest hour' and they were magnificent. But a courageous people can always be insensitive and frequently stupid. That is why the Thirteen Colonies were lost to the Mother Country and that is why Ireland has been an open wound for the past four hundred years."

"Only stupid soldiers and stupid politicians could attempt the pacification of any country in 1972 by imprisonment without trial, by the torture of prisoners for information and hysterical shooting of unarmed civilians who dared to march in their own ghetto when the soldiers said not to march."

It is hard for us to realize that Northern Ireland is still living in the bitter old Seventeenth Century; that the breath of Oliver Cromwell still poisons the air," he said, noting that the Archbishop of Canterbury recently preached from the same pulpit at St. Patrick's.

Father Gannon told the worshippers that after World War II Ireland's standard of living increased at such a pace that 10 years ago its rate of economic growth was higher than in England and the United States. He also cited its "incredible spiritual and intellectual contributions" to undeveloped countries.

"Of course," he said, "we knew it was different in Ulster. With all their district gerrymandered, the Catholics still had no representation. They were still crowded in ghettos like the Bogside we read about, poverty-stricken and humiliated. Every time there was an Orange parade they had to hear the old familiar cry: 'Croppies lie down.'"

"But we all felt that eventually the north would move up to the Twentieth Century. Actually it has not moved an inch. It clings to the bloody days of the reformation."

Father Gannon closed his talk with a plea for funds "to ease the agony of the Catholic Irish in Ulster."

Cardinal Cooke, wearing the violet vestments of a votive Mass for peace, appealed for prayers for "genuine civil rights reforms" in Ulster, for the

men interned in Ulster, and "for all those killed, especially in the difficult day just past in the North of Ireland."

It was the Cardinal, himself, who arranged for this special Mass.

He decried the "terrible waste of human lives" in Northern Ireland and called for "new and far-reaching political initiatives . . . to insure justice and domestic tranquility in Ireland."

The same statement was addressed to millions of Roman Catholics who attended Masses in the archdiocese's 412 parishes. It was accompanied by a request that they contribute to a newly created archdiocesan Irish Relief Fund. The second collection at St. Patrick's was devoted to that cause.

All the funds, an archdiocesan spokesman said, will be forwarded to William Cardinal Conway, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, for distribution to needy Catholic families, especially those who are homeless or whose men have been interned without trial.

Carmelite Church Holds Mass For Derry Martyrs

Over 2,000 worshippers attended a mass of Resurrection on Saturday for the 13 Derry martyrs at the Carmelite Church, 339 East 28th Street, near First Ave., Manhattan, which was celebrated by Very Rev. Donald O'Callaghan, O. Carm. He is Chaplain of New York County and of New York State A.O.H.

Thirteen crosses inscribed with the names of the Derry Martyrs were held aloft by little girls during the Mass, which was sponsored by the Irish Northern Aid Committee. Co-sponsoring organizations of the Mass included the American Committee for Ulster Justice, the United Irish Counties Association, the Irish Institute, the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Mass was beautiful and poignantly sad at the same time as the 13 little girls, each carrying a white cross bearing the name of one of the 13 Derry dead, led the procession, which included 12 priests and a piper. Danny Finegan sang Irish airs and concluded with the Irish and American national anthems.

In a stirring sermon Father O'Callaghan extended sympathy to the relatives of those who were murdered the previous Sunday in Derry by British soldiers.

"Many an Irish patriot worshiped in this Church" said Father O'Callaghan, "including President of Ireland, Eamonde Valera, Liam Mellows, Tom Clarke, Harry Boland and a rosary of names down the years." He ended his brilliant sermon with the words uttered by Padraic Pearse at the grave of O'Donovan Rossa: "The fools, the fools, the fools! -- they have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree will never be at peace."

Father O'Callaghan wore a copy of the penal vestments which Irish priests wore during the penal days in Ireland when they celebrated Mass in caves or at a Mass rock with a price on their heads.

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and Indivisible, Though the Heavens Fall

--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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President Fay Makes Emergency Trip To Ireland

Sees Deterioration Of Conditions In 6 Counties

During the second week of February of 1972, shortly after the Derry Massacre, National President Edward J. Fay made an emergency trip to Ireland to confer with the National Leaders of Ireland and with leaders, such as John Hume, M.P., on the situation of Ireland and the six Northeast Counties. On his visit, President Fay visited Belfast, Dungannon, Armagh, and Newry in the Northeast and was appalled by the deterioration of the conditions in these areas since his January visit of 1971.

RECEIVED BY
HONORABLE JOHN MOORE,
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
TO IRELAND

On Monday morning, February 14, President Fay conferred with the American Ambassador to Ireland, the Honorable John Moore. This was done on the recommendation of the Honorable James A. Farley, former Postmaster General of the United States. Mr. Farley told our National President that he would receive the clearest picture on Ireland and troubles of Northeast Ireland.

Ambassador John Moore, by the way, is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Division No. 29, New York County.

After President Fay's meeting with Mr. Moore, he traveled to Belfast on his own and saw the terrible suffering and damage being inflicted in this troubled area. The amount of destruction and ruin, along with the terrible war of nerves, would remind one of World War II in Europe.

His next stop was Dungannon, then onto Armagh, through Newry, on his junkit back to Dublin. One will never know or realize what our people are suffering unless you would see it first-hand. President Fay was not able to contact John Hume prior, or during, his visit to the Northeast Sector of Ireland, because Mr. Hume had been arrested and subpoenaed for his participation in what the oppressor called an illegal March. It was not until Friday morning, February 18, that the National President could meet with John Hume and Paddy Duffy, and that was in Dublin.

RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT
EAMON DEVALERA

President Fay said of his visit with President Eamon De Valera: "Mrs. Fay and

I were received by President Eamon De Valera at Aras An Uachtarain, Monday, at 3:45 p.m., February 14. The keenness of this great man, and the awareness of the situation in all of Ireland would be taxing on a man 50 years younger than this great man of World History.

"The similarity of today's trouble in Northeast Ireland and those of 50 years ago were brought to our attention. He expressed hope that Irish in America, and America in general, our Government, and all our people would not forget Ireland now in its time of need."

MEETING OF
PRIME MINISTER LYNCH

Tuesday afternoon, February 15, an official visit with an Taoiseach (Prime Minister) was held at the Leinster House. President Fay discussed the troubles of Northeast Ireland with Mr. Lynch.

The Prime Minister expressed his views about Dr. Hilliary's visit to the United States and the attitude of our Government about the situation in general.

President Fay had this word to say to Irish-Americans: "This being the Presidential election year, as your National President, I am asking you to make your weight felt at the polls. All Presidential candidates and Senatorial and Congressional Candidates must give us an affirmative answer to having our Government take an active role in solving the Northeast problem by Unifying the 32 counties in one Free Ireland. Let us show our real strength once and for all. Ireland United."

AUDIENCE WITH
CARDINAL CONWAY

Meeting his Eminence William Cardinal Conway was delayed until Friday afternoon, February 18, and

the meeting took place at Maynooth College just outside of Dublin. Cardinal Conway was in Rome for consecration of Archbishop Dermot Ryan, Primate of Ireland, and he and the Archbishop did not return to Dublin until Thursday, February 17.

At Maynooth College, President Fay presented Cardinal Conway with another check in the amount of \$10,000. The money was received by the A.O.H. for our own Relief of Northern Ireland Fund. This \$10,000 will be used to relieve the sufferings of the 13 families of the Derry Massacre of January 30, 1972.

The Most Reverend Dr. Neil Farren, Bishop of Derry will administer this money for those poor families of the 13 Martyrs. Bishop Farren resides at the Bishops House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

CONVENTION PLANNING

If you think that the National President was on a vacation, we hate to disappoint you. On the convention program he met again with Mr. P.V. Doyle and inspected the new Burlington Hotel which will open for business the latter part of April, 1972.

Meetings were held with the Hoteliers and C.I.E. Tours, Board Failte, Irish Airlines, Honorable Brian Lenihan, Minister of Power and Transport, and Mr. James McMahon of C.I.E. Tours.

On Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., a press conference was set up by C.I.E. Tours Incorporated and all the news media of Ireland was invited. The Irish T.V. and Radio networks, the newspapers, even the New York Times foreign correspondent, and President Fay assured the Irish people and the Irish Government that now, in Ireland's time of need, the Ancient Order of Hibernians would stand beside our homeland.

The British and many European countries were backing out of early commitments, and Ireland would be suffering economically as a result. The National President pledged the Ancient Order of Hibernians support by guaranteeing that our convention would convene in the Burlington Hotel on Tuesday, July 25, 1972. The plans for the convention promise that this will be the greatest convention held in the history of the Order.

The National President returned home on Saturday, February 19, a tired but satisfied person.

SEND YOUR NEWS
TO THE DIGEST



A CHECK FOR \$10,000 is presented to His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway at Maynooth College by National President Edward J. Fay. The money is for the relief of the families of the 13 Martyrs in the Derry massacre of January 30, 1972.



PRESIDENT EAMON DeVALERA, Mrs. Fay and National President Edward J. Fay at Aras An Uachtarain.

Send Greetings To Ireland

Enthusiasm is the word as plans for the 76th Biennial National Convention take shape. Never has an occasion generated so much interest. Members from all over the country are planning to attend and take advantage of the many special features it has to offer.

We are happy to announce plans for a Special Convention Souvenir Book. We feel sure the enthusiasm that now exists will make it one of the finest. Plans are under way also in Ireland and we are assured of widespread participation from business, industry and most of all the people, so this is the year for all Hibernians in America and friends of Hibernians to participate.

A special section of the Souvenir Book will recognize and pay tribute to each County. We feel sure that members and friends of the Order will wish to be part of this special feature and send greetings to their native town and County. This is a personal way of saying Hello to the place of your birth.

You can do this by completing the form below and also please encourage your neighbors and friends of Irish descent to participate.

Please enclose \$1.00 for every greeting and make check or money order payable to: A.O.H. Convention Committee, and mail to: A.O.H. Convention Committee, P. O. Box 6046, Albany, New York 12206.

Greetings from: _____

To (Name): _____

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N.Y. Division 6 Dance June 17

Division 6 of New York County will hold its Annual Dance at the Tower View Ballroom 60-19 Roosevelt Avenue, Queens, on Saturday night, June 17.

Energetic Pat Burns, originally from County Longford, is President of the Division.

Two of "New York's Finest" Police Department men are also working on the Committee of Arrangements. One of them, Jim Brown, is Chairman. The other, Tommy Ryan, is Chairman of the Journal.

Nestled in the heart of Yorkville on the wealthy East Side of Manhattan, Division 6 extends much Hibernian influence in that area and recruits desirable members from the local parishes in which there is still much unused A.O.H. material available for membership - just for the asking.

National Convention Dublin, Ireland, July 24 To July 28

Jim McCormack of Division 5, Brooklyn, has been appointed by President Fay as National Coordinator for the Dublin Convention.

Jim attended the Indianapolis Convention in 1970 and was involved in having Dublin nominated for the 1972 Convention. Born in Scotland, he emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1962 and, until this year, was Sales Manager in North America for CIE Ireland's National Transport Company.

He is now forming his own Travel Agency and at Presi-

dent Fay's request is devoting his full time to ensure the success of this year's Convention. He just returned from a visit to Dublin with National Secretary Bill Bartnett and reports that the Headquarters Hotel for the Convention, the Burlington, is living up to all expectations and will add tremendously to our National Convention.

An up to date status report on the Convention has been

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One Man's Opinion

By James J. Comerford

BRITAIN'S OFFER

Speaking about Northeast Ireland, sufficient samples of opinions held by various leaders in Ireland, who have been close to the Guerrilla War situation, are in this Digest to show that the recent offer made by Britain is not satisfactory to a large number of Irish participants who supported the I.R.A. Campaign. We must remember that the leaders, who made these statements, live in Ireland, and not in the U.S. They are where the action is in Ireland.

Britain's offer, made through Prime Minister Heath, has met with mixed reactions.

One thing, which seems to be sure as of April 1972, is that neither Sinn Fein nor I.R.A. accepts Britain's offer.

STILL WILLING TO SUFFER

Those who suffered are prepared to suffer on - to suffer more. Keep in mind that I.R.A. men are all Volunteers. They were not drafted. Neither are they "Draft Dodgers." They receive no pay. They have no regular sleeping places. They are "on the run" from arrest. Their families receive no money allowances. When wounded or ill, the I.R.A. men cannot enter Hospitals or they would be arrested and jailed.

Remember that, as of April 10th, there were 803 Irish Catholics still held in Concentration Camps. No charges were ever made against them by the now defunct Belfast Government or by the present day British Government. They wait and suffer "behind the wire." Their families must rely on charity for support. They, like the prisoners, suffer and wait.

SUGGESTION - READ STATEMENTS

It is suggested that Digest readers examine these statements made by Irish leaders in Ireland, then make up your own minds about the situation.

Many readers do not have a chance to get Irish American Newspapers or papers from Ireland. As a result, they do not get all the Irish story. It is for this reason that the Digest carries news items about Northeast Ireland.

PROTESTS AND SHOTS

The Belfast Stormont Government has been abolished. For 50 years, it humiliated, persecuted and jailed the Catholics in Northeast Ireland. As of now, it is out of business - supposedly for one year.

Organized protests by the Catholic minority together with shots fired by a few dozen Irish Republican Army men created a situation that caused Britain to abolish the obnoxious Belfast Government.

DOLLAR BILLS

Dollar bills in various denominations cheerfully contributed by many Irish Americans, supplied the I.R.A. men with some extra money to supplement the money raised for them in Ireland. This American money was badly needed to purchase the wherewithall which these Fighters for Irish Freedom had to have in order to do their particular job.

Dollars in bills and checks generously subscribed by Irish Americans helped to provide food, clothes, medicine, and shelter for families whose homes were burned out by British armed forces during the conflict. These people were forced to become refugees in their own land.

But money was and is not everything. Moral support together with sympathy and understanding was needed - is needed - will still be needed as well as money.

THIS IS WAR

Britain has 16,000 Soldiers, as of April, 1972, in Northeast Ireland. That is a lot of soldiers in a small patch of land! Why are they there?

DEATH TOLL MOUNTS

"BELFAST - According to combined news sources as of April 11, deaths from the violence in Northern Ireland since British troops arrived in 1969 are: Civilians - 209; British soldiers - 59; Army Reserve (UDR) - 11; Policemen (RUC) - 22; Total 301. Annual death tolls: 13 for 1969; 20 for 1970; 173 for 1971; 95 thus far for 1972."

Millions and millions of dollars worth of houses and property have been destroyed. Human suffering is multiplied every week. Whether people wish to admit it or not - "This is War" in Northeast Ireland and is nothing else but war.

ORANGEMEN WANT BRITISH

Openly admitted by Orangemen in Northeast Ireland is the fact that they want to be British and want to keep that section of Ireland as a part of Britain - like Scotland and Wales. They are "Political People" - members of Orange Lodges. These Orangemen publicly boast that they and their friends possess 97,000 modern guns. Everybody knows how much they also boast over the fact that no Orangeman has been arrested by the British Army and jailed in Concentration Camps. They sneeringly boast that only Catholics are arrested and jailed.

CIVIL WAR - NO

Britain, in December, 1921, by an offer of a "Free State" made to 26 of Ireland's 32 Counties, provoked and started a sorrowful and a treacherous Civil War in Ireland during 1922-1923.

Those of us who experienced that Civil War by being in Ireland at that time - or those among us who have seriously read about it in books - do not wish to see another Civil War in Ireland as a result of Britain's offer to Ireland in 1972.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

A Theory Which Refuses To Be Swept Under The Rug

Many letters are written every month by members to the Digest. Their contents generally express thoughts which are uppermost in their minds. Nearly all these letters come from the rank and file of the membership and come from all areas of the U.S. in which A.O.H. Divisions are located.

Right now, members by their letters to the Editor are requesting and sometimes "demanding" that more space be given to articles on present day political conditions in Northeast Ireland. They show a real interest in finding out what is going on there, now, between Ireland and Britain and "what" is being said today about the present day situation in that area of Ireland by the various leaders who have been leading the Irish-Irish in Northeast Ireland.

In this particular Digest, despite space scarcity, we try to satisfy their wishes by carrying statements made recently by some of these Leaders.

Members who read these statements and who will check their content and meaning with other sources will quickly realize how complex and delicate this particular subject is. They will also at least be in a fairly good position to talk intelligently about Britain's offer to the Irish-Irish in Northeast Ireland as well as about the stand that was taken during April 1972 in relation to this British offer by the Leaders of the Irish-Irish.

Remember, there are many British-Irish in various parts of Ireland in addition to those in the part still occupied by Britain.

Delegates ought to keep this sensitive thing in mind while attending the forthcoming National Convention.

Judging by letters received, addressed to the Digest, it can be truthfully said that the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America have read fully the purpose of the A.O.H. as defined and published in the Preamble of the Constitution of the A.O.H. in America. Among the four sections contained in that Preamble, members, in their letters, most often draw attention to Number 3 which states:

"to aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute Independence."

Generally, since August 1971, these members in their letters advance the theory that Guerrilla Warfare within Northeast Ireland by the I.R.A. is a legitimate endeavor by legitimate means of the Irish people.

Because of the fact that a substantial number of responsible members have sincerely advanced this theory in their letters and also have indicated that they exchange views on the subject in talks with other members, it is only reasonable to assume that others also are thinking similar thoughts. We believe that it is necessary and proper that the Digest should tell all members who may read this Editorial what some of their brothers are talking about these days to other Americans and what they are mostly writing about right now in their letters to the Digest.

With this view in mind, we point out in this Editorial a theory which some of our members hold and tell others about -- namely, Guerrilla Warfare.

This theory will not go away. It will stay around. These thoughts refuse to be swept under the rug. They will remain in the minds of many members.

This condition in Northeast Ireland is something for all of us to think seriously about. It is going to be around for a long time.

SPLIT - AN OLD ENGLISH TRICK

Britain is now trying to split the Irish people in Ireland and also to split those Organizations of Irish outside Ireland. That kind of scheming is Britain's age-old trick and technique in dealing with the Irish. To carry out this objective, Britain will use prominent Irishmen to act as wedges - to be the tools - in order to speed up the split.

We must be careful not to allow ourselves to be used as wedges or tools by Britain.

ONLY ONE ENEMY - ENGLAND

Ireland as a Nation still has only one enemy - namely, England. That enemy must be driven out of Ireland - NOW.

All of Ireland - every one of its 32 Counties - needs peace and wishes to have peace.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

But this peace must be a Peace with Justice. While England occupies any part of Ireland, the majority of the people now living in Ireland's 32 Counties will not be receiving Justice. Without Justice, there cannot be Peace in Ireland. England, by still occupying Ireland, prevents Peace with Justice.

The History of Ireland proves this conclusion to the satisfaction of the Irish-Irish and to their friends. Those who are British-Irish will not agree. But who is expecting them to agree?

Support HR 13020

By Edward F. Callanan Jr., Chairman, Catholic Action

Public Aid To Private Education

Catholic education in the United States has faced many crises during its relatively short existence. Catholic schools were originally established in our country to help preserve the faith that immigrant families brought from the old world. This was particularly true of the Irish immigrant, whose zeal for Catholicism survived some of the cruelest persecutions ever endured by a civilized nation.

The Irish priests, religious Brothers and teaching Sisters have served as symbols, not only as a link to the past, but as a hope for the future; so as parish schools were established early in our history, the Irish people sacrificed to send their children to their parochial schools.

These private schools, with sterner disciplinary methods than their counterparts in the public sector, earned a reputation for scholarly excellence. Public education in America has achieved a higher standard than any other society in the history of the world, and private education, for the most part, has achieved equality, or indeed has surpassed that already high standard of the public schools. This statement is generally acknowledged in educational circles.

The result has been, however, that in effect, those people who have chosen to send their children to private schools are doubly taxed, for they are supporting both public and private education. The right of the parent to send his children to private schools was clearly defined by the United States Supreme Court in the famous Oregon School Case of 1925, in which it stated that the parents, not the State, have the right to choose the school in which the child shall be educated.

Once the principle of the right to choose a school has been established, as cited above, then we may ask why public monies are not available for the education of children in whatever school the parents choose. Granted, under the separation of Church and State provision of the Constitution, the Government cannot support any sectarian or denominational school, but it does not provide for discrimination against children because of religious beliefs.

Thus, under the First Amendment guaranteeing the free exercise of religion, and the equal protection rights of the Fourteenth Amendment, children should be entitled to educational assistance regardless of the school they attend. In point of fact, private schools have benefited from public funds under such programs as the "G.I. Bill", milk, lunch

and transportation programs.

In California, Governor Ronald Reagan recently signed a bill into law which allows visually-handicapped children in private schools to be supplied materials by the State Department of Education, just as they had been supplying these items to visually-handicapped children in public schools. At the time of signing this bill, the Governor said, in part, "If the non-public schools in our State were forced to close due to financial difficulties, the shift of non-public school children would result in an immediate additional taxpayer cost of one-half billion dollars - an almost unsurmountable disaster."

Thus, as the States seek to find some means of aiding private schools, despite stern opposition, through such means as the voucher systems, the Federal Government is studying similar means of stemming the tide of closing private schools due to increasing financial problems.

Due to the efforts of Congressmen Byrnes of Wisconsin and Ford of Michigan, HR 13020 has been introduced which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a credit to the individual taxpayer for tuition paid for the elementary or secondary education of dependents.

This bill, while not perfect, is at least a start in the right direction for it would allow tax credit on behalf of any dependent to 50 per cent of the tuition paid, up to a maximum credit of \$400. This bill has been brought about by the concerted effort of many individuals and organizations and deserves the support of all Catholic organizations.

During the past year and one-half, the Hibernian National Committee on Catholic Action has been researching this vital program, seeking to find a vehicle that the National Board could recommend to all our Divisions to preserve our Catholic school system. The above-cited bill best meets that aim. For the present, therefore, all Divisions are urged to write to their Congressmen demanding their support of HR 13020 and commending the authors for presenting this bill.

Remember, the Federal Government is already aiding private schools by helping to finance science and language laboratories, helping former G.I.'s through college and providing other assistance to school children - so why not help with tuition aid?

Don't delay - wire your Congressman NOW! SUPPORT HR 13020!



THE HONORABLE JOHN HUME, M.P. meets with National President Edward J. Fay to discuss the Northeastern Ireland problems during the National President's recent visit to Ireland.



THE HONORABLE JOHN MOORE, American Ambassador to Ireland, meeting with National President Edward J. Fay at the American Embassy in Dublin.

President Fay To Seek Reelection In Dublin

Under the Constitution revised and adopted at the National Constitutional Convention held at St. Paul's Monastery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 12 to July 16, 1971. Article XIII-Nominations, Elections and Installations, Section 2 National Officers; Paragraph (4) tenure of office shall be for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. No elected national officer, except the National Secretary, shall be eligible to succeed himself more than once.

Nine present officers can succeed themselves in office for one more term.

This has been a two-year period of transition in the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. A complete reorganization on the National level has taken place. The National Hibernian Digest is something we can all be proud of. The National Awards Program is now made public to all members of the Order. For the first time, the 1971 National Award Program results were published in the Digest. For the first time in the history of the Order, every member of the Order received a copy of the National Convention Proceedings held in Indianapolis, Indiana, and this was done well, saving over \$5,000 on estimated cost of printing the proceedings in book form and then only a limited number of delegates to the Convention received them.

We must admit that the Order is now being administered openly and in a business-like manner. New solid divisions have been formed in Anaheim, Calif., Denver, Col., Waterloo, Iowa, two in the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania, Fulton, N.Y., Westchester, N.Y., and McCoombs County, Michigan.

A growth in membership is reported from many of our established divisions throughout the country. National President Ed Fay has consulted with, and has been

advised by, such outstanding men as President Eamon DeValera on two occasions, Prime Minister John Lynch on three occasions, William Cardinal Conway on three occasions, and the Honorable John Hume, M.P., from Derry City on three occasions.

He has been advised by the Honorable James A. Farley on two occasions, and the Honorable John Moore, Ambassador to Ireland, on one occasion.

He and his wife were dinner guests of the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, and Mrs. Nixon on March 16, 1971, in the White House, so you can see that other people recognize our Ancient Order of Hibernians in America through our National President.

Our National President still finds time for the rank and file members of the Order, by visiting California Hibernians in the San Francisco area, New York area, Maryland and Washington area and Massachusetts area while keeping a close association with the Pennsylvania Hibernians. He will be a candidate again for president.

Declared Candidates For N.Y. Convention

Letters received by the Digest from New York State members indicate that John (Jack) Reynolds is a candidate for the office of New York State President at the State Convention to be held from June 22 to 24 in Binghamton, N.Y.

Jack is from Lake Grove, Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y. He is now State Vice President.

Other communications signify that Thomas McNabb of Auburn, upstate New York, who is now Recording Secretary of N.Y. State, is a candidate for the office of N.Y. State Vice-President and that John (Jack) Duffy is a

Allegheny County Officer Dies

Edward T. Barrett, a dedicated Hibernian and civic leader in the Turtle Creek Valley of Pennsylvania, passed away February 10 at the age of 63, in the Columbia Hospital, Pittsburgh.

A past president of Division 17, Wilmerding, Mr. Barrett was elected recording secretary of the Allegheny County Board for 14 terms. He served his Division as Secretary for 25 years. Beginning with the 1950 meeting in Boston, Mr. Barrett attended every National, State and Allegheny County Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Employed as an Allegheny County assessor, Mr. Barrett also served as a councilman in Wilmerding for 28 years. He was active in affairs of American Legion Post 230, VFW Post 1768 and served on the St. Aloysius Church Committee.

A resident of 42 Prague St. Wilmerding, Mr. Barrett is survived by his widow, Mildred G., two sons, Edward F. and Joseph M., and five grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection was at 10 a.m. Monday, February 14, in St. Aloysius Church, Wilmerding, with burial in the new St. Joseph Cemetery, North Versailles Township.

candidate for A.O.H. Recording Secretary of the State.

John Duffy, is a member of Division 3, New York County. Several times, he has stood aside from seeking state office in favor of others.

New York County, having the largest A.O.H. membership in N.Y. State, believes it is entitled to a major office in 1972 on the New York State Board.

REMEMBER --
Our Membership Drive
HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
A NEW MEMBER?



PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND JOHN LYNCH, Mrs. Edward J. Fay and National President Fay meet in the Leinster House in Dublin, Ireland on February 15, 1972.

National Convention In Dublin, Ireland

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prepared by Brother McCormack and is published in this issue for the information of all members.

Jim McCormack can be reached by calling or writing to Manhattan Travel Service, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. Telephone 212 - 354-0900.

Jim's assignment will be to coordinate all the travel programs and lodging of delegates and members. He will do this by working very closely with the assigned Travel Agents, and contacting all A.O.H. groups who are going to the Convention or those who are still planning to make the Dublin Convention.

Space is still available on the following flights to Dublin for the National Convention.

From	Depart	Return
Boston:		
2 weeks	July 22	Aug. 5
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2 weeks	July 16	July 31
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1 weeks	July 22	July 29
3 weeks	July 22	Aug. 12
3 weeks	July 23	Aug. 13
4 weeks	July 20	Aug. 16
Newark:		
2 weeks	July 21	Aug. 4
Chicago:		
3 weeks	July 23	Aug. 13
Pittsburgh:		
3 weeks	July 23	Aug. 12

To avoid disappointment, any member not yet signed up is advised to do so immediately.

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The National Board will accept no responsibility for Flight, Room or Convention Social Activity Problems, unless the delegate or member has worked through the assigned Travel Agents. Room assignments, social affairs and flights can only be guaranteed through our coordinated program. It will be too late come July or when you arrive in Dublin. All State and County Divisions are notified that this is the only official way to plan for the Dublin National Convention of 1972.

National Constitution

In accordance with the National Constitution, Article X, Section 14C and Article XXVIII, Section 3, all jurisdictions are reminded that amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted, through channels, to the Chairman, Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention for consideration and study. The dates of this year's convention are July 25 through July 27, 1972, in Dublin, Ireland.

The thirty day time period will be observed in order that your proposals are given the proper consideration.

William J. Collins, Chairman
Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee
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And for you to bring your loved ones back here with you.

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Special low excursion fares

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COUNTY PRESIDENT Joseph P. Sullivan is seen here presenting to Tom Donohue New York's much sought after prize - "The Distinguished Service Award" - while Mrs. Donohue and Chairman Peter Campbell participate in the ceremony. From the left, they are Mr. Campbell, banquet chairman; Mr. Donohue, guest of honor; Mrs. Thomas (Eleanor) Donohue, and Mr. Sullivan, New York County President, A.O.H.

Gets Distinguished Service Award Tom Donohue Honored

Tom Donohue, a native New Yorker, and a member of the New York City Police Department, is one of the leading Hibernians in New York County (Manhattan Borough).

Always helping people on

his own expense, he is respected as a man and admired as a Hibernian. He is a member of a great Division in Stuyvesant Town, Manhattan - namely, Division 12.

In recognition of his out-

standing contributions to the A.O.H., and as a token of the esteem with which he is held in the Community, 600 Hibernians assembled at a Banquet in his honor in the luxurious Hotel Commodore and feted him in splendor.



JOHN J. DEVLIN, National Organizer for A.O.H., visited California recently on organizational work. He is shown above with Los Angeles A.O.H. officers. In the front row, from the left, are: Michael J. Farrell, Deputy National A.O.H. Organizer for Southern California; Brother Devlin; Monsignor John Sheridan, Chaplain, Los Angeles Division; John W. Conlin, President, Los Angeles Division; Gerald W. O'Keefe, President, Orange County Division. At the rear are: Kevin Corcoran, Vice President, Los Angeles Division; Thomas McConville, Director Irish Hour, Station KIEV; James Doody; Christopher O'Shea; Frank J. O'Neill, Attorney; Clarence Maroney, and John Mackell Jr., Financial Secretary.

No Peace Response To Britain's Offer

BELFAST, April 10: The level of violence in this strife-torn province remains high despite the peace initiative launched 17 days ago by Prime Minister Heath of Britain.

Figures compiled by the British Army today give a mixed picture of what has been happening in the street warfare of northern Ireland, with increases in robberies and civilian deaths and declines in explosions and attacks on military men.

The army did not comment on the figures, which were prepared at the request of The New York Times. "They

speak for themselves," a spokesman said.

Later in the day, the army announced the deaths of two more soldiers in a bombing in Londonderry.

It was on March 24 that Mr. Heath announced his moves, including suspension of the provincial government, a pledge of periodic plebiscites in Northern Ireland on whether it should move toward unification with the Republic of Ireland, and the promulgation of a commission that would advise the Prime Minister on running the province.

FIGURES COMPARE TWO PERIODS

The army, in its figures, compared the record of violence in Ulster in the 16 days from March 9 through March 24 with the record for the 16 days between March 25 and yesterday. Following are the findings:

For the earlier period, 68 explosions, 177 "shoot-ups," or cases in which military men were fired on, 30 robberies, three army men killed and 31 wounded, three policemen killed and five wounded, no civilians killed but 141 civilians wounded.

For the later period, 57 explosions, 168 shoot-ups, 38 robberies, no policemen killed but eight wounded, and seven civilians killed and 78 civilians wounded.

Cardinal Conway Appeals For Peace

Belfast, Northern Ireland, April 2: The spiritual leader of Ireland's Catholics called on the I.R.A. to call off its war against British rule. The appeal from William Cardinal Conway marked the first time that the full weight of church authority had been brought against the army fighting to unite Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

KENNEDY MEDAL

National Director Bob Tweedy, in charge of the Kennedy Medal Award is now receiving the Ballots on which votes were cast for the 1972 Medal Award.

NEWS

from

Under the Capitol DOME



by Peggy Dowd

On February 2 the Royal Scots Guards of the British Army appeared in concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. It was a cold, rainy night but the Irish societies picketed the performance because this soldier outfit had just finished a tour of duty in Northeast Ireland which included "Bloody Sunday" in Derry City on January 30.

A permit was obtained which permitted us to picket right in front of the main door. Nobody went into the concert without going through the line. The press had been notified and were there. Television camera lights brightened the scene. National Director Bob Tweedy came over from Baltimore with 22 of his members. Everyone carried large signs and the triumph of the evening was when the British Ambassador had to be taken in through a basement door to the concert. A telephone call created a bomb scare during the performance and the theater was evacuated for about an hour while it was searched.

On February 6, our annual St. Brigid's Day Mass was held at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception followed by a breakfast. At the invitation of Maryland State President Warren Downey, about 55 Washington Hibernians went over to Baltimore for an oyster roast.

The House sub-committee on Foreign Affairs held hearings on the Senate Kennedy-Ribicoff, and the House Carey Bills which call, in substance, for the British Army to withdraw from Ireland. The hearings lasted for three days and were well attended. Both Senators testified and also Congressman Hugh Carey of Brooklyn, N.Y. and numerous other congressmen and witnesses for the oppressed minority in northeast Ireland. Many witnesses had been flown over to the hearings from Ireland.

On the third afternoon, six Ulster Unionists indignantly rebutted the previous testimony. They said they did not represent the Belfast Stormont government but were businessmen and one clergyman. Their intense desire to remain linked to England came through clearly. When they referred to themselves as "British-Irish" it seemed to put the whole mess in its proper perspective. Many of Ireland's greatest heroes were Protestants, but they were "Irish-Irish" Protestants.

Our St. Patrick's Day festivities began on March 10 when our Washington Hibernians attended a ceremony at the statue of Robert Emmet. The Honorable William Warnock, a Protestant, and Irish Ambassador to the U.S., placed the wreath and told of highlights in the life of Emmet. It was sad to look at the beautiful statue and remember that Robert Emmet was only 25 years old when he was hung, drawn and quartered in 1803 in Dublin by the English. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at Blackie's House of

Beef where Mr. Warnock again spoke. His talks are always enjoyable and he is always available to our organization. He is a very nice man.

On Sunday, March 12, a bus was chartered to take the AOH and Auxiliary to Arlington National Cemetery for our annual custom of placing a wreath from the National Boards of the AOH and LA on the tomb of President John Kennedy and planting shamrocks on the grave of George Washington Parke Custis. Private cars are no longer permitted into the cemetery without a permit. Ruth Young and John Keefe, our local presidents did the honors. Afterward refreshments were served at Lee Mansion.

President Kennedy had been a Hibernian for six years before his assassination. While he served first as congressman and then as a senator from Massachusetts, he kept the same suite of rooms for his headquarters that his maternal grandfather "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald had maintained. These were in a hotel in Boston. It was difficult to know when he was going to be there. Mike Dowd, my husband, was then with the Capitol Police Department. He was detailed at the Capitol and knew Senator Kennedy. Massachusetts Dan Clifford, of happy memory, asked Mike to see the Senator and ask him if he would join the Order. This was done. Later a filled and signed application by Senator Kennedy was forwarded to a happy Dan Clifford in Watertown, Mass.

Our March 17 began with a Mass at St. Patrick's Church. His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle was the principal celebrant. His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway from Ireland was the preacher and his Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. was in attendance. Cardinal Conway is a majestic looking priest and an excellent speaker. The next morning he held a press conference for the Washington newspapers. In the evening, a banquet and dance was held at the Holiday Inn. The speaker was Monsignor Peter Maher who is the Chaplain of the James Dugan Division 4 in Washington, D.C. Cardinals O'Boyle and Conway were unable to attend the banquet but did come to the reception to meet our members.

The eve of St. Patrick's Day was especially significant to the many members of the Order and their colleagues who have worked for the correction of the U.S. Immigration Laws by having the Bill in House of Representatives passed. On March 15, Brother James Reilly, former Chairman of the National Immigration Committee, received a telegram from Brother John P. Collins of New York. He is Chairman of the American Irish

Los Angeles Dance and Parade

Jerry O'Keefe, President of Orange County Division in Los Angeles, California, reports that the St. Patrick's Night Dance in the Hilton Hotel was a splendid success.

He also reports that the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Santa Anna turned out fine. The Irish Northern Aid Committees combined with A.O.H. to raise money for Irish refugees.

There was a time when an Irish Parade in Los Angeles smacked of "Paddy Whack" as a result of the synthetic Irish characters spawned by Hollywood. It seems that this is now dead and rests in the grave with the Stage Irishman.

National Immigration Committee. The telegram requested that Brother Reilly head the Irish delegation in the House Gallery when this Bill called HH 9615 was to be voted on. It was a great day not only for the Irish but for the Italians, British, Germans and Poles all of whom will benefit from this Bill which was passed and now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration. Every member of the AOH and LA should write to both of their Senators in support of this Bill.

On Thursday, March 16, the Honorable William R. Cotter of Connecticut placed in the Congressional Record the history of the A.O.H. He gives credit to Mr. Dennis Finn of Division 2 in Hartford, Conn. for his information. Jim O'Connor of Emerald Isle Division, Washington, D.C. obtained a copy for me. It is very interesting.

The Irish American Cultural Institute and the Catholic University of America presented "The Washington Irish Fortnight" from March 17 through 27, on the campus of C.U. Each night during the series, there were outstanding speakers from Ireland who gave the lectures, some of them illustrated. There was no admission charge and they were well attended. The only other places they appeared were St. Paul, Minn. and Seton Hall, N.J. The series was co-sponsored by the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Associations of Catholic University. The program said that in 1896, a few years after the University's founding, an endowed chair of Celtic was established by the A.O.H. of America. This has provided for perpetual research and teaching Celtic at C.U. in the graduate school. For the more than 70 years since the Ancient Order of Hibernians endowed the Celtic Chair, many of America's foremost Irish scholars have worked in the university's division of Celtic studies. They have provided leadership for research in the intellectual and cultural world, and have brought home to the Academic community and to the public the value and meaning of Irish civilization. The lectures were instructive and interesting.

In an earlier column in the Digest, we mentioned that in 1968 only those under 65 years of age could rent a car in Ireland. Mike Dowd talked about this to Irish Ambassador Mr. Warnock. We were pleased to learn from our National A.O.H. Convention travel agent, Mr. Tom Dillen of New York City that the age has been raised to 71. When this Digest comes off the press we will be getting into the homestretch for our National Convention in Dublin. Everyone here is looking forward to seeing in Dublin their Hibernian friends again from other states.

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1972 New York Parade Was Big And Strong

The New York St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1972 measured up to its historic traditions. Big - Yes.

A total of 123,000 marchers and 241 bands. That's a parade. A clear fine day with 53 degree temperature brought out over one million spectators along the three-mile parade route on fashionable 5th Avenue. TV showed it to 45 million in four States.

The parade did not depart from its traditional primary roll of honoring St. Patrick. However, it did reflect the hearts and minds of the marchers in respect to Ireland's present-day struggle for full freedom.

This year, the theme was "England Get Out Of Ireland." Over one hundred banners held high, with these words printed on them in large white letters, proclaimed the theme. People stopped and looked. People read the theme - all kinds of people.

Thousands of marchers wore black arm bands in memory of "The Derry 13 Martyrs." A Japanese spectator using his own intonation exclaimed, "Britain's My Lai?"

At six o'clock after six hours of marching - marchers keeping toes to heels of those in front and keeping shoulder to shoulder 16 abreast - the 1972 parade finished.

All the various problems associated with a big parade like New York's had been handled easily - but only because planning and working by experienced parade officers and staff had been going on since September, 1971.

The New York Parade is held under the auspices of the A.O.H. within New York City's Metropolitan Area. New York County A.O.H. Board of Manhattan is given

the Parade Permit.

This Parade is the best thing which the A.O.H. has now going for it. Nothing in the world like it. Eternal vigilance has to be maintained in guarding it from being damaged by some idiot. No other AOH-sponsored program can in these times get front page stories and pictures in the big New York daily newspapers. The New York Parade does - every year.

All existing Irish Organizations in New York - and there are over 300 of them - unite with the A.O.H. by marching with them in this Parade. Great Unity.

The 1972 St. Patrick's Day Parade was the 210th consecutive one that marched on the business streets of New York City.

N.Y. Parade Grand Marshal, Aides



AT THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE INSTALLATION of the Grand Marshal and his Aides, are, standing, left to right: Stephen A. Downes, Aide to the Grand Marshal from New York (Manhattan) County, A.O.H.; John F. Bowmes, Nassau County; Charles M. Smith, Westchester; John W. Duffy, Parade Committee Vice Chairman; Michael McCormack, Suffolk; Thomas Murray, Rockland County Board, A.O.H. President, subbing for Rockland County Aide, Frank

Geoghegan Sr.; Patrick Conway, United Irish Counties; and James H. O'Meara, National Grand Council of Emerald Societies. Sitting, left to right: Edward J. Broderick, Bronx; Judge James J. Comerford, Parade Committee Chairman; Mayor John V. Lindsay; Alfred Y. Morgan, Parade Grand Marshal; Daniel Sullivan, Kings County; Felix Twohill, Queens; and Joseph Thomas Smith, Richmond (Staten Island) County.

St. Patrick's Parade In Pittsburgh, Pa.

National President Edward J. Fay was the General Chairman for the 26th Annual St. Patrick's Parade held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, March 11, 1972. This is the eighth year he has headed this great event. In the last five years the St. Patrick's Parade has become the largest and most colorful parade in the city of Pittsburgh.

The 1972 edition consisted of four Divisions with 110 bands, pipe bands and marching units, numbering over 20,000 people marching in the parade which lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and viewed by well over 200,000 people who braved 17 degree weather.

Ancient Order of Hibernians National Chaplain Bishop Vincent M. Leonard

and the National President led the Parade in an open limousine down Fifth Avenue, which again was decorated with the green line and Shamrocks every 50 yards along the way, into Gateway Center Park where the main reviewing stand was located.

Mayor Peter F. Flaherty of Pittsburgh, and a member of Division No. 2, also accompanied Bishop Leonard and President Fay in the traditional honoring of our Patron Saint.

Again this year was the contingent of Irish Wolf Hounds, numbering 25 of these beautiful hounds coming from all over the tri-state area. The annual Parade in Pittsburgh honoring our Patron St. Patrick is by far the largest parade now held in the city. Since our National President took over the parade some eight years ago, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the Allegheny County area has led the parade.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT ED FAY reviews the 1972 St. Patrick's Parade in Pittsburgh, Pa. With him are Mrs. Fay, his sister, Mary, brothers, Bill and Joe, and his niece, Carol Ann, and John Plunkett with John L. Sullivan, a cousin of the National President.

New York Feis Sunday, June 4

The Annual Feis of the United Irish Counties Association of New York will be held on Sunday, June 4, on the Campus of Lehman College in The Bronx.

This Feis will be the 41st consecutive annual Feis (Festival) to be held by the Irish Counties in New York City - making it the oldest Feis in America. Experience in conducting a Feis is still important. The members of the Irish Counties have that experience.

John W. Duffy, well known A.O.H. Officer and a diligent volunteer worker is Chairman of this year's Feis Committee of Arrangements. He previously served as Chairman - from 1957 to 1969. By popular demand, he was brought back.

All the Feis Rules are made by this Committee. No one else makes Rules.

The Feis Committee,

alone, is responsible for the planning and management of the Feis. Outsiders are not permitted to interfere in naming Judges or in otherwise making Feis Policy.

The Counties must pay Feis costs. And these Bills are high. Based on the time tested theory that "He who pays the piper calls the tune," the Irish Counties run their own Feis in their own way - as they have done so very successfully each year for 41 years - beginning with their first Feis in 1931.

To obtain the Syllabus, which contains the list of Competitions as well as the Rules, write to: Feis Committee, 326 West 48th St., New York, 10036.

Hibernian member Peter O'Neill is President of the United Irish Counties Association of New York. Many A.O.H. members serve on this Feis Committee.

Berlin Ladies Present Great Irish Program

March 17 was celebrated in great style by the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and parishioners of St. Kieran's in Berlin, N.H.

The evening enjoyment started with dinner at St. Kieran's Parish Hall following 5:30 Mass in honor of St. Patrick. Guest speaker was Father Thomas Bresnahan, former assistant at St. Kieran's and other guests at the head table were Fathers Griffin, Thibault and Kelly.

Following dinner all adjourned to Catholic West school where the following entertainment was enjoyed:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM

Soldier's Song -- L.A.A. O.H. -- It's a Great Day for the Irish, Little Town in Old County Down by Barbara Bedard; Irish Jig by Holly Berry, and Moonshiners - The Rising of the Moom with Father M. Griffin.

Mock Wedding with the cast of Preacher, Don Evans; Bride, Tom Morgan; Groom, Joe Lajoie; Father of Bride, Henry Boutin; Maid of Honor, John Garneau, and Bridesmaid, Warren Bedard.

Mick McGilligan's Ball by Cynthia Mercier, Ellen Bedard and Debbie Bisson; I'll always be Irish and It's the Irish in Me, by Lisa Bisson, Pauline Coulombe,



PAUL KELLY, Mrs. Fay, Edward J. Fay, National President, and Father Cronin are shown when the National President visited the beautiful home of Division No. 14, in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Joanne Landry and Holly Berry; Danny Boy and Harrigan by Barbara Bedard; Drums and Guitars with Steve Tardiff, Thomas Boutin, Mike Roy and Mike Guillard, and Bridge Over Troubled Waters by Ellen Poisson, Lynn Lavoie, Sally Fortier and Sandy Gauthier. Community Singing was led by Father Griffin.

Fagan's Pub with Patsy Fagan, as curtain opens: If You're Irish, My Wild Irish Rose, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Dancing Man, Sister Ann, Shillelagh, Irish Lullaby, Frankie Fontaine. The Band Played On, George Manning from Groveton, In the Good Old Summertime by Sally Tourangeau, Margaret Lozier and June Boutin, Dear Old Donegal - Group of Fifth Graders from Catholic West, sang Don't Cry Little Girl, Winter Wonderland, Today and White Mountain Echoes.



MEMBERS of the A.O.H. in Dayton, Ohio, honored John E. Kernan with a Golden Jubilee Banquet for his 50 years of membership in the Dayton Division. Shown above are, left, National Director John Hoswell, Brother Kernan, and Gerald Laffey, Dayton Division President.

New York State Convention June 22-24

John Thornton, President of New York State A.O.H. announced that: The 76th Biennial Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and Ladies Auxiliary of New York State will be held on June 22 to 24 at the Treadway Inn, Binghamton, New York.

A few pre-convention reminders:

Have your assessments and initiations for the year

ending December 31, 1971 been paid in full?

Have all Division Officers been installed?

Has a date been set for your County Convention?

Don't forget to notify the State President sufficiently in advance of the time for the County Officers' Installation. This is the duty of the State President or one selected by him.

Broome County Installs Officers

Officers for Division No. 1, Broome County, and its Auxiliary were installed following a roast beef dinner at the K. of C. Council, Johnson City, N.Y., on January 23. Following the installation organ music was provided for singing and dancing.

State President John Thornton, assisted by Francis Dehm, Oswego County Chairman, and John Sullivan, Fulton Division President, installed the following men: President Donald Feheley, Vice President Thomas O'Reilly, Recording Secretary William Kelleher, Financial Secretary David Barry, Treasurer Joseph Ford, Chairman of Standing Committee Ed Keatings, Marshal Vincent Coffey and Sentinel Robert Rea.

Mrs. Marion Cuff, State Chairman of Catholic Action, installed the following officers, assisted by Eleanor Blodgett, outgoing President and Mary Fox, outgoing Secretary: President Helen Hickey, Vice President Theresa Murray, Recording Secretary Loretta Personus, Financial Secretary Elayne Keane, Treasurer Mary Hanifan, Chairman of Standing Committee Molly Pello, Historian Mary Lou Sexton, Mistress-At-Arms Veronica Martin, Sentinel Helen Murphy, Chairman of Catholic Action Mary Fitzpatrick and Chairman of Missions Mary Hanrahan.

Other officers and guests present were: Thomas McNabb, Auburn, State Secretary; John Ziemann, Syracuse, State Treasurer; Mrs. John Thornton, wife of the State President, and Daniel Trait of Syracuse.

Ralph and Mary Curry were Chairman and Co-Chairman for the event, and Thomas J. Shea acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Convention Committee of Division No. 1, Broome County, Binghamton, N.Y., are busy making plans for the New York State Convention which will be held on June 22, 23, and 24. Plan your vacation for these dates so you will be able to join us, as we have many enjoyable activities planned.

Port Chester St. Patrick's Annual Dance

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 9 of Port Chester, New York, held their annual St. Patrick's Dance, according to President James McGoldrick, on Saturday, March 11 in the Our Lady of Mercy School Hall on Spring St., Port Chester.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius M. O'Brien, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, and the Rev. Joseph P. Meehan, Chaplain of the local organization, were honorary chairmen. Committee Chairmen were John Mitchell, special prizes; Frank McGoldrick, music; Martin Curran, Irish dancers; Donald Lynch, buffet supper; William Ryan and Cornelius Murphy, reservations; Geo. Marsh and Brian McMahon, decorations; and Harry Florentine, publicity.

A buffet dinner was served during the evening. An outstanding band, The Melody Men, was engaged for the affair, and an exhibition of Irish Step Dancing was given by the students of the Mulkerin Dancing School of Greenwich, Connecticut. A special highlight of the evening was the appearance of the famed Irish folk singer, Mike Joyce, who is well known both in Ireland and the United States. He sang ballads that are traditional Irish songs as well as modern compositions

Glens Falls Division Honors John Higgins

Brother John P. Higgins of Glens Falls, New York State, was honored recently in being designated "Hibernian of the Year for 1972" by the members of Glens Falls Division One, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Warren County, N.Y. at a party the Division held at the Parish Hall of the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, where his friends joined the Division members in filling the hall to capacity.

Brother A. David Bartholomew, Arrangements Chairman for the affair, began the evening's festivities by explaining that each year the members selected one man they believed had contributed in an outstanding manner to the success of the young Division.

Brother Thomas J. Spellacy, Master-of-ceremonies, introduced a number of speakers who lauded the guest of honor and cited him for his many and varied contributions. It was pointed out that Brother Higgins was one of the organizers of the Glens Falls Division and one of its prime movers, having formerly been a member of the Saratoga Springs Division. He is the only member who was also a member of the old A.O.H. organization which flourished in Glens Falls for many years until disbanded in the 1930's.

Speakers included Past Deputy State Organizer Edward Duane of the Commodore John Barry Division of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Past Division President Jeremiah J. Kelly, Vice-President John M. Minogue and President James L. Nichols.

Escorted to the rostrum by last year's "Hibernian of the Year," Brother Michael Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, Brother Higgins was presented with an inscribed plaque. Mrs. Higgins was presented with a bouquet of roses from the Division members. Brother Higgins thanked the members for choosing him for this honor and cited other members who had shared many of his experiences in Hibernian activities.

Prior to these festivities held in Brother Higgins' honor, the newly elected Division officers were installed. Installing officer, acting as deputy for New York State Board President John J. Thornton, was Immediate Past President of the Division, Jeremiah J. Kelly. He was assisted in the ritual by Marshals Charles T. Kelly and John W. O'Brien, Sentinel Richard T. Linehan, and Aides John F. Sullivan, Raymond Orton and Thomas J. Spellacy. Division Chaplain the Rev. Daniel J.

Herlihy led the opening and closing prayers.

Led by Piper Peter Edwards of the Adirondack Bagpipe Band, the Division officers marched into the crowded hall to the strains of the immortal "O'Donnell Aboo!" Officers taking the oath of office were President James L. Nichols, Vice-President John M. Minogue, Recording Secretary Joseph R. Sullivan, Financial Secretary Cornelius J. Keane, Treasurer H. Joseph Bennett, Chairman of the Standing Committee Paul F. Fish, Sentinel A. David Bartholomew and Marshal Edward B. Healy.

The newly installed President was presented with a new gavel, hand made of solid oak, by Past President Kelly who was presented with a gold Past-President's pin from the members of the Division.

A full evening of dancing and entertainment was enjoyed by the crowd, topped off with a lavish buffet dinner. Mrs. Patsy Gardner, Mrs. Myra Jones, Mrs. Margaret Congdon and Mrs. Eileen Boyle entertained with an exhibition of Irish folk dancing.

Rubber Bullets Are Dangerous

The British Army still fires rubber bullets in Derry and Belfast.

But as shown by testimony recently at the tribunal inquiring into recent violence in Derry, the rubber bullets have a serious side. One woman was blinded by them. Others suffered less serious injuries.

The bullets themselves are made of black, resilient rubber, about one and a half inches thick and about five inches long. They are fired from shotguns with muzzle velocity of 162 feet per second - compared with a rifle bullet's 2,650 feet per second. These rubber bullets are manufactured by rubber factories in Ohio.

The weapon which fires the rubber bullet is based on an American riot gun but the bullet itself was developed from a wooden variety used by the British Army.

Fired for ricochet effect, the bullets are supposed to hurtle off the pavement into the shins of those in the front ranks of unruly crowds, knocking them to the ground. But the crowds have grown adept at dodging the missiles and as tempers have risen, the soldiers no longer fire first into the ground but aim directly at the people.

One Division Can Do Much

Donal Morrissey of Babylon, Long Island, New York, writes the following article: "As there is a growing concern among Irish-Americans for the plight of the Irish people in the British occupied Northeast section of Ireland's province of Ulster, the Freedom For All Ireland Committee of St. Patrick's Division No. 2, Babylon, N.Y., is expanding its efforts to help those victims of oppression, brutality and bloodshed.

"The Committee has already provided considerable aid, moral and financial. To date, approximately three tons of clothing was packaged and shipped to refugees and 20 cartons of Christmas toys were purchased and sent to the children of internees in Belfast. It is hoped that the toys, by no means a replacement for a loved one, brought a ray of brightness to an

otherwise bleak Christmas.

"Further, the committee sponsored a speaker's forum. Approximately every two weeks, guest speakers who were informed about the crisis in Northeast Ulster presented their views.

"Yet, much remains to be done to help bring an end to the intolerable situation in the occupied counties of Ireland. The committee is promoting support for a United Ireland through the sale of vinyl bumper stickers which read as follows (in green lettering on a black background) "Support A United Ireland" (in white lettering on second line) Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Anyone wishing to obtain a bumper sticker can do so by sending \$1 donation, including name and address, to the Irish Relief Fund, Hibernian Hall, 27 Locust Avenue, Babylon, N.Y. 11702."



HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR John P. Higgins was presented with an inscribed plaque at a party held in his honor by members of Glens Falls Division One. Shown above are, from the left, Past President Jeremiah J. Kelly, President James L. Nichols, Brother Higgins and Michael Kelly, who was Hibernian of the Year in 1971.



HICKSVILLE ORGANIZES LONG ISLAND YOUTH: PRESIDENT WILLIAM PATRICK COLLINS (with sash) of the Commodore John Barry Division 11 receives congratulations from brother members following a recent installation reception held at the Joseph Barry Council, Knights of Columbus Clubhouse in the community. With Collins, left to right, are: Nassau County Board President George Waters, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John W. Burke; Division Chaplain, the Reverend William Galloway, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle, Jericho, and Edward Kalbfleisch, State Director for Nassau County. The Division announced plans for a Youth Division for youngsters between ages 10 and 16, to be organized, under Division Supervisor Patrick Cummings, age 13, son of James J. Cummings, past Division and County president.

Rockaways Division Views North Ireland

Brother Jimmy Sullivan, Secretary of Division 21 in the Rockaways, New York City, writes the following timely and appropriate article on conditions in Northeast Ireland. It was published in the Division's Monthly News Letter.

"The first quarter of 1972 has come and gone and I guess we all reflect on the past and make plans and aspirations for the future. It must be the same process repeated by the people living in the six county area of English Occupied Ireland. Yet while we reflect on schools, and our jobs, and decide whether or not to buy that new TV or automobile, the people in the north of Ireland cannot afford to dream past tomorrow.

They can't afford such a luxury for they must confront larger realities. They can reflect on almost 800 years of foreign - English occupation. Or dream about being thrown off their farms and lands because they refused to disown their faith. Or the Battle of the Boyne in 1690 when King Billy defeated King James for the throne, and the Anti Freedom for Ireland faction was beaten, and see it alive today, as every year hundreds of thousands march, afflict insults and violence on Catholics and Republicans in memory of that battle.

"You could also reflect on your present predicament, be you Catholic or Protestant, - Internment in Concentration Camps indefinitely, without charge or trial, if you are a Republican sympathizer. You could walk down burned-out, gutted-out buildings and streets, one of which may have been your home. Always you would have the liberty to remember your friends or loved ones killed by English soldiers, like the

priest shot dead and in the back while administering last rites to a dying man; or the 13 Catholics shot in the back and killed in Derry; or the five year old child shot dead; or the mothers that have joined the long list of killed by English troops.

"Then maybe you would reflect again and imagine the same thing happening over and over again for close to 800 years. Then you would realize that talking, negotiating and listening to English promises produced 800 years of death and misery. And see how perhaps violence is the answer to ending English rule, at least it has the English reacting.

"But let us hope Peace in Erin will come in our time."

St. Louis Div. Reports Events

Brother William Murphy writes to The Digest to say that the Cardinal Glennon Division No. 2, St. Louis, Missouri, held its Annual Memorial Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. There were 200 persons in attendance.

At the breakfast that followed, Chris Nauert, age 13, was presented with a gold medal awarded to her by the National A.O.H. for her essay, entitled: "What St. Patrick's Day means to me."

Division No. 2 gave a party recently for the elderly persons in residence at the Father Dempsey Home. Present were Dan Devery and his Irish Ceili Group. It was difficult to know who had the best time - the members present or the people in the home. This is the 10th year that this party has been given by Division 2 to the people in the Father Dempsey Home.

Texas Hibernian Burke O'Rourke

Burke O'Rourke of 1615 Nevada, is the newly elected president of the Dick Dowling Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which annually co-sponsors the St. Patrick's Day Parade with Tim & Bob of radio station KPRC in Houston, Texas.

Mr. O'Rourke, a native Houstonian and graduate of St. Thomas High School, is a former president of the St. Edward's University Alumni Association and recipient of that school's Coronet Award; a member of the Association of Professional Ballplayers, board member of the St. Thomas High School Alumni Association, Vice-President of the Holy Name Society of St. Anne's Church, and a member of the Briar Club.

An independent oil operator, O'Rourke is also active in commercial and investment real estate, and is Vice-President and co-owner of a blueprint company, A & E Products.

Two Members Die In Homestead, Pa.

Homestead, Pennsylvania, Division 34 lost two of its popular members with the passing of Daniel A. Kane and Raymond de Valera Nee, late in 1971.

Brother Kane, 72, was a retired steelworker. He had served on the House Committee and was also Marshal of the Division for a number of years. He died November 17.

He is survived by his wife Bertha (Tierney), a son, Thomas, and daughters Helen, at home, and Mrs. Donald (Bertha) McElhinney.

Brother Nee, 52, died Christmas Eve. Ray was active in a number of civic and fraternal organizations and was secretary of the Homestead Eagles (F.O.E. 769).

He is survived by his wife Betty (Elliot) Nee and daughters, Marie and Heather.



JOHN R. CONLEY, Chairman of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee, left, National President Edward J. Fay and Charles Glackin met in Pittsburgh recently with the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party. The Platform Committee was chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania. The Hibernians submitted a resolution for consideration by the Platform Committee.

President Fay Submits Resolution To Democrats

Platform Committee Meets In Pittsburgh

On Friday, June 2, President Ed Fay, along with John R. Conley, Chairman of the Freedom For All Ireland Committee, submitted the following resolution and proposals to the Democratic Platform Committee when it convened in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Platform Committee was chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania. The Committee met in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Court House. The proposal was as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved that the Democratic Party, recognizing our involvement in the cause of these historic events and our great friendship for Great Britain and Ireland, in accordance with our fundamental principles of non-discrimination, democracy, self-determination, and justice, expresses our deepest concern for the grave situation in Northern Ireland, and urges that the United States Government should officially recognize that a peaceful, just and permanent solution to the Northern Ireland situation will be achieved only when:

1. The current internment policy is terminated and there is a simultaneous release of all persons detained thereunder;

2. There is full respect for the civil rights of all the people of Northern Ireland and all political, social, economic and religious discrimination is terminated;

3. There is implementation of the reforms promised by the Government of Great Britain since 1968, including those reforms in the fields of law enforcement, housing, employment and voting rights;

4. There is a permanent dissolution of the Parliament of Northern Ireland;

5. There is establishment of law and order with justice in concert with the withdrawal of all British forces from Northern Ireland; and

6. The present Governments of Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland cooperate in creating a Free, United and Independent Ireland where the rights of all its citizens would be recognized and honored and which shall be free from the domination or influence of any social, sectarian or religious group, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party recommends that the United States' representatives to the United Nations be instructed to present proposals to the United Nations calling for appropriate use of the United Nations' facilities with regard to achieving peace and resolving the tragic situation in Northern Ireland.

National President Visits Washington

On Saturday, May 20, the National President, Ed Fay, along with John R. Conley, Chairman of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee, attended a luncheon that honored the Honorable William Warnock, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States.

The luncheon was held after the District of Columbia Convention at the Holiday Inn in Bethesda, Maryland. Also in attendance were J. Robert Tweedy, National Director and Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal and Charles Vaughn, Chairman of the National Home Fund. The President was able to renew acquaintances with a lot of friends in the Washington, Maryland and Virginia areas. Just to name a few of the Hibernian group: National President, Rita McDonough of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Lillian Fay, Peg Dowd, Vince Garrity, Ed Ryan, Warren Downey, George Zahn, Mim Hollywood, and Jim Reilly.

On Sunday, the National President attended a regional meeting in Arlington, Virginia, that was very well attended and he was quite impressed with the Hibernians in this particular area of America and their beautiful meeting room in the Knights of Columbus home.

One of the highlights of Ed Fay's trip was a surprise visit he paid to Francis "Barney" Myers at his home in Washington, D.C. Barney Myers is one of the great Hibernians in our Nation's Capital, and he is recuperating from a stroke that he suffered shortly after Mike Dowd's death. Barney was named by President Ed Fay as Chairman of the National Home Fund shortly after Mike Dowd's death prior to suffering his stroke. Those who visited Barney with Ed Fay were Bob Tweedy, Charlie Vaughn, John Conley and Vince McGarry, and they certainly cheered up this great Hibernian.

Winners Named

Two Share Honor Of Kennedy Award

Winners of the John F. Kennedy Medal Award for 1972 were announced by the Office of the National Secretary, A.O.H., after ballots were tabulated on Saturday, May 20, in Washington, D.C.

Co-recipients of the medal were announced as the Hon. James J. Comerford, Past National President, and His Excellency, the Hon. John D. J. Moore, United States Ambassador to Ireland.

The results of the ballot are as follows:

The Hon. James J. Comer-

ford, 71 points; the Hon. John D. J. Moore, 71 points; the Hon. John J. Gilligan, 64 points; the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, 55 points; the Rev. Edward T. Connors, 35 points, and John F. Curry, 34 points.

Of the 36 ballots mailed out, 23 were returned to the Chairman of the Medal Committee, National Director J. Robert Tweedy. One ballot listed no preference for any of the candidates. The 22 valid ballots represented 330 points.

How Kennedy Medal Award Came About

Immediately after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, who was a member of our Order, steps were taken by the A.O.H. to perpetuate his memory.

On November 28, 1963, National President James J. Comerford wrote a letter to each Officer of the National Board asking them for their views about establishing an A.O.H. Memorial for President Kennedy, and in what form it should be. The response to it was both quick and unanimous. They gave their views and recommendations in the affirmative for a "Kennedy Memorial".

A meeting of the five top officers of the National Board was held in Albany immediately. A decision was made that all Divisions in the country and all County and State Boards be asked about their feelings in the matter. This meeting agreed to wait for two months until the shock impact, which President Kennedy's assassination had on Division members, had been soothed down before they would be called on to decide the matter of a

Memorial at a Division meeting.

On January 25, 1964, National President Comerford sent a letter to each Division, County Board and State Board. In substance, the letter asked members: "Do you feel that a Memorial should be established by the A.O.H. to President Kennedy? If you do, what form should it take?"

May 31, 1964, was the final date set (in the letter) for Divisions to reply.

There was a remarkable response. Answers were received from 92 percent of the Divisions. All wanted a Memorial established. Each Division named the kind of Memorial which it liked best. Some, however, were very expensive to establish and to maintain. For example, a monument similar to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington was suggested by Divisions in the Middle West. Methods for raising funds ranged from assessment of members to public subscriptions from members and non-members.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT Edward J. Fay, left, congratulates Judge James J. Comerford at a dinner given in his honor by 900 friends at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, to mark his retirement after 35 years of service in New York City Government. This included 20 years as a Judge in the Criminal Courts and 15 in other City services, seven of which he served as an Assistant District Attorney under D. A. Frank S. Hogan in New York County.

Medal Men Notified By Chairman Tweedy

The Hon. James J. Comerford was notified of his award of the John F. Kennedy Medal by Chairman J. Robert Tweedy in the following letter:

Dear Judge Comerford: We are very happy to inform you that you and United States Ambassador to Ireland John D. J. Moore have been named as joint recipients of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It is our hope that both of you can be present to accept this Medal at the AOH Banquet at the convention in Dublin. The Banquet will be held on Thursday, July 27, 1972.

I extend my sincere congratulations to you for this award. -- In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

J. Robert Tweedy, Chrmn., John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal, 8207 Loch Raven Rd., Towson, Maryland 21204.

Last Member Of Collins Family

Sister Celestine Collins, a sister of General Michael Collins, died last week in Whitby, Yorkshire. She was 88 and the last surviving member of the family.

Sister Celestine, whose Christian name was Helena, entered the Convent of Mercy, Hull, in 1901. She taught for more than 40 years in convents at Hull and Middlesborough, England, and was for a number of years superior of one of the convents.

A number of students were stranded in Europe last year. It will be too late to be concerned about rooms, social activities and such once you reach Dublin. Remember, that you have been warned.

The authorized agents of the National Board are listed on Page Three.

All delegates and members not already registered are advised to do so immediately. Flights and hotel space are rapidly filling up. Any further details concerning the Convention can be obtained by contacting:

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One Man's Opinion

By James J. Comerford

The Irish in Ireland have a warm affection for Irish Americans.

Generally speaking, that statement holds true as long as neither side discusses Religion or Politics for the sole purpose of having a debate or an argument. Casual conversation about Religion and Politics is O.K. But it is well to leave it at that.

PHYSICAL FORCE

In August of 1969, the Irish physical force movement against England was reinstated in Northeast Ireland by the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) as their way of forcing Britain to withdraw her armed forces of occupation from this part of Ireland. It was and is their way, as they see it, for compelling Britain to allow the people of all of Ireland to unify their country into one undivided nation.

SIX COUNTIES

By way of information for a few readers, Ireland has 32 Counties. Six of these Counties, located in Northeast Ireland, are still occupied by Britain -- better known to most Irish people as England.

The other 26 Counties were evacuated by Britain between December 1921 and March 1922.

MANY METHODS

Now that we have mentioned this bit of elementary history, we will again move along.

There are at least a dozen other methods, besides force, proposed by Irish leaders and by many people in Ireland to get rid of England. Delegates to the A.O.H. National Convention in Dublin will find that out for themselves before coming back to the United States.

As of this writing, the physical force movement is still being carried out by the I.R.A. within the Six County Area. For a practical explanation, one may say that this movement has now grown into a Guerrilla Warfare action between the I.R.A. and the British Army.

364 KILLED

A total of 364 persons have been killed up to this date in mid-June since it began on August 9, 1969. As things look now, in June, it is reasonable to assume that Guerrilla War will be still going on in Belfast and Derry in July.

Many Irish people back the I.R.A. Many people do not back them. And many people say nothing about them.

REBELS ADMIRE

It might be well for Hibernian Delegates, when outside the Convention Hall, to avoid getting into controversies about the I.R.A. Traditionally, the Irish people admire their Rebels who defy and fight England - even when some of these people disagree with such rebellion and with the tactics used by the Rebels. Historically, that is the way it has been and that is the way it is now in this year of 1972. Experience gained by American visitors who were recently in Ireland indicates that "if one can't say something good about the I.R.A. in conversation, it is better to stay quiet about that subject and say nothing."

LEADERS DISAGREE

As would be expected, Irish Political Leaders and Irish Religious Leaders have taken various sides both for and against the I.R.A. These Leaders disagree among themselves. That is not new in the history of Ireland or of other countries.

The Rebels of 1848, of 1867, of 1916, and of 1918-1921 were condemned by these same kinds of leaders. But the Leaders of the Rebels as well as the Rebels themselves, shine with a special kind of brilliant luster on the pages of Irish history that tells the story of '48, '67, '16 and '18-'21; whereas, the names of those Political and Religious Leaders who condemned them are scarcely mentioned. And that is the way Irish History will appear in 50 years from now, when present day happenings in Ireland will be described in it.

ENJOY FRIENDSHIP

Delegates from the U.S. to the National Convention in Dublin will be warmly received. They will enjoy meeting the Irish people whether it is in Dublin City or in any other part of Ireland. Friendship for Delegates will be everywhere.

To prolong this enjoyment and to preserve this friendship, it is advisable to avoid as much as possible discussions on American Politics and on Irish Politics. Discussions on Religion ought also to be avoided. Misunderstandings about the role which Religion should play in the Government of the United States and in the Government of the Republic of Ireland could easily develop.

BRITISH PROPAGANDA

Britain has been spreading much Anti-America propaganda among the rank and file of the Irish people in Ireland. It has taken roots and grown into full bloom in certain areas of Ireland. Beware of it. We ought not to get hot under our American collars when some talkative person "tells us off." Britain, having lost her Empire, despises America for taking over World Leadership -- a Leadership which Britain used to hold.

COMMUNISTS -- SOCIALISTS

Remember, too, that there are Communists and Socialists in Ireland. Some are of the Russian variety; others are of Chinese vintage. Both kinds, of Irish Communists and Socialists, as is to be expected, are vocative and articulate as well as being well informed on current world happenings.

KEEP COOL

If talking to you, they will likely remind you that the U.S. Government refused help in negotiating for a settlement in Northeast Ireland -- that the U.S. threatened to stop Irish Airlines from landing in the U.S. -- that the U.S. in 1965 through its Immigration Laws shut out Irish men and women who wanted to emigrate to America from going there -- that the A.O.H. is pro-British all the time, all the way. They will deliberately try to convince U.S. delegates that the A.O.H. in America is the same organization as the present A.O.H. in Ireland.

Brothers and Sisters keep your cool. Do not get rattled.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

There are two full page Advertisements in this Digest. As a result, news-space is reduced. A page carries 2,800 words of reading matter. We are short that much reading space in this Digest.

But, advertisements bring in money which is badly needed to pay for the costs of the Digest. However, in this paper, there cannot be more than two pages of Ads. Members must be left space in which A.O.H. news and other articles of interest can be printed for them to read.

National President Gives Green Light For Dublin Convention

It is time for Delegates - both Ladies and Gentlemen - to make the final preparations for the National Convention to be held on July 24 to July 28 in Dublin.

National President Edward J. Fay announces that all Convention details are by now almost completed. There will be no problems.

Ed Fay has given "the green light signal" for Delegates to move. He has worked conscientiously at the task of straightening out Convention problems. Twice, he has gone to Dublin at his own expense since December 1970.

The Digest during the past 18 months, on the recommendation of Ed Fay, has been giving information and offering illustrations to Delegates as to what they may expect in Ireland and how to handle sensitive situations on arrival in Dublin as well as how to get along as a tourist afterwards, should they travel through the country districts.

Members in general, as well as named Delegates, appreciated this service given by the Digest and they have so expressed this appreciation.

Peter J. Campbell, a member of Division 3, New York County (Manhattan) has been giving some tips in the Digest on visiting Dublin and traveling in Ireland. A native New Yorker, he has been to Ireland 11 times. His information is "for real" and not artificial. If you failed to read his tips in the last Digest (Jan.-Feb.), it is suggested that you look it up now. For this issue he has written some more tips.

This National Convention is not the first one to be held by the A.O.H. in America outside of the U.S. In 1948, the National Convention was held in Montreal, Canada. Some Delegates who attended that Montreal Convention will be at the Dublin Convention.

Information Tips On Trips To Ireland

by Peter J. Campbell

ARRIVING IN DUBLIN

The convention airplanes will fly direct to Dublin and you will land at Collinstown Airport, eight miles north of the city centre. You will have a pleasant journey through pockets of suburban areas before reaching the "City Centre."

Dublin is a rare type of city which is close to my heart. It has a population of 570,000 but the "city centre" itself could be leisurely walked through in less than a day, with the main attractions seen, if not explored. However, you'll never tire of exploring the antiquities of a by-gone era, the beautiful Georgian homes and fine parks; the narrow, twisted laneways in the old city with the second-hand shops where you just might stumble over a special book or painting or upon a rare antique or a priceless harp, fiddle, flute or other musical instrument, played by some ancient "musicianer" who lifted the hearts and heels of his neighbors in the days of long ago. There are scores of historic castles, homes and churches, and a tomb below St. Michan's Church where the body of the gigantic 800-year-old "Crusader" is strangely preserved.

And, you have the new city with its ultra-modern buildings, well planned housing estates, luxurious hotels, picturesque shopping malls and up-to-date amenities. There are air-conditioned tour buses ready to take you for a day's outing to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains or on some other intriguing guided tour. O'Connell Street is one of the widest streets in the world, and its bridge over the River Liffey is broader than it is long. The car and bicycle traffic is horrendous and the streets are thronged with shoppers during the business day. But, "after-hours," Dublin is tranquil and leisurely once more. The "Night Club" life is rare. It is not a 24-hour City. What I like best about Dublin, is that, city though it is, you can still look across the roof tops to the majestic beauty of the Dublin-Wicklow mountains and, if the pace gets too hectic, you are only a "stone's throw" from rural majesty and beauty.

The good hotels in Dublin are generally expensive: the Gresham, Shelbourne, and other well-known hotels are comparable in price to the Commodore and Roosevelt in New York. You can relax in comfort and luxury for a much lower price, just a short distance out of the city, such as in Bray, Dun Laoghaire (pronounced Leary) or Clontarf which are readily available by public transportation and good roads. A quick glance at the guide published by the Irish Tourist Board will illustrate what I mean. This guide is gratis in the U.S., but you will have to pay a nominal price for the same booklet in Ireland. Space prohibits me from expanding now on these topics but I will continue to furnish these hints or tips in the next issue of the Digest.

Nat'l. Secretary Ready For Dublin



WILLIAM J. BARTNETT JR.

The books and records together with other paraphernalia of the A.O.H. in America are being assembled and checked these days by National Secretary William J. Bartnett as a preliminary step to packing them for transport to Dublin for the National Convention which will be held from July 24 through July 28, 1972 in the Capital of Ireland.

A native New Yorker whose people came from Offaly and Kildare, Bill is looking forward to seeing his many relatives after the Convention is finished. Mrs. Bartnett will be meeting her folks.

It was in 1971 that Bill Bartnett became National Secretary. Since taking Office, he has worked hard for the benefit of our Order and of all our members.

Patrick Sherwin Of Connecticut

Patrick M. Sherwin of Cleveland Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, is preparing for the Dublin Convention.

An articulate man, who combines common sense and logical reasoning in his well delivered speeches on relevant A.O.H. matters, Pat will be heard loud and clear in the Convention Hall during Sessions.

Brother Sherwin has long service in our Order. He is a former National Director and is universally known in Hibernian circles in his home State. He held, from time to time, every Hibernian office within the gift of his Brother Hibernians in Connecticut. A great athlete in his younger days, he still can kick a football some dis-



PRESIDENT FAY chats with Francis "Barney" Myers at his home in Washington, D.C. Barney is one of the great Hibernians who reside in the capitol city. He is recuperating from a stroke which he suffered shortly after the death of Mike Dowd. Others who visited with Barney were Bob Tweedy, Charlie Vaughn, John Conley and Vince McGarry.



J. ROBERT TWEEDY, National Director; Irish Ambassador William Warnock and National President Edward J. Fay, are shown at a District luncheon in Washington, D.C.

N. J. Exemplification Of Degrees By Bronx

The Shamrock Degree and the Major degree were exemplified on Sunday afternoon, April 16, at the Hibernian Club in Elizabeth, New Jersey. A nominal fee of \$4 for each candidate was charged. This was taken care of by the respective Divisions, who had received the initiation fee on each candidate when he submitted his application to the Division.

The State Chairman of Rituals, Brother Henry Flynn chose the Bronx team, one of the finest Degree Teams in this area, to Exemplify this Degree.

Spectators were charged a tance or hit a golf ball or a hurling ball a good clout with a club or a hurley.

During the War of Irish Independence, prior to 1922, Pat Sherwin served in his native County Roscommon with the Irish Republican Army.

Pat, today, stoutly supports the cause of Freedom for Ireland and is active on Committees which support the oppressed people in Northeast Ireland. We shall hear from him at the Convention about many things of interest to Hibernians.

fee of \$2 to help defray the cost of expenses being incurred in putting on this degree. Brother Eugene Quigley, President of "Daniel O'Connell" Division Two of Elizabeth, New Jersey, offered the use of the club's facilities for holding this important function.

The "Bronx Degree Team", one of the finest in the country and under the able leadership of Timothy Driscoll, conducted a magnificent ceremony.

Members planning to attend the National Convention are urged to reserve flights and hotel accommodations as soon as possible.



ED FAY, National President, and Mrs. Fay visit the graves of Irish Patriots at Arbour Hill Cemetery, Dublin, on their recent visit to Ireland.

Your A.O.H. Convention Program Dublin, July 24-28, 1972

Monday July 24	Afternoon: Evening:	Registration Welcome "Ice-Breaker" Party
Tuesday July 25	Morning: Afternoon: Evening:	A.O.H. Mass Communion Breakfast Business Sessions Cocktail Reception Irish Cabaret
Wednesday July 28	Morning: Afternoon: Evening:	Business Sessions Business Sessions State Reception -- Dublin Castle
Thursday July 27	Morning: Afternoon: Evening:	Business Sessions Elections Gala Banquet Dinner
Friday July 28	Board Meeting of elected officials	

The following are the A.O.H. National Board sponsored flights for the Dublin Convention:

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EX - NEWARK, N.J. 2 weeks	Depart July 21	Return August 5
EX - NEW YORK 1 week 2 weeks 3 weeks 4 weeks	Depart July 22 Depart July 22 Depart July 22 Depart July 23 Depart July 30	Return July 29 Return August 12 Return August 12 Return August 13 Return August 18
EX - CHICAGO, ILL. 3 weeks	Depart July 23	Return August 13
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All members not already registered are advised to do so immediately as flights and hotel space are rapidly filling up. Any further details required concerning the Convention as well as sight-seeing tours, pre and post convention tours can be obtained from your officially appointed A.O.H. agent or the National Convention Coordinator:

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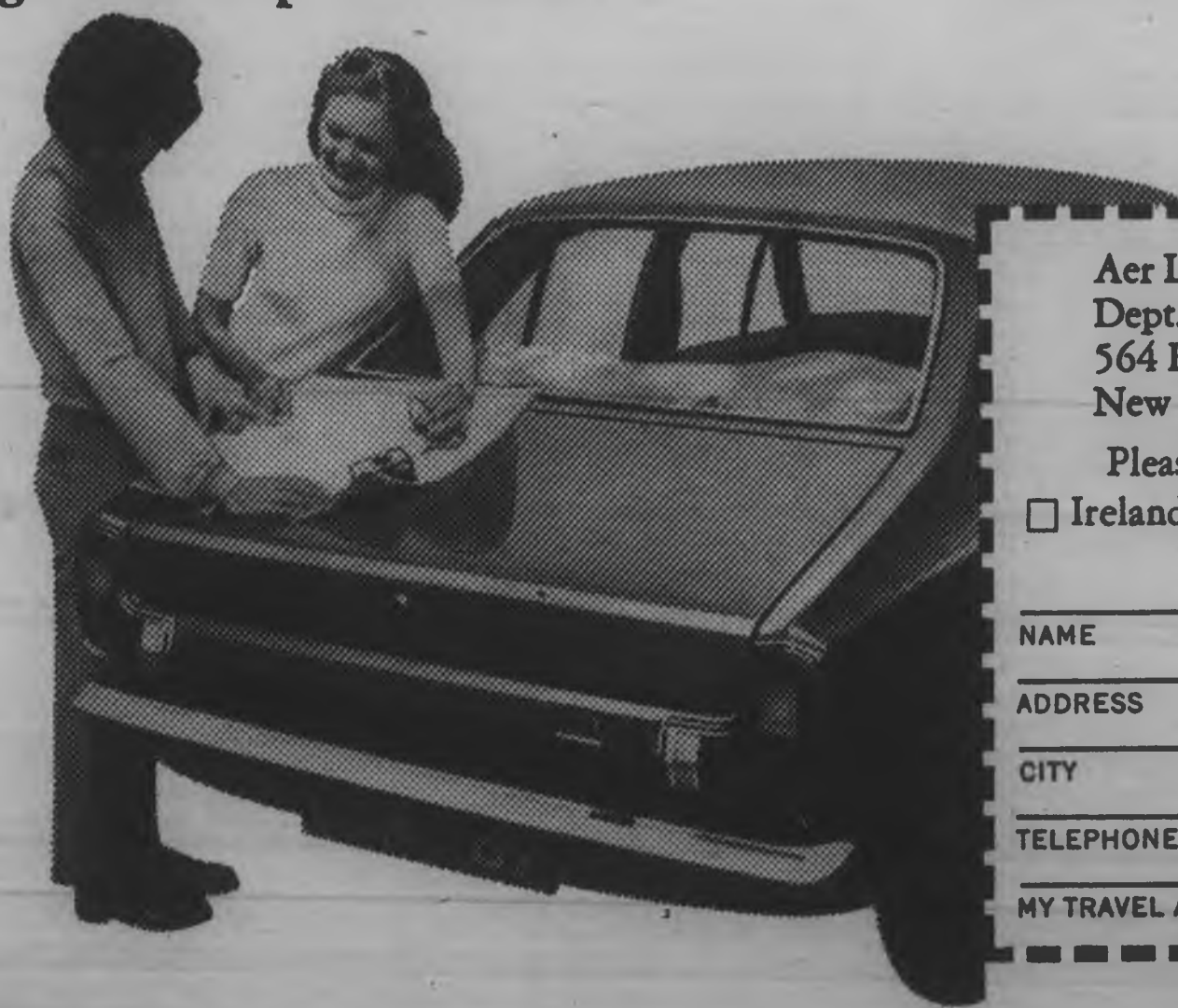
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9 May 1972

Mr Edward J Fay
1416 Fowers Run Road
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Pa 15238

Dear Mr. Fay

Your letter to The Prime Minister about the situation in Northern Ireland has been forwarded to us for reply.

We fully understand and share your concern at the tragic situation which has arisen there in the last few years. You may rest assured that from the beginning of the civil strife in Northern Ireland in 1968, Her Majesty's Government's sole endeavour has been, and will remain, to bring the violence to an end and remedy the causes of communal friction between the Catholic minority and the Protestant majority so that they may in future live and work together in peace, friendship and growing prosperity.

May we therefore point out that it is a mistake to regard the troubles in that country as a conflict between British and Irish which could be remedied simply by incorporating Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. A majority of the population have repeatedly made very clear their determination that Northern Ireland should remain part of the UK. The polls hitherto appear to indicate that at least some part of the Roman Catholic minority, as well as the Protestants who make up two-thirds of the population, prefer to remain part of the UK rather than join the Republic of Ireland. Both the Roman Catholic leaders in Northern Ireland and the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic have made it clear that they accept that the unification of Ireland can only come about with the consent of the people of Northern Ireland, and they have condemned the attempts of the IRA to bomb a million Protestants into a united Ireland (as Cardinal Conway, the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland expressed it).

The position of the British Government, and of the leaders of the British Labour Party, is that:

- (a) the status of Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom cannot be changed except with the consent of its people, and in the meantime the United Kingdom Government must fulfill its responsibilities to preserve law and order in what is an integral part of the United Kingdom;

and

- (b) every possible step should be taken to ensure that the minority in Northern Ireland are assured to a real and meaningful part in the taking of decisions which shape their future.

The measures announced by the United Kingdom Government on 24 March were designed to strengthen the operation of both these principles. They included the introduction of a system of regular plebiscites in which the people of Northern Ireland will decide whether they wish to remain part of the United Kingdom or to join a united Ireland.

Yours sincerely

Cl. Morris.

Information Department

New York State Convention June 22-24



JUDGE JAMES J. COMERFORD thanks "all my good friends who have come to do me honor, and without whom I could not have done what I did in my life."

Marking His Retirement

Judge Comerford Honored At Testimonial Dinner

The Hon. James J. Comerford, active in the administration of the law in New York City since 1947, was honored in late April at a dinner attended by more than 900 persons. The testimonial, held at the Hotel Commodore with every important Irish society in the city (as well as groups from Ireland) represented, marked Judge Comerford's retirement as a criminal court justice.

Distinguished representatives of Catholic groups led by His Eminence Terrence Cardinal Cooke, trade union and legal representatives in the city, joined in paying tribute to Judge Comerford, who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, came to the United States at the age of 24, worked his way up from a job in the Transit Authority to

high posts in the judiciary, and earned four College Degrees including a doctor of philosophy degree working nights and in his spare time at his own expense.

His Eminence Cardinal Cooke, in eulogizing Judge Comerford, described him as "a man who has better writers than Bob Hope. Comerford has Matthew, John, Mark and Luke," referring to the Judge's deep commitment to religious ethics and practice.

"When you think of Jim Comerford, you think of a friend for all seasons," the Cardinal said, "not only on St. Patrick's Day but throughout the year, for his spirit lasts the whole year through."

Other speakers, who included New York District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, SEIU President Emeritus David Sullivan, National A.O.H. President Edward J. Fay, and Msgr. John J. Barry, director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, called Judge Comerford "a man of very rare principle." The crowd applauded Cardinal Cooke's tribute to the distinguished jurist when he declared, "Judge Comerford is at home anywhere because he understands and appreciates the human condition."

"Judge Comerford is prob-

ably the world's most distinguished leader of St. Patrick Day parades, and is acknowledged as such by all who pay tribute to him tonight." When the judge, himself, rose to comment on the honors paid him, he said, "I'm one of you, and without all of you I couldn't have done what I did, nor could I be what I am. It's good friends that make the world look good and I consider myself fortunate in having had many good friends in my life."

Hibernians who served on the Dinner Committee were: James Barney Ferguson and John W. Duffy, Co-Chairmen of Arrangements Committee. Martin P. Dunne, Table Reservations; Peter J. Campbell, Tickets and Program; Peggy Sullivan, Secretary; John J. Sweeney, Treasurer; Joseph P. Sullivan, Floor and Dais Arrangements; Judge Aloysius Melia, Toastmaster; Father Donal M. O'Callahan, O. Carm., Co-ordinator for Committee; Gene McMahon and Robert McCrudden, Music and Entertainment.

Fifty distinguished persons, representatives of Irish Societies, were on the Dais.

In February 1972, the Judges and Court Personnel paid tribute to Judge Comerford at another Dinner.

Peekskill Div. In N.Y. Active

Division 18, located in the greater Peekskill area in Westchester County, N.Y. held its first St. Patrick's Day celebration with a dinner dance at the Shamrock House, Lake Peekskill, on Friday, March 17. Over 100 persons were in attendance.

Among the highlights of the evening was the presentation of two plaques to the president of Ladies Auxiliary Division 8, Verplanck, Mrs. Rita Hans, and to Mrs. Joan Burke, representing Ladies Auxiliary Division 10, Peekskill. These plaques were presented to them in appreciation for their catering Division 18's Installation of Officers and Initiation of new members on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Division 18 was organized in September, 1971, by Don Eustace, a former member of Division 29, New York County and by Joseph Price, past county president of Westchester. At the first meeting held, 17 persons were present. The new division now has over 30 members and received its charter at the January 23 affair from the then County President John Daly of Westchester.

The President, Don Eustace, is a brother to Gerry Eustace, who is President of Division 29, Manhattan, New York County. Both brothers show by their work that they have a genuine interest in the basic principles of the A.O.H. Don supplied to the last issue of the Digest an Editorial - "Ireland For The Irish" - taken from The Peekskill Evening Star. Digest readers liked it.

REMEMBER --

Our Membership Drive
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A NEW MEMBER?



HIS EMINENCE Terrence Cardinal Cooke of New York, who is a member of Division 3, N.Y. County, presents Judge James J. Comerford with a large gold medallion at a dinner honoring Comerford. The Medallion marks the Ordination of the Cardinal in 1945, his Consecration to Arch-Bishop in 1965 and his elevation to Cardinal in 1969.

The Medallion, which shows a raised, engraved portrait of the Cardinal and his coat of arms, is a memento gift by Pope Paul to the Cardinal. In his address to the 900 guests who attended the dinner, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York, the Cardinal paid high tribute to Judge Comerford for his long services to the cause of helping other people.

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Under the
Capitol
DOME

by Peggy Dowd

Washington's Emerald Isle Division had its Spring dinner dance last month and is getting ready for its sixth annual picnic on July 1.

On April 28 invitations from the Irish Embassy were extended to officers of the Auxiliary of the Washington, D.C. Hibernians. Miss Rita McDonough came over from Baltimore to attend the coffee at the Embassy and a full tour of the Embassy was included.

Mrs. Warnock is attractive, articulate and a real charmer. She was the personal guide and told many fascinating stories of her life as the Irish Ambassador's wife. They had been stationed in India where hunger and poverty are commonplace. She told of her pride in the accomplishments of the Irish Christian Brothers and the teaching orders of Irish nuns who established schools. She said that nations, far wealthier than Ireland, gave money but that Ireland's contribution of educating India's people meant more, because without an education these people are doomed.

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Our local convention was held on Saturday, May 20, at the Holiday Inn in Bethesda, Md. James Hollywood of the Emerald Isle Division was elected President and Miss Patti Flynn was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Our convention was followed by a tri-state luncheon as we were joined by Hibernians from Maryland and Virginia. National President Edward Fay and Miss Rita McDonough, National President of the L.A. were in attendance. Bill Bartnett, National Secretary, Robert Tweedy, National Director, John Conley, Chairman Freedom for All Ireland Committee, and Charles Vaughan, Chairman National Home Committee, were also in attendance.

Kennedy Medal

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National President Comerford constructed a chart showing what kind of Memorial each Jurisdiction suggested and how money would be raised to establish and maintain each type of Memorial. He turned over this chart to a "Kennedy Memorial Committee" for study and for recommendations; he urged that this committee should have its work done by the opening of the 1964 National Convention.

On August 4, 1964, the National Convention opened in Albany, New York. National President James J. Comerford appointed a Convention Committee on that day to again examine all proposals submitted by all A.O.H. jurisdictions for a Memorial to President John F. Kennedy and to report back to the Delegates in Convention assembled what the Committee's recommendations were as to the most appropriate type of Memorial and its costs, not only at time of establishment, but also for continued maintenance. He named the following Delegates to that Committee -- called "The Committee on

the Kennedy Memorial":

William J. Bartnett, New York, Chairman; Thomas P. O'Malley, Pennsylvania; Richard Cummings, New Jersey; William J. Guerin, Maryland, and Robert T. Smith, Massachusetts.

The Committee recommended to the Convention that the Kennedy Memorial should be in the form of a Gold Medallion to be awarded annually "to a Catholic of Irish birth or descent who was outstanding in his or her field of endeavor".

The Committee also recommended that each Division contribute, to cover the cost of the Medallion and connected expense, until the sum of \$15,000 was collected.

The recommendation of the committee was unanimously accepted by the Convention Delegates.

The incoming National President and his Administration were authorized by the Convention to set up the rules under which candidates for the Kennedy Medal would have to qualify, before being considered for the award and were also empowered to establish the regulations which would govern the selection of winners of the award.

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MISS RITA McDONOUGH, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A.O.H. reports that a full representation of Delegates have made arrangements for the trip to Ireland to attend the National Convention in Dublin in July.

Marion Guilfoyle
Is Candidate In
N.Y. Auxiliary

New York County Board of the Ladies Auxiliary announces that Miss Marion Guilfoyle, who is now Vice-President of N.Y. State Board, will be a candidate for the office of President of N.Y. State Auxiliary at the State Convention this June in Binghamton, N.Y.

Marion is a native New Yorker whose ancestors in the U.S. are traced back to the American Civil War period. She is a lawyer. Her membership is in Auxiliary 29, Manhattan, New York County.



JAMES M. GRUNDY, Past President of Division Three, New York County, which is located in the Washington Heights, Inwood section of Manhattan, was the Guest of Honor at the recent Annual Ball of the Division. Over four hundred Guests attended the Ball to pay tribute to Brother Grundy for his many years of unselfish service to Division Three. Shown above at the presentation of a Plaque to Brother Grundy are (l. to r.) John W. Duffy, Past President of Division Three and Past President of New York County Board; Joseph P. Sullivan, President of New York County Board; David B. Friedland, New York City Councilman; Brother Grundy; Congressman William F. Ryan, who is leading the fight in Congress to amend the Immigration Law so that those Irish Citizens who want to come to the United States can do so; William Burke, Past President of Division Three and Past President of New York County Board; Hon. James J. Comerford, Past President of Division Three, Past President New York County Board and Past National President; Edward P. Hyland, President, Division Three and Treasurer, New York County Board; Michael McGarry, Secretary, Division Three and Marshal, New York County Board.

Passed In House

Congressman Ryan Reports
On Irish Immigration Bill

In a letter to the editor of *Hibernian Digest*, Judge James J. Comerford, Congressman William F. Ryan wrote the following:

Dear Judge: On March 16 the House of Representatives passed H.R. 9615, the Rodino-Ryan bill, which will provide extra immigrant visas for Irish immigrants. This is indeed a triumph for all of us who have worked for so long

to correct inequities which resulted from the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act amendments.

The bill, H.R. 9615, adopts the formula from my original legislation, making additional visas available for four fiscal years. The Ryan formula establishes a floor under immigration. In any fiscal year after June 30, 1970, if visas issued to natives of any country fall below 75 percent of the number issued during the 10-fiscal-year period 1956-65, additional visas will be issued in the following fiscal year to make up the difference between the number issued in that fiscal year and the 75 percent of the ten-year base period.

For example, in fiscal year 1971 (July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971) visas issued to Irish applicants totaled 1,297. If the Ryan formula were now in effect, in fiscal year 1972 (beginning July 1, 1971), the Irish would be entitled to 4,000 additional visas - the difference between 1,297 and 5,300 which is 75 percent of the 10-year average for Ireland. No labor certificate would be required.

The bill is intended to stem the precipitous decline in "new seed" immigration resulting from the 1965 Act. Since the 1965 Act became fully effective (July 1, 1968),

the following numbers of visas have been issued in Ireland: FY 1969, 610; FY 1970, 497; FY 1971, 487; and FY 1972 (July 1, 1971 - December 31, 1972), 319.

Other sections of the bill would make special visas available to countries which have large backlogs in the fifth preference category (brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens), contrary to the purpose of the 1965 Act, which was intended to wipe out existing backlogs. The principal beneficiary of this will be Italy.

In addition to the splendid efforts of the American Irish National Immigration Committee and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the American Committee on Italian Migration and the Steuben Society were very helpful.

The bill is now before the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator James O. Eastland is chairman. I hope you will urge all A.O.H. members to write not only to him but to their own Senators. It is crucial that the Senate act before Congress adjourns for the Presidential election since adjournment would kill the bill. It would then have to be re-introduced and acted upon again by both House and Senate. -- Sincerely, William F. Ryan, Member of Congress.

Essay Contest Winners
For Ladies' Auxiliary

Mabel H. Noonan, National Historian for the Ladies' Auxiliary, announced to Divisions, the names of winners of the Ladies' Essay Contest, accompanied by the following letter:

Dear Historians: The final results of the 1971-1972 Irish History Essay Contest are ready.

Again, this year, I read with much interest your letters sent with the essays. These will help me in making a Summary report to the Irish History Workshop.

At the National Convention, I hope you will select the Workshop for the Irish History, and also invite the new State Historian to be present. We will all benefit greatly from your comments and the new Historian will be launched on her great responsibility. If you are not able to attend the National Convention, please ask a delegate from your State to attend our special meeting and have your suggestions to present to the group.

As soon as the new State Historian is chosen please send me her name on the enclosed self-addressed postcard so that I can prepare a list of State Historians for 1972-1974 for my successor.

Kindly convey the gratitude of the National Board to all contestants, instructors, parents, County and Division Historians for their part in making this year's Contest the success it has always been.

Also please accept my personal thanks to each of you for your participation and cooperation during my term as Historian. It has all been a very enjoyable experience for me.

Looking forward to seeing you at the National Convention in Dublin, I remain, -- Yours in "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,"

Mabel H. Noonan, National Historian, Ladies Auxiliary, 500 West Julian St., San Jose, California - 95110.

The following are the names of the winners together with their schools:

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

Mark Patterson, Mt. Saint Charles Academy, Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Richard Moreno, Jr., Justin High School, Napa, Calif.; Marie Yakubik, St. Mary High School, Akron, Ohio; Constance Marie Allis, Saint Mary's High School, Greenwich, Connecticut, and David M. Cabral, Our Lady of Providence Prep Seminary, Rhode Island.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WINNERS

Elementary School Winners Mary Ann O'Farrell, St. Helena Grade School, Bronx, New York; Jeanne Hewell, St. Mary School, Baltimore, Md.; Susan Klingenberg, Holy Childhood School, St. Paul, Minnesota; Joan Scullen, St. Croix Valley Consolidated Catholic School, Minnesota, and Debbie Polick, St. Rose School, Meriden, Conn.

The National Judges were: Rev. Edward R. Boland, S.J., Hibernian Irish Library, University of Santa Clara; Rev. Felton O'Toole, S.J., Asst. Professor (English), University of Santa Clara; James E. Wade, Ph.D. (English), Professor of Business, San Jose State College; Miss Beryl Hoskins, M.A., Reference Librarian, University of Santa Clara, and Mrs. Aileen H. Miner, A.B., English and Speech, Jr. High Elementary Teacher (Ret.).

Essays were received from State Chairmen of: California, Canada, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Winners Announced In
Men's Essay Contest

Judge Al Melia, who is the National Historian, now has the winning results in the Essay Contest which he organized in January, 1972. He announces the Prize Winners in this article to the *Digest*.

The National Essay Contest of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the year 1972 has been concluded.

The winners in the elementary school division on the story of St. Brigid are:

First Prize - Henry Stefan of St. Elizabeth's Grammar School, Baltimore, Md.; Second Prize - Thomas P. Rogers, Syracuse, N.Y., and Third Prize - Siobhan Murphy, Babylon, N.Y.

The winners in the second competition on the subject of the contributions of the Irish to America are:

First Prize - Michael McCabe, Central Catholic High School, Norwalk, Conn.; Second Prize - Donna Manning of

Schenectady, N.Y., and Third Prize - Mark Murphy of Syracuse, N.Y.

The winners in the third competition on the subject, "My Favorite Irish Patriot," are:

First Prize - Jerome F. Hogan of the Monsignor John J. Lee Division of Elmira, N.Y.; Second Prize - Harold Danning of New Milford, Conn., and Third Prize - Frank McEvoy of Bridgeport, Conn.

We are most grateful to all who participated in the contest. A special word of thanks to the contest judges: Brother Crowe and Brother Grimes, both of the Irish Franciscan Brothers and John Thornton, Editor of the Irish Echo.

When the medals have been suitably inscribed, they will be forwarded to the appropriate State President for distribution.

Convention Details Set By New Jersey State

Brother Robert J. Fastow, State President of New Jersey State Hibernians, announces the following details about the N.J. State A.O.H. Convention and the A.O.H. National Convention.

New Jersey State Convention
Convention headquarters will be the Sheraton-Deauville Hotel & Motor Inn on the Boardwalk at Brighton Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. 08404. Convention dates are June 15, 16 and 17, 1972.

State Convention Chairman is Thomas M. Conroy and Convention Chairlady, Kathryn A. Hickey. Brother Fastow said that meetings have been held, and several committees appointed, however, each and every one is a part of this committee, so feel free to attend convention meetings when they are held. You'll be notified of time and place. Let's have both a socially and financially successful 1972 State Convention. Remember it's team work that will be needed to assure us of continued success.

National Convention

On July 24, through July 29, 1972, The National Convention of our Order and Auxiliary will be held in Dublin, Ireland.

The New Jersey State Board, has undertaken the task of sponsoring a trip to Ireland, leaving Newark Airport on Friday evening July 21 at midnight, and arriving in Dublin on July 22 about 11:15 a.m. Price of the trip is \$195. Hotel accommodations for five nights may be reserved at the lovely Inter-Continental Hotel, double or twin-bedded rooms. (Deluxe Accommodations will be \$130 per person, single \$145.) Those interested in going on this Charter Flight, and taking advantage of the hotel reservations should contact Robert J. Fastow, 22 Swarthmore Drive, Carteret, N.J. 07008 (Area Code 201 - 541-6919) or Thomas M. Conroy, 306 Harrison Ave., Harrison, N.J. 07029 (Area Code 201 - 483-7120).

A deposit of \$100 for good faith on the part of those interested in going is requested as soon as possible. Make check payable to: N.J. State Hibernians, A.O.H., Special Committee, and mail to either individual mentioned above.

An extended tour will also be arranged for those who wish to visit a few other places besides Ireland. Naturally it will cost over and above the amount mentioned for the National Convention package deal.

Please arrange to file the necessary papers for your passport - you'll need a passport in order to comply with government regulations. Further information will be forthcoming regarding this trip.

Bob Fastow, being the present day leading Hibernian in the State of New Jersey, is making all necessary preparations for both Conventions.

Robert Conroy, A.O.H. State Secretary in New Jersey, is also on the ball every day in working out troublesome details for members.

Mass in Honor of St. Patrick
The annual Mass in honor of St. Patrick, under the auspices of "The State Boards of The Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary of New Jersey" was offered at St. Rose of Lima Church on Friday, March 17 in Newark, N.J.

The Mass was said by Msgr. John T. Lawlor, State Chaplain of both organizations. Our former National Chaplain and Arch-Bishop Boland of Newark presided

at the Mass as he has done for many years.

This is the only spiritual commemoration of St. Patrick's Day in our area -- remember this is one way of showing our true Heritage -- and our Catholic faith.

The Mass was offered this year for the repose of the souls of those who died in the Northern Ireland struggle, and for the return of a just and speedy peace to that war-torn land.

The Reverend Gerald P. Ruane was speaker at the Mass.

Dinner Held For N. J. President

Robert J. Fastow, A.O.H. President of New Jersey State, was honored at a Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, March 25, in The Holiday Inn, Carteret, N.J.

Division 3, known as the Raymond V. Ryan Division, was the host.

Thomas M. Conroy, A.O.H. State Secretary of New Jersey, was Chairman.

Bob Fastow, a popular personality with the A.O.H. of N.J. and elsewhere, is a Hibernian worker whose performances are reliable, as well as his promises.

Albany Activities

Tom Leach, George Nixon, Mary Creed and Joyce O'Brien report activities from Albany, New York.

A fund raising dance was held in the A.O.H. Hall, Troy, N.Y. on March 25, sponsored by the Irish Northern Aid Committee. Dancing was to the music of the Galway Blaziers. Irish folk dancing and singing were featured.

Proceeds from this dance will be used for relief of impoverished victims of the trouble in Ulster. There was also a 50-50 drawing at the affair.

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St. Patrick's Parade Committee presented on April 8 an ALL STAR IRISH SHOW direct from Jury's Hotel, Dublin, Ireland. The cast of 25 included singers, dancers and harpists. It was a great night of Irish entertainment.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you brothers for the fine turn out for our Communion Breakfast and the St. Patrick Parade. Plan to support the Benefit Dances and help promote our Irish culture by attending the Ceilís. God Bless you and your families.

JIM CURLEY

Brother James Curley, who was a most successful Chairman of the A.O.H. National Convention of 1964 held in Albany, is now devoting his energies to the Convention in Dublin. That is good news. His experience is needed.

Suffolk Ladies Elect Officers

At their May 7 convention held at the Half Penny Pub, East Islip, Ladies of the Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Suffolk County Board, elected and installed the following new officers: President Mary Rabbitt; Vice President Mae Hassett; Recording Secretary Kathleen Worrell; Financial Secretary Jo Ahern; Chairlady of Irish History, Molly Meany; Chairlady of Missions, Elizabeth Kreamer; Chairlady of Catholic Action, Mary Ann Beauchamp; Mistress-at-Arms Julia Edwards and Sentinel Teresa Frazier.

Leo Halloran Tells K of C About Ireland

The following is a copy of a letter written by Leo Halloran of Division One, Jackson County, Missouri, to Elmer VonFeldt, editor of Columbia Magazine, New Haven, Connecticut:

Dear Mr. VonFeldt: This is in reference to the article by Father Robert A. Graham, S.J. printed in the February, 1972, Columbia, Page 8. Has he seen today's conditions in Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Newry in Northeast Ireland?

I am writing this letter at the suggestion of many of my fellow Hibernians in Jackson County, Missouri. We realize the "opinions expressed by writers are their own and do not necessarily represent the views of the Knights of Columbus" when printed in the Columbia. However, we were still displeased to see such a one-sided and slanted view printed in a K. of C. publication which many of us subscribe to. Many of our senior members were members of the I.R.A. in the late teens and early 20's of this century. Many, if not most of them, have been and still are active in the Knights of Columbus. Father Graham does not speak for them.

If you'll note, the author fails to mention, among many other things, that if it wasn't for the so-called outlawed and "condemned" I.R.A. and its sympathizers, from 1916 to 1921, the people in the south of Ireland would be no better off today than the poor people of the north, both Catholic and Protestant.

When I read the article to my father, who is from Galway, he recalled the time when one of his friends was kidnapped, tortured cruelly and then murdered by some "black and tan" just because, and for no other reason, he was a Catholic priest on his way to administering some sacraments to one of his bed-ridden flock. His name was Father Michael Griffin. He was murdered by Black and Tans on November 20, 1920, in Barna, County Galway, and buried by them in a bog. I'd be curious to know if the author would maintain his current view if he were about to be subjected to the same fate as Father Griffin.

We, the Irish in America, are the first to admit there are injustices inflicted on innocent victims during a struggle for equality and freedom. We certainly do not approve of these injustices either, but we also know that the primary opposing sides of the I.R.A. both in the earlier Irish revolution and today, have been guilty of much, much more. Incidentally, we didn't get these facts from the major news media in the U.S. because, quite frankly, they're not informing the American public on what is actually going on in Northern Ireland.

If time and space permitted, I could list hundreds of cases in North Ireland not reported in the news media about imprisonment without trial, physical torture, maiming, etc. committed by the oppressors of equality and freedom in Northern Ireland.

For whom does the Columbia Magazine speak? The English Irish in Northeast Ireland or the Irish Irish in that part of Ireland? -- Sincerely, Leo F. Halloran.

New Hampshire Ladies' Convention

The 42nd Biennial Convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New Hampshire was held at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel, Concord, on Saturday, May 6.

East St. Louis Ladies Auxiliary

The Division No. 1 Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gave its annual Irish Tea on Sunday afternoon, March 5 in Trombley Hall, East St. Louis, Ill.

This is the leading social event of the year. Mrs. Regina M. Powell was chairman, and Mrs. George Comley Sr. was co-chairman. There were several booths. Lunch was served and cards were played.

Mrs. Nora Zeiser is president of the Division.

Rita Murphy For President

Mrs. Rita M. Murphy of Yonkers, N.Y., has been endorsed by N.Y. State Auxiliary for the office of National President of the A.O.H. Ladies Auxiliary. She is now National Vice President.

Competent and energetic, personable and articulate, Rita has the business experience as well as the Hibernian know-how to fill the office of President with honor and distinction.

John Hoswell Talks Of Immigration Law



JOHN J. HOSWELL

National Director John J. Hoswell of Dayton, Ohio, is the Chairman of The National Immigration Committee of the A.O.H. in America.

Brother Hoswell writes to the Digest as follows: "The purpose of this Immigration Committee, which is under the jurisdiction of the A.O.H. National Board, is to work for a fair Immigration Law in the United States for the benefit of Irish boys and girls, who wish to emigrate from their native Ireland to America in order to take up permanent residence here, as hundreds of thousands of their kinfolk have done in this 20th Century, and as millions of them did prior to 1900.

The U.S. Immigration Law was amended in 1965. The result of this change in the law was to cut the 17,000 yearly quota of immigrants to the U.S. from Ireland to a mere trickle of less than 1,000 a year.

Last spring, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Bill which would in-

The State Board met in the morning, and after luncheon, officers were elected.

Named to the various offices were: Vivian Slattery, Nashua, State President; Kathleen McKelvey, Berlin, Past State President; Veronica Evans, Berlin, Vice President; Margaret Woodward, Berlin, Secretary; Eileen Narkunas, Nashua, Treasurer; Blanche J. Nollet, Berlin, Historian; Mary Madigan, Nashua, Chairman of Missions, and Mary Kilbride, Berlin, Chairman of Catholic Action.

Catholic Action... Means Action By Us

It has been said that television has stunted the intellectual growth of our nation because people of all ages are attracted to the glittering screen in the comfort of their own home.

There is no question but that the offerings of TV, despite their questionable quality, offer an attraction which tempts people to refrain from more demanding pursuits.

Unfortunately, one of the activities to suffer most from this TV syndrome is Catholic Action. Action that is so needed in your own parish or with the countless Catholic charities in every community.

The saddest part of this failure to act is that you will never know the good you might have done if only you had left that TV set cold for one or two days or nights a month. By inaction you will never see the grateful face of a desperate person you could have helped, or the



Edward F. Callenan Jr.

smile of the hungry child to whom you could have brought food, or the happiness reflected from a terribly lonely person who only wants someone to talk to for a little while.

Hunger, loneliness, desperation -- to most people these are only things to be viewed for a few fleeting seconds on the TV news and then they go away and are forgotten, just as soon as sports come on. We tend to forget that while we are blest with relatively good health and a modicum of the good things of life, that we can reach out, touch and affect the lives of those who long for such help.

Catholic action may call you to write a letter to your Congressman or Senator urging him to support Public Aid to Private Education, or it may be that you can stop by the library on your way home and pick up a book for someone confined to his home.

Each of us is allotted a brief time span in the never ending race to eternity, and how we spend that time is a choice of each man's free will. He can do the minimum required to pass into his heavenly home or he can pronounce to others his opposition to the murder known as abortion, or he can quietly show respect for others of God's creations who have a different color skin or profess another creed. Catholic action begins and ends with the individual. He can make his actions known to all the world or only to the individual he helps.

Just as the cloud on the distant horizon drifts toward the golden dawn of morning, we must move in the right direction and by example show others how much sunshine we want to shower on the world.

Kennedy Medal

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And that is how the Kennedy Memorial Medal came into existence.

Article 27 of the A.O.H. Constitution governs the Kennedy Memorial Medal Award.

As a footnote, it should be noted here that Division 9 of Kings County (Brooklyn) recommended that the Kennedy Memorial Medal should be presented annually at the A.O.H. banquet. The proposal came from Brother William J. Kelly of that Division and then National Chairman of Constitution, Ritual and Progress Committee. This proposal was the genesis of the present form of the Kennedy Memorial Medal Award. For many reasons, it was then considered to be a proposal which was most appropriate and practical to bring about and continue as an A.O.H. Memorial to John F. Kennedy.

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Pennsylvania Convention Honors National President Ed Fay

John R. Conley Elected Pennsylvania State President

POTTSVILLE, Pa.: The National President of the nation's largest Irish-Catholic organization was honored here June 15-17 when the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America held its 76th Biennial Pennsylvania Convention.

The convention, which was hosted by the Schuylkill County A.O.H. dedicated both the souvenir program and the entire 1972 convention to National President Edward J. Fay of Pittsburgh. Ed, as he

is known across the nation by his legion of friends, was again honored when the Pennsylvania Delegates unanimously endorsed him for reelection as National President of the A.O.H.

In supporting Mr. Fay for reelection the Pennsylvania group pointed out to the delegates:

"The A.O.H. of Schuylkill County salutes Edward J. Fay of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians

in America. Ed is also The Executive Director of the Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh, Executive Secretary of the Notre Dame Club in Pittsburgh, and Assistant Football Coach at Carnegie-Mellon University. He is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, President of the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville, on the Board of Directors of the Serra Club in Pittsburgh, and General Chairman of the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. (This parade has become the biggest parade held in Pittsburgh each year.)

The youngest of ten children born to Patrick J. Fay of County Waterford and Ellen

Fitzgerald Fay of County Tipperary, Ed Fay has one sister and eight brothers, all of whom are or were members of Division 11 of the Ladies' Auxiliary and A.O.H. Division No. 2 in Allegheny County. Ed's wife Dorothy, is also a member of Division 11 Ladies' Auxiliary.

Ed was a Varsity Letterman at the University of Notre Dame in football after World War II. He was Football Coach and Social Studies Teacher in the Public School System of Hampton Township in Allison Park, Pa. from 1952 to 1957. At the present time he is the Assistant Football Coach at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pitts-

burgh, serving in that capacity since 1963.

He has been a dedicated Hibernian for 30 years, having served as Division President, County President, National Director, National Treasurer and National Vice President. In 1970 he was elected National President of the Order.

The Schuylkill County Board is proud to dedicate this souvenir program and the entire 1972 Pennsylvania State Convention, to Edward

J. Fay; Dynamic Leader, Educator, Football Coach, Social Worker, Family Man, World War II Veteran, Executive and Administrator, Hibernian, American and MAN!!"

In other action during the three-day session, John R. Conley of Division 15, Allegheny County was elected Pennsylvania State President.

Leo F. Haley of Division 2, Pottsville, Pennsylvania was

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Organized in New York City, May 4, 1836

June 22, 1972

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We deplore the subpoenaing of American citizens of Irish extraction to Fort Worth, Texas, who are guilty of no apparent crime. They are being subjected to a denial of their basic constitutional rights, a privilege guaranteed to all peoples of these great United States of America without regard to race, color or creed.

We demand that the unjust harassment of our fellow country-men be discontinued and that those jailed be released immediately.

We look to your good office to insure that justice will be done and I will anticipate hearing from you as to your decision in this serious matter.

I would like to remind you that some forty million citizens of these United States are of Irish Heritage. The Irish have proven themselves in this great nation and our history attests to their magnificent contribution to their adopted land.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Fay
National President

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EDWARD J. FAY

Not First Time Convention Held Outside U.S.A.

The 1972 National Convention of the A.O.H. in America, being held in Dublin, Ireland, from July 24 to July 28 inclusive, is not being held for the first time outside the United States.

The 1948 National Convention was held in Montreal, Canada, at the Mount Royal Hotel from August 3 to 6 of that year.

EDWARD J. FAY TO BE NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT

National President Edward J. Fay will be nominated at the National Convention in Dublin as a candidate for election to succeed himself for another term in the Office of National President.

Delegates to the Convention who will place Ed Fay's name in nomination have confirmed the fact in letters to the Digest.

Auxiliary Elects Officers At Missouri Convention

At the Missouri State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held at the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., May 27 and 28, the following members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the A.O.H. were elected officers:

President - Miss Mary Mullane, Kansas City; Vice President, Mrs. Ann Ross, St. Louis; Secretary, Mrs. Irene Allen, St. Louis; Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Smith, Kansas City; Irish Historian, Mrs. Margaret McGrath, St. Louis; Chairman of Catholic

Action, Mrs. Helen Malben, Kansas City; and Chairman of Missions, Mrs. Margaret Lawlor, St. Louis.

The following were appointed: State Organizer - Mrs. Nellie Carroll, Kansas City, and State Parliamentarian - Mrs. Mary Bresnahan, St. Louis.

Readers of the Digest will from now on read from time to time about the activities of the A.O.H. in Missouri. This Board of Officers will have active programs and will send news of their activities to the Digest.

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JULY 24 TO JULY 28

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From Brooklyn, N.Y. Flatbush Hibernian

The following are excerpts from the little Bulletin:

"In the opinion of an English statesman no man is good in Ireland until he is dead and buried and unable to strike a blow for Ireland." - Charles Stewart Farnell.

Editor is John T. Ridge. Assistant Editors are Patrick Mullin and Mike Cusic. Mike O'Connor is the newly elected President of Division 35, Brooklyn and Bill Carroll is the immediate past President.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

Our building has seen a tremendous transformation since we assumed ownership barely seven months ago. It has been most importantly the volunteer work of our membership that has accomplished this great undertaking. Once more, all of us are now called to help finish the job. July is the target month for a completed hall.

DIVISION PICNIC

Division 35 of Flatbush will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, August 20. Details will be forwarded to everyone in a special mailing.

COMING EVENTS

July 15 - Communion buffet at Hibernian Hall of Division 35. Mass at Little Flower Church.

August 20 - Division 35 annual Picnic and bus trip.

The division will also sponsor barbecues in the Hibernian Hall's garden (to be finished shortly) on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer and a social meeting will be held as always on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Contact Bill Carroll at 859-3577 or Hibernian Hall 451-9764.

MASS AND COMMUNION BUFFET

The division will have mass said for the deceased members of 35 on Saturday evening, July 15, at Little Flower Church, Troy Avenue and Avenue D. A complete buffet dinner including five varieties of meats will be served immediately afterward at the division hall. Donation is only \$4. Irish musical entertainment will be featured. Mike O'Connor is chairman of this event. Reservations can be made with Mike at 252-6299.

LADIES INSTALL OFFICERS

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Kings County A.O.H. held their installation of officers for the upcoming term at Hibernian Hall on Tuesday, May 23. Approximately 85 ladies and their guests attended the ceremonies. Helen Mulcahy Fazio was elected president of the auxiliary. The evening ended with entertainment.

The ladies are to be commended for the most successful and well-run affair. Rita Mills, former County President, will be remembered for her good work.

JOHN CURRY

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

A testimonial dinner in honor of John Curry has been set for Friday, November 29, at the Carlyle, Avenue D and East 43rd Street, Brooklyn. A complete dinner and entertainment throughout the evening will be featured. Additional information will be furnished in the September Flatbush Hibernian. Mike O'Connor is chairman of this affair honoring one of the greatest Hibernians in the Order. John is a native of County Kildare. He has been in Brooklyn for over 40 years.

Mike O'Connor is the new A.O.H. President of Kings County.

Thanks For Sending News

Your Editor thanks everyone who helped to make the Digest readable for the last two years by sending news of A.O.H. activities.

New York area, having one third of the total A.O.H. membership and producing newsmaking activities constantly, expected a substantial amount of space in each issue. However, they got less than they expected, although their area had lots of action. Other areas with much smaller membership got their proportionate share of space. A few State Jurisdictions with small membership did not send any news to the Digest - as our records show. Failure by Officers in those areas to send news is not fair to our Order. This Digest is the property of all our members.

This Digest was printed on time and mailed punctually to all members from December 10, 1969 to July 20, 1972. That was an improvement which members have acknowledged. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who subscribed, also received their copies on time as the men did. They liked that.

Many members wrote telling us that they were happy to see the theme "Ireland One and Indivisible" restored to the mast head. They do notice changes.

Again, thanks to all.
James J. Comerford,
Editor

New York State Elects Officers

The New York State Convention, June 24, in Binghamton City, elected George Foley of Troy, President; Thomas McNabb of Auburn, Vice-President; John Duffy of Manhattan, N.Y. City, Secretary, and John Ziemann of Syracuse, Treasurer.

Elected Directors are T. Ryan, P. McDonough, M. Wallace, M. Culhane, T.

Landers and G. Walters.

John Thornton, outgoing President, presided at the Convention and Mrs. Margaret McAllister, as President of the New York Ladies' Auxiliary, chaired the Ladies' Convention.

Miss Marion Guilfoyle, a lawyer from New York City, was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

The Dublin Convention Is Ready If You Are

Every sign, as of July 4, 1972, indicates that the National Convention in Dublin, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America - for both the Ladies and Gentlemen - will be most successful.

The Digest, recognizing that many Delegates will be arriving in Ireland for their first visit and seeing Dublin for the first time, has, during the past year, given detailed information to Delegates about things which they will see and do in Dublin and in other parts of Ireland.

Thousands of words have been written by us on "Tips for Delegates as visitors to Ireland". These tips are based on experience of men and women who know much about Ireland - and know it well.

This information has not been culled from a travel book.

It is based on the personal knowledge, and on the hard-earned experience, of those who compiled this information, and wrote it for the Digest. Such knowledge had to be obtained the hard way.

If you, as a reader, have clipped out these tips on things, which to you will be unusual, and if you are going to the Convention, you will not have to learn these things the hard way. You will not be too surprised to see how some things are done in Ireland much differently from how they are done in the U.S. and that some of the customs followed by Irish people in Ireland are much different from those of Irish people in America.

National President Edward J. Fay, who did not seek to have this Convention held in Dublin, has done a remarkable job in putting together all the details of arrangements that are needed to get a National A.O.H. of such magnitude set up and made ready for Delegates.

Remember that there is no A.O.H. Unit in Dublin to fulfill the important duty of being Host. You are familiar with all the work which "The Host Hibernian Unit" - be it a County Board or a State Board - has to do in preparing for a National Convention. The A.O.H. in Ireland, not being connected with the Order in America, is not the Host for the American A.O.H. Convention.

National President Fay had to get a substitute group of people to take the place of the usual "Host" so well known to Delegates at A.O.H. Conventions in America. He has done this and done it well. But, then, as many Delegates will recall, Ed Fay was Chairman in 1962 of the well conducted and most pleasant National Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Such experience, with more learned since, assures us that the Dublin Convention will be O.K. all the way.

Optimism All The Way --- All The Time

As members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, we are optimistic and not pessimistic.

We should and we will have optimism in many things related to our Order.

Optimism should be our feeling as we approach the date for the opening of our National Convention.

Optimism in the unity and growth of our order - our organization - of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Optimism in our ability as an organization to speak for the Catholic Irish Americans in the United States.

Optimism in the thought that our past record as an Organization shows that we have maintained friendly relations with the Irish people in Ireland and that we have preserved "the old ties" with those Irish-Irish who wish to make Ireland "A Nation Once Again".

Optimism in the belief that we, as members of the oldest Catholic Layman's Organization in America, shall continue to help in keeping our Catholic Church in America as a Catholic Church and continue to do our part every day in preserving "The Faith of our Fathers" - a religious faith that has been so dear and meaningful to our Irish forebears not only in Ireland but also in our own United States. To accomplish this purpose, our Order must maintain its present membership requirements.

Optimism in the outlook that our A.O.H. in America shall retain its traditional requirements for membership and not allow itself to be used as a cat's paw to pull into its ranks everybody and anybody who are neither of our religion nor our race under the guise of increasing the membership of Divisions and their Auxiliaries.

Optimism in the fact that there is an abundance of Catholics to be found in the American Irish large segment of the population of the United States to sustain full membership strength in the ranks of our noble Order, whose greatest distinction, it holds today in the United States, is that it is Catholic and Irish and, therefore, possesses a valuable identity about which few other Organizations in America can boast these times.

Optimism in the success of the plan to invite every Catholic - both women and men - who are of Irish ancestry and who otherwise qualify for membership, to join the A.O.H. now and to become identified with the only Irish American membership National Organization to be found at present in the United States from coast to coast.

Optimism in the knowledge that we shall have a most fruitful National Convention in Dublin - that we shall enjoy ourselves during our short stay in Ireland - that we shall have a safe and pleasant trip in both directions - and, after it is all over, that we all shall be pleased with our new experience.



FRANCIS P. BEIRNE, left, Vice President, and Joseph P. Sullivan, President, hold "The Gavel of Authority" after being elected officers of the New York County Board.

Cradle Of Hibernianism Still Solid For Rocking

It gives a Hibernian a certain kind of thrill to see the actual place where the A.O.H. Organization was born in 1836 at a location still in existence in New York County.

Still upholding the venerable title of "The Cradle of Hibernianism in America" bestowed a century ago on their County, members of the New York County Board elected their Officers recently at their County Convention which was attended by a full turnout of Delegates, in the American Legion Hall at East 88th St. and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

There are nine Divisions in New York County which makes it the largest membership County in New York State and also the largest in the United States.

Division 3 is the largest Division in New York County and is also the largest one in New York State. Division 9, its neighbor, is moving up close to it in membership strength. The other seven Divisions are also in a healthy membership condition.

Members of the New York County Board of the Ladies Auxiliary have active programs of their own, as well as being constant supporters of A.O.H. programs conducted by the men in the County. Miss Margaret Callaghan is County President of the Auxiliary.

It can be easily seen that "The Cradle of Hibernianism in America" is still in a very solid rocking condition.

The following are the elected Officers who will guide the destinies of New York County Board for the next two years:

President, Joseph P. Sullivan (Div. 2); Vice President Francis P. Beirne (Div. 9); Recording Secretary, Martin P. Dunne (Div. 29); Financial Secretary, Thomas F. Donohue (Div. 12), and Treasurer,

Edward P. Hyland (Div. 3).

John W. Duffy is the immediate Past President of this County Board. James J. Comerford, former National President, is also a Past County President of this Board.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was organized on May 4, 1836, at a meeting held in the Parish Hall of St. James Catholic Church at 23 Oliver Street near City Hall in downtown Manhattan, New York County.

The Church is still there. A distinguished looking plaque, commemorating the founding of the A.O.H., is fixed to the outside wall by the side of the main entrance to the Church at the top of a row of steps, leading from Oliver Street. American Statesman Alfred E. Smith was born on this Oliver St.

The A.O.H. Division that was organized in 1836, always called Division No. 1 of New York County, is still an active Unit of the Hibernians. Three brothers of the Rogers - Tom, Pat and Paul - have been prominently identified with Division 1 for many years. Their Father, Thomas Rogers, was National Secretary of the A.O.H. for several years prior to his death in November 1947. He had been a member also of Division 1. Mrs. Rose Mary Rogers Ford, a sister of the three brothers, is one of those dedicated ladies who keep Auxiliary No. 1 out front as an active Unit of our Order.

The world famous New York St. Patrick's Day Parade is held annually in New York County under the sponsorship of the A.O.H. The permit to hold the Parade is issued annually by New York City Government to the New York County Board. The Parade first marched in 1853 under the auspices of this County Board and has maintained an unbroken marching record since that year.

Joe O'Connor, Nebraska Delegate



JOSEPH W. O'CONNOR of Omaha, Nebraska, a Hibernian for 30 years, has held every A.O.H. office in his Division and State. A gradu-

ate of Creighton and Omaha Universities, he has been a lifetime resident of Omaha and owns a home on North 24th Street. He has been in the Insurance Business for 35 years. Brother O'Connor is gracious, pleasant, and a hard worker for A.O.H. In December, 1971, he organized a new Division in Denver, Colorado, and in March, 1972, a new one in Waterloo, Iowa. We need more Joe O'Connors as National Directors. For 30 years, he has kept the Hibernian Flag proudly waving over the Middle-West, as he keeps his own Division strong in Omaha. We salute him. He will be in Dublin as a Delegate to the National Convention, and we will be glad to shake his hand.



FOR IRELAND AND FREEDOM are these loyal Hibernians who attended the dance sponsored by Division 9. In the first row, from the left, are Danny Gilmartin, President of Local 100, TWU, Honorary Chairman; John Lawe, Vice President of Local 100, TWU, Toastmaster; the Hon. James J. Comerford, Past National President, A.O.H. and Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; Frank Beirne, President of Division 9, New York County and Vice President of the New York County Board; John Dunleavy, Chairman of the Dance; Congressman William F. Ryan of Division 9 District, and Frank Durkin of Ulster Justice Organization, Guest Speaker. In the second row are John King, Vice President of Division 9; Chris McLoughlin, Vocalist; Mrs. Hughie Hughes; Tom Enright, Northern Aid Committee; Harry Quigley; Hughie Hughes, President of the Belfast Tom Williams Club; Judge Bill McCooe, President of Division 3, New York County; Mrs. Bridie McManus, Chairman of Awards; Albert Price, a concerned citizen direct from Belfast, and Joseph P. Sullivan, President of the New York County Board.



FRANK BEIRNE, President of Division 9, A.O.H., New York County, left, accepts a plaque from Harry Quigley of the Belfast Tom Williams Club, for the division's support of the people in North East Ireland. In the background are Pete Hickey, Past President of Division 9, Bronx, and Eugene Farrelly of the Hibernians. Banner behind the group reads, "England Get Out of Ireland."

NEWS

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Under the Capitol DOME



by Peggy Dowd

Washington Hibernians are beginning to pack for the National Convention in Dublin. Our weather is becoming hot and humid which makes it hard to remember that Spring or Fall weight clothing is what is needed for Ireland. Our meetings are over until September and so far, our only social activity will be the annual picnic that Emerald Isle Division will sponsor in July.

His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle has invited us to attend a Mass which will be held at St. Matthew's Cathedral, to celebrate the anniversary of the coronation of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI.

At our recent State Convention, his Excellency William Warnock, Ambassador from Ireland, talked of the economy of Ireland and the importance of tourists. He told us that he had been happy to learn that our National Convention was to be held in Dublin because it would bring several thousand people to his country. He said that when National President Edward Fay, who attended our State Convention, told him that there would be about 5,000 people at our National Convention he was just delighted.

During our State Convention, several members of the Auxiliary brought up the subject of the National Hibernian Digest. We feel that its importance to the Order cannot be over-emphasized. There are many women who are unable to attend National Conventions. As a result, they do not know what is going on. Without any Hibernian contacts in the rest of the country, the A.O.H. and L.A. in Washington, D.C. are looked on as only a local organization. Hibernian men have always had the advantage of automatically being on the Digest subscription list as it is part of their national assessment. The women do not enjoy this plan. Some Auxiliary Divisions send individual lists, sometimes, and they get the paper. Most Auxiliaries do not sub-

scribe for it. The large majority of our women do not get the paper and we want it.

Our newly elected President, Miss Patti Flynn, has appointed a Committee headed by Mrs. Margaret Zahn as Chairman. The Committee will meet with the men's Committee from the National Hibernian Digest and see what can be worked out about getting the paper into the hands of all the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

May God bless each one of you who plans to attend the convention in Dublin with a safe and happy trip. Goodbye now, I'm packing too. See you in Dublin.

Editor's Note: Since September 1970, when this Editor was appointed, the Digest has been available to each member of the Ladies' Auxiliary by paying one dollar for one year's subscription. Notice of this arrangement was published eight times in the Digest since September 1970. Not many members of the Auxiliary subscribed in response to that notice.

PENNSYLVANIA HONORS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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elected Vice President; William J. Collins of Division 2, Allegheny County was re-elected State Secretary, and Dave Fleming was reelected State Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Board. The Pottsville Convention was one of the finest held in many years.

Mrs. Alice Murray of Division 15, Ladies' Auxiliary of the A.O.H. in Allegheny County has been greatly honored by having both Presidents of the State Board as members of this great Hibernian Division. Division 15 is the largest Division in the State of Pennsylvania.

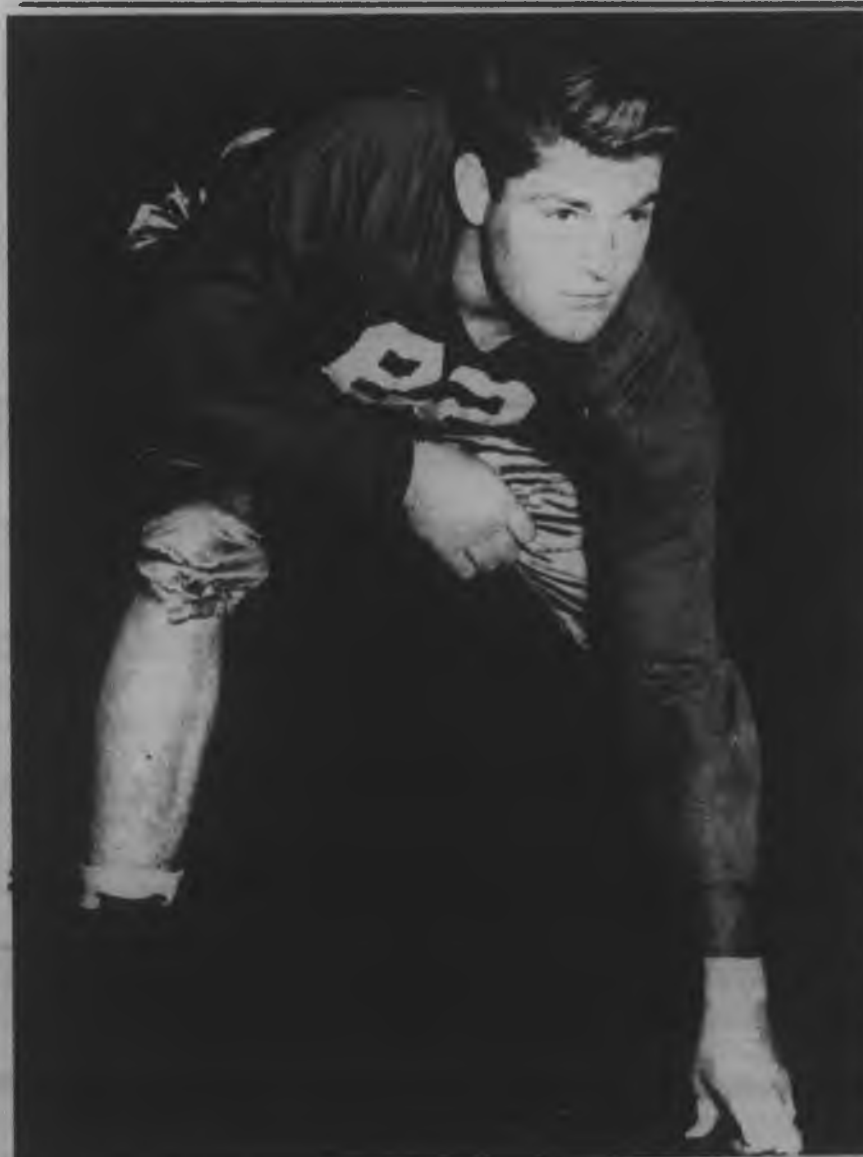


THE HON. BEN BRISCOE, left, member of the Irish Dail and son of former Dublin Lord Mayor Robert Briscoe, is greeted by Congressman Edward Boland (D-Mass.) at a reception given for him at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. by Congressman Lester Wolff (D-N.Y.), center. The affair drew over 120 members of Congress who heard Mr. Briscoe speak of the conditions existing in Northern Ireland. Congressman Wolff who is an honorary member of Division 8 Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y., has raised his voice many times in Congress for an increase in Irish Immigration to the U.S. and recently was among Senators and Congressmen who called for justice for Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Briscoe is a prominent businessman and also is an elected member of the Irish Parliament (called Dail Eireann) as was his late father. He represents the District in Dublin from which his father had been an elected member of the Dail for many years. A native of Dublin, as was his father, he is Jewish and is popular not only in Irish Government circles but also among Irish businessmen. The purpose of his visit to the U.S. was to explain to American Leaders the injustices existing in Northeast Ireland. Many Hibernians met him here.

CLIMATE

Winters in Ireland are mild. Summers are temperate, with some cool evenings so you'll be escaping the heat in the "Land of Perpetual Spring". Sometimes light rain falls. Take an umbrella and a sweater in your bag.



ED FAY as a Notre Dame Guard. He was a varsity letterman for the "Fighting Irish" in 1944, 1945 and 1947.

Dance A Sellout

Money For Ireland Raised By Div. 9

The John F. Kennedy Division 9, A.O.H., New York County, sponsored a fund raising dance with the Belfast Tom Williams Club. The proceeds were donated to victims of war-torn North East Ireland. The dance was a sellout and the "best ever" for Division 9, which thanks the Belfast Tom Williams Club for the hard work and cooperation of members in making this dance a success.

Francis Beirne, President, appointed John Dunleavy General Chairman of the Dance, and Hugh Hughes, President of the Belfast Tom Williams Club, appointed Mrs. Bridie McManus Chairman of Awards. Both Chairmen did a top performance job. According to the preliminary report, the total income was over \$6,000, leaving a profit of approximately \$4,500 after expenses. Last Fall, Division 9, under the chairmanship of its President, Francis Beirne, sponsored a dance for the same purpose and showed a profit of \$5,600.

The membership decided that the money would be distributed as follows:

- \$5,000 - To Northern Aid Committee from November-December 1971 Dance.
- \$1,000 - To Northern Aid Committee from May 1972 Dance.
- \$2,250 - (approximately) to the Belfast Tom Williams Club to help families of the prisoners interned without trial.
- \$1,000 - To Division 9's treasury, as prearranged since total proceeds of their Fall Dance were turned over to aid Northern Ireland.
- \$ 250 - To Father Tom Murphy from Belfast.
- \$ 250 - To National Board A.O.H. Welfare Fund for transmittal to Cardinal Conway.

Distribution of any funds remaining after all expenses have been paid will be decided by the membership of Division 9. The above figures are as close as we can come at Digest press time.

The Belfast Williams Club presented a Plaque to the Division for helping Belfast and Derry victims.

Division 9 is moving ahead and membership is increasing. It is hoped to see it among the top ten in the United States in the not-too-distant future. On the night of Installation President Beirne said: "This is not the time to talk and make promises - what we are going to do is make this a year of action. So far we have made it a very active year."

A most successful bus outing to East Durham was held on June 3. Terry Connaughton was Chairman. Two flights to Ireland, the first, June 22, for three weeks and the second, September 1 through 25 are in the works. The September flight will take in the two All Ireland Finals. Phil Redmond is Flight Chairman.

Brother Jim Murphy, Chairman of the Standing Committee, has a busy schedule of activities planned for the Fall.

California Holds State Convention

Homer A. Jordan, State President of the A.O.H. in California, presided over a most successful Convention, June 17 through 19, at Disney Land Hotel, Anaheim, near Los Angeles.

Homer, an energetic Hibernian, was very proud of the Convention arrangements and of the results.

The California Ladies' Auxiliary held their Convention also on the same dates at the famous Disney Land Convention Site. The Los Angeles Division Number 1 and their Ladies Auxiliary were the Hosts.

Brother Michael J. Farrell of Canoga Park, Los Angeles, compiled an impressive Souvenir Program. He is a Deputy National Organizer.

Actively helping in Convention preparations were Jerry O'Keefe, President of Orange County A.O.H. in Los Angeles and John Conlin, President of the Los Angeles Division. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary made their usual valuable contributions to Convention arrangements.

Monsignor John Sheridan, the Chaplain of Los Angeles Division, was most helpful to all.

A large number of Delegates from San Francisco attended. Led by Edward F. Callanan, who is the President of San Francisco County Board, they made a good turnout. Ed is also National Chairman of Catholic Action and a member of the A.O.H. National Board.

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National Convention, 1972, Dublin, Ireland



THE SAFFRON KILTS HIBERNIAN PIPE BAND of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, with the name St. Patrick on the big drum, will be in Dublin at the National A.O.H. Convention. This magnificent and colorful Band will be seen and heard

by Hibernians in Dublin and will also warm the cockles of Irish hearts along famous O'Connell Street.

St. Patrick's Division No. 2 of Babylon, Long Island, New York, sponsors this Band.

New Constitution Covers Election Of National Officers

Under the provisions of the A.O.H. Constitution as revised and adopted in July, 1971, every elected National Officer who is now serving on the National Board is eligible for nomination to succeed himself in his present Office for one more term.

The National Secretary, like the others, is eligible for nomination to succeed himself; however, he is also eligible to serve in that office for as many terms in succession as Delegates wish to elect him to serve.

The National Convention for 1970, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, voted to hold a special National Constitutional Convention in 1971 to rewrite the A.O.H. Constitution. The wishes of the Delegates were carried out.

On July 11, 1971, this National Constitutional Convention assembled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Delegates to that Constitutional Convention were called to attend it in the same manner as Delegates are called to attend all National Conventions.

After six days in session, the National Constitutional Convention produced a new Constitution.

A copy of the new Constitution was mailed to every member of our Order.

Article 13, Section 6 of the New Constitution says:

"Tenure of office shall be for two years or until successors have been elected and qualified.

No elected National Officer, except the National Secretary, shall be eligible to succeed himself more than once."

It should be noted that this Section of the Constitution is only directed to the length of tenure of office for National Officers.

McSorley Elected Ohio President

Delegates to the Ohio State A.O.H. Convention met June 16-18 in the beautiful Round-towner Hotel, Cincinnati. Members of the St. Patrick's Division were hosts.

John Jack McSorley was elected State President.

State Chaplain Father K. Lux's remarks on the A.O.H. Organization turned out to be a Convention highlight.

Business sessions were productive and hospitality by the Host Division was tops.

Brother Joe Kilgallen presided.



THOMAS M. CONROY has been appointed Chairman of the Charitable Mission Fund by National President Edward J. Fay to replace Michael P. Keeley who has resigned because of ill health. Tom also serves as New Jersey State Secretary.

Mrs. Rita Murphy, Presidential Candidate



MRS. RITA MURPHY

Mrs. Patrick Murphy from the City of Yonkers, New York, is a candidate for the Office of National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. She will be nominated at the National A.O.H. Convention in Dublin.

Known for her long years of service to the A.O.H. and for her constant devotion to

her family as well as the unselfish interest which she has shown at all times when giving her energy, time, and talent to the task of helping make A.O.H. programs and functions successful, Rita Murphy has won the admiration of all Hibernians who know her personally or who have seen her doing Hibernian work.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy have two sons and two daughters. One daughter is married and has two children.

Rita Murphy is a native New Yorker and has lived in Yonkers City all of her life and she has gone up the rungs of the A.O.H. Officer ladder slowly but surely. Having been elected to every Office in her Auxiliary Division and County Board, followed by all N.Y. State Board Offices, and finally attaining Offices in the National Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary, she is now Vice President.

In Dublin, Ireland, Rita Murphy's friends will present her name in nomination at the National Convention for National President.

Visiting The Local Popular In Ireland

DUBLIN (AP) - July 2: The Republic of Ireland has the highest ratio of public houses (taverns) to population in Europe.

Statistics show there are about 11,800 publicans' licenses, which means a public house for every 255 people.

In some towns and villages there is one for every 20 people. So says the Associated Press.

Let us talk about Pubs.

In Ireland, the legal name is "Public House" for a place which Americans generally refer to as a "tavern". New York, being still a little prudish, despite recent glorification of pornography by allowing obscene signs to be posted over doors of movies, calls such business houses "Bar and Grill". The name "Saloon" for such places is outlawed in New York. Such a name cannot be over the door of a drinking place.

Public Houses in Ireland serve most useful community purposes. It is in them that public issues and politics in general are discussed while participants "enjoy a glass of beer, or a bottle of stout or ale". Being a center for the local news, the neighborhood people very aptly call their nearest public house by the friendly name of "The Local".

Delegates to the National Convention will enjoy a visit to one of these "Locals" particularly in the country areas. In them, you will hear spontaneous wit and humor as well as intelligent conversations about world affairs and Irish topics.

The "Public Houses" in Dublin City are nice places and ought to be visited for enjoyment. They are well publicized as being centers of conversations ranging from discussion on Urban Renewal of Dublin to horse racing and sports to debates on international affairs.

These "Dublin Pubs", as well as some other Pubs in Ireland, now call themselves "Lounges" in an effort to appear sophisticated. Customers, or at least most of them, in those lounges tend to be like those usually seen in any American City Tavern - "Each one for himself and a little hard to reach".

Customers in the "Locals" found throughout the Irish countryside are all one big happy family. A visitor is always welcome. A stranger is quickly accepted. He is genuinely made one of the "family" without formalities or inquisitiveness.

To them, your company as an American visitor is more important than your money.



A PROCLAMATION, drawn by the County Legislators, was presented to Division No. 2 of Babylon, Long Island, New York, and its band, the Saffron Kilts. Shown above, from the left, are Matthew Close, Pipe Major; Michael Rice, founder of Division 2; Sidney Askoff, Suffolk County Legislator; Robert Quinlan, President of Division 2, and James Sullivan, Drum Major and immediate Past President of the Division. The honor was bestowed on the occasion of the Pipe Band going to Dublin for the National Convention.

National Anthems Can Stir Up Problems

During the 1948 National Convention in Montreal, Canada, some sensitive problems about National Anthems developed.

There were three National Anthems involved - namely, one for the U.S., one for Ireland, one for Canada. Sometimes, one was sung. Sometimes, two were sung. But never were the three Anthems sung or played, either in sequence at one time, or in scattered form on the same day or night. For some reason, never explained, the Irish National Anthem was never sung or played.

During those years, Canadians were using three songs as Anthems - God Save The King, The Maple Leaf, and Oh Canada. Ireland at that time was still called, "The Irish Free State". On December 21, 1948, that name was changed to "The Republic of Ireland". Immediately, "The Soldier's Song", that was already known as the Irish National Anthem, became the Anthem of The Republic of Ireland.

On the night of the A.O.H. Banquet at the Mount Royal Hotel, in Montreal, the Canadian and the United States Anthems were sung - but not the Irish Anthem. Many delegates who had missed hearing it sung during the Convention sessions, at times when they heard the other two, objected politely at first to having the Irish Anthem left out at the Banquet Ceremonies; they earnestly hoped that it would be sung at the end of the Banquet. But it was not.

As all signs, up front at

the Dais, indicated that the function was about to end, the majority of the Delegates, seated among other guests at the Banquet, spontaneously stood up and vigorously, as well as meaningfully, sang "The Soldier's Song".

Many people at the Banquet that night discovered that Delegates wanted the Irish Anthem. These same people also learned some points about International Protocol that they apparently had not previously learned from books on that subject.

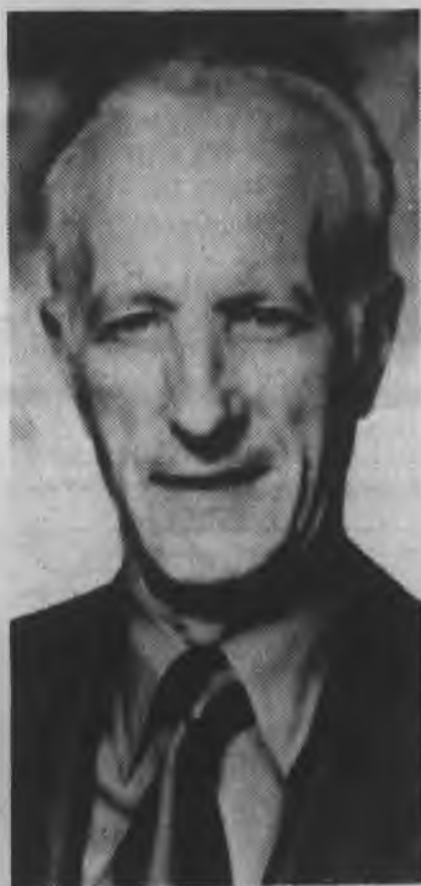
All nations have fixed protocol rules which govern the use of their Anthems and their Flags.

In the U.S. no other Nation's Anthem whether sung or played, immediately follows The Star Spangled Banner. As a result, the foreign Anthem, if it's required, is sung first. It means that the Anthem of a visiting Foreign Dignitary is played or sung first and then the U.S. Anthem.

What about the Anthem situation in Ireland during the A.O.H. National Convention? Those in charge of Convention Arrangements will get that answer from the Irish Government Official in charge of his Government's Protocol Rules.

Mrs. Hoswell Honored In Ohio

Mrs. John J. Hoswell of Dayton, Ohio, was recently elected "Hibernian Mother of the Year". She is the wife of National Director John J. Hoswell.



J. ROBERT TWEEDY
National Director

Robert Tweedy From Maryland

Energetic Bob Tweedy, who was born in County Wexford Ireland, has lived in the State of Maryland for many years. Well known to Delegates attending our National Conventions for his hard and diligent work, he is well liked by them for his common sense and practical approach to the handling of organization problems and also for his natural ability to get along with his fellow Delegates at Conventions. He will be at the Dublin Convention.

Bob Tweedy is Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Medal Award Committee as well as being a National Director.

His committee completed the task of arranging for the collection and counting of votes for the 1972 Kennedy Award.

Odd Things About Our Irish Weather

A little discussion on Irish weather may be useful to many Delegates, but the few informal comments which are given here must not be construed as a scientific study. No space this time for that in the Digest.

Ireland is as far north as is Hudson Bay in Canada. Dublin is as far north as is the Canadian City of Edmonton and is nearer to the North Pole than either Winnipeg City or Newfoundland Province.

This geographical location explains why planes flying from Kennedy Airport in New York to Shannon Airport in Ireland fly north to Newfoundland, first, and then wheel east to fly due east along a straight course to Ireland.

Ireland should have temperatures like Newfoundland all year round, according to geography. But it does not. The Gulf Stream composed of a warm current of water, about fifty miles wide, flowing from Florida and touching the County Kerry Coast of Ireland makes the difference between the climate of Canada and of Ireland.

Along the coast of southern Kerry grows foliage similar to some of that growing in the Tropics. These tropical growths are the result of the Gulf Stream influence on the Kerry Coast. Without the Gulf Stream, the waters in the Atlantic Ocean off the west coast of Ireland would be much colder. And so would Ireland.

The Gulf Stream also, to some degree, affects the rest of the weather in Ireland besides keeping temperatures moderate in winter.

The somewhat warm waters of the Gulf Stream evaporate rather quickly off the west coast of Ireland and form big clouds loaded with water. Westerly winds blow them inland. Just as soon as these clouds hit the tops of the mountains and high hills, they condense rapidly and water flops down in the form of heavy or light showers of rain. These showers drive the Irish Weathermen crazy. As a result, you will hear weather forecasts in Ireland on the radio or on television and read weather predictions in the papers that won't be as informative to you as the ones you hear and read in the U.S.

A weather forecast in July or August will go something like this: "Good, bright or sunny spells, also isolated showers in the South and West. Rain or drizzle in the afternoon in the North and East. Up to average temperature in the afternoon. Rather cool at night."

This forecaster is playing it safe. His predictions mean all things to all visitors in Ireland.

Should you be outside Dublin City and in the farmland, ask a seasoned looking farmer about the weather for later in the day or for tomorrow and he will give you a more reliable prediction than the Scientific Weather Analysts can. Besides, you will enjoy his explanations. American Weather Forecasters, when working on that job in Ireland, find it almost impossible to give any kind of accurate predictions.

Rain in Ireland is the butt of many jokes. However, more rain often falls in Central Park, New York within two hours, according to measurements, than falls in Phoenix Park, Dublin, in a week. That happens because light rain is characteristic of Ireland.

You will hear a farmer say, "It's a soft day," occasionally, as you drive along country roads on a misty day.

By this, he means that the air is warm and that enough haze is wrapped up in it to moisten the ground and you. Heavy, pelting rain seldom falls in Ireland as it does in the U.S. in Summer.

Temperatures are given in Ireland, generally, by Centigrade Degrees rather than Fahrenheit Degrees. Centigrade is also called Celsius in Irish Newspapers. However, most papers give temperatures both in Fahrenheit and Celsius - Centigrade.

To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius - Centigrade, you subtract 32 Degrees, then multiply by 5 and divide by 9.

To convert Celsius - Centigrade to Fahrenheit, you multiply by 9 and divide by 5 and then add 32 degrees.

Got the answer? Remember that a sweater is a useful garment in Ireland for ladies! A little umbrella is also a good friend. Irish weather is a little cool at night even in Summer. Some people say that it is like the temperatures at night in San Francisco and in parts of Canada.

When sleeping at night, it is well to keep your arms and legs under the covers. Placing them outside, whether by intention or by accident, may cause these limbs to feel chilly. How about that? That's the way it is in the Emerald Isle.

Delegates and visitors from New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Maryland and even from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts as well as from Illinois and Ohio, together with those from Southern California and other States, take notice. A 63-degree temperature Fahrenheit in these States is much warmer than 63 degrees in Ireland. Northern Californians, especially the Hibernians from San Francisco, understand what a cool 63 degrees means in July. Climate conditions make the difference -- even though temperature readings seem to indicate that a day or a night should be cold or warm. It is how a person feels that counts.

Now on the other hand, a 70 or 75 degree temperature in Ireland feels warmer than it does in the U.S. When temperatures go above 70 degrees in Ireland, the people say, "We have a heat wave". And should that happen, our Delegates will feel warm too. How about that?

Much rain does fall in Ireland in 12 months every year. But let no rain fall for three weeks in June or July and the people will be saying prayers for rain for the crops. And that's a fact.

Take along a little umbrella in your bag -- just in case!

Take along a sweater for cool evenings. You'll be glad that you did. Ladies, take with you, along with your summer finery, a dress and a coat suitable for wearing during the fall season in the U.S. in case the chilly winds from Siberia -- which corresponds to the U.S. arctic winds -- might blow your way. Taking them is good insurance against a chilly day.

Ten Years Ago In 1962

President John F. Kennedy was a member of our Order.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman was National Chaplain.

Judge James J. Connerford of New York City Criminal Courts was National President.



JOHN J. DEVLIN

John Devlin Talks About Dollar Value

National Director John J. Devlin reports that he is looking forward to being at the Convention in Dublin.

One of the fringe benefits, he says, that will come out of the Convention for the people of Ireland will be those Dollar Bills that will be left behind by Delegates visiting, not only Dublin City, but also other parts of Ireland.

John Devlin (call him "Dev" for short) who is a native of Boston, Massachusetts where he still resides, has a good sense of humor as well as a fine sense of practical economics.

Says our Boston Dev, "Take enough of those nice green Dollar Bills with you to the Convention in Dublin. You could not spend them anywhere else and be able to get better value than by buying goods in Ireland. And you could not leave your money with nicer people."

John Devlin knows what he is talking about. He has been in Ireland many times.



JOHN J. HOSWELL

Ohio Endorses John Hoswell

The Ohio State Convention unanimously endorsed John J. Hoswell of Dayton to be a Candidate for any National Office he wishes to seek at the National Convention in Dublin. The Indiana State A.O.H. also endorsed him at their Convention.

Brother Hoswell is now a National Director. Experienced and talented as well as industrious and knowledgeable, he is considered by Ohio Hibernians to be a valuable asset to the A.O.H.

A Memorial Mass followed the Convention.

The newly elected Officers -- both Ladies and Men -- were installed by Father Kelly assisted by Mrs. Margaret M. Judge, National Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary and by National Director John Hoswell.

A Banquet and Dance followed.

Warm thanks were given to outgoing Presidents Joe Killgallen and Mercedes Seefield for their work.

The Officers of the Host Division -- Mary Loney and Frank McGarry -- and Co-Chairmen, Jack and Mary Holt were profusely thanked for making good arrangements.

Information On Trips To Ireland

by Peter J. Campbell

To continue with my article on hints for visiting Ireland, I will wind up with these pointers:

TELEPHONE SERVICE

The telephone is part of the Government Postal and Telegraph System. You are certain of finding a public telephone near, or in, any post office in the country, no matter how remote. Other than local calls are "booked" by dialing 0 for operator. You call from a "kiosk" (a public phone booth). You will notice a large sign which gives detailed instructions. There are two push buttons for you to use. Keep in mind button "B" is a coin return; you must press button "A" when your party answers if you want to be heard by them. You cannot be heard until you press the "magic" button A. The party hears your ring -- but not your voice until you push button A. You will hear only a faint voice from your party.

And, since we did mention A, I might as well tell you it is pronounced broadly, like "Ah"; whereas "Z" is pronounced "Zed".

CUSTOMS

Our own U.S. Customs prints a guide to regulations and procedures for overseas visitors coming to U.S. They have greatly speeded up and simplified their routine on this side; whereas the Irish Customs Officials, although slow, have always been cordial and helpful to visitors. You are now allowed to bring back to the U.S. 100 dollars worth of purchases, duty free, for each person, including one quart of liquor.

One of the best purchases is Irish Liquors -- Irish Mist Liquor or one of the many brands of Irish Whiskey. You can even get a delightful and unique souvenir at the same time if you buy the "Irish Soldier" bottle filled with Irish Mist or buy the Irish Crock of 12-year-old Tullamore Dew whiskey.

SOUVENIRS

Choose carefully if you want genuine Irish souvenirs -- don't be fooled by an elaborate Gaelic inscription which just might translate as "Made in Japan". In a tri-nation trade agreement, Britain buys from Japan certain things which she sells to other nations. Souvenirs are among these. As a result, many Japanese souvenirs are shipped to Ireland.

A word on Shannon "Free Airport" -- it is your best buy for all liquors, cigarettes and "foreign" goods such as German cameras or French perfumes, etc; but not necessarily for Irish-made goods. Shop around and compare. Get a Shannon catalogue and compare the prices for Irish goods when you are touring the country. You might come up with a bigger bargain. Don't wait until you get to Shannon to make up your mind about what to buy. Have an idea before getting here. You won't have time to shop leisurely or compare. Passengers on planes have only a half-hour stop. I would suggest you try some of the "middling" sized towns (versus the large cities or small towns), and you can be reasonably certain you matched or beat the Shannon price, and without competing in Shannon with all the home-going tourists. Try some of the roadside cottage industries as well. Some of the people make home-made souvenirs. Be sure to look for Waterford crystal; Irish tweeds; Aran sweaters; Irish crockery, porcelain and china. For shipment of large purchases, you may have to wait a month. Once bought a complete wardrobe of Donegal Tweed jacket, Irish made slacks, Aran sweater and Irish "brogues" (or "brogans" meaning shoes) -- all this within my duty-free allowance. Definitely, shop in the clothing stores for well made and fashionable Irish clothing.

Beatniks, you will see around, like in U.S. who look dirty and ragged. But Irish shops still sell good clothing.

DUBLIN REVISITED

I know I spoke at length about Dublin last time, but I must mention that Dublin must be regarded as the top of the world, because no matter where you go from this capital, you are going "down" the country -- even to County Donegal, the most northerly county in Ireland. And when coming back, you are going "up" to Dublin.

TOURS

There are many excellent tours throughout the country, even making a complete ring of Ireland. You can follow the suggested route of the Irish Tourist Board if you do not want to go on the guided tours. From Dublin, you have the greatest variety of tours and I especially recommend the tour of Wicklow and Glendalough (the Glen of two lakes) which is famous as St. Kevin's monastic settlement which was one of the most renowned seats of learning in Europe and is graced by one of Ireland's finest Round Towers which is more than one thousand years old. You can also see where St. Kevin threw Kathleen, the temptress, into the Lough. Of course, this latter story is legend and "women's lib" would not approve of it -- they couldn't even find the place, and wouldn't know who St. Kevin was or is.

There are too many beauty spots to mention them all, but I must mention my own "Lovely Leitrim" -- especially North Leitrim which shares the historic "Yeats country" with the neighboring County Sligo. It has not yet been spoiled by commercialism.

RADIO TRAIN

I am partial also to the "Radio train to Killarney" or the one to Connemara. More than just a train ride from Dublin these tours offer for \$15 or less, a luxury carriage with musical programs interspersed with commentaries on places of interest en route. The fare includes rail travel, seat reservation, lunch, high tea (not just a snack) and a tour by Jaunting car in Killarney or by bus in Connemara. Trains depart from Dublin and are sponsored by CIE, Ireland's transportation system. Don't forget to visit and explore the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary and enjoy the medieval banquet in Bunratty Castle, just half way between Limerick City and Shannon Airport in County Clare. Kilkenny City, with its one-thousand-year history, retains many ancient landmarks in the center of more modern buildings.

LAST MINUTE GEOGRAPHY

Ireland is approximately the size of Maine. Its greatest length is 302 miles and its greatest width is 189 miles. No part of Ireland is more than 70 miles from the sea. There are 32 counties in Ireland and there are four provinces. Ulster (North), Munster (South), Leinster (East) and Connaught (West). There are nine counties in Ulster, although six of them are occupied by Britain. The six British occupied counties are not correctly referred to as either Ulster or "Northern Ireland" as both are misnomers. The most northerly county, namely Donegal, is in the "South" or more correctly, the Republic of Ireland. Do not refer to Derry as "Londonderry", the prefix is not originally there. The name Derry is Irish. Londonderry name is English. The complete province of Ulster was the last to fall into English hands around the year 1600. Its people had fought long and hard to remain Gaelic and Free.

The longest river in Ireland is the Shannon (230 miles) and the highest mountain is Carrauntuohill (3,414 feet) in County Kerry.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT EDWARD J. FAY reviews A.O.H. convention plans with Ambassador John D. J. Moore at the American Embassy in Dublin. The convention will be held July 24-28. Ambassador Moore will be honored during the five-day session as the co-recipient of the Kennedy Medal Award for 1972.

Editorials

by James J. Comerford, National Editor

National Convention And Conflict Of Laws

Delegates who are present at the business meetings held in the Convention Hall in which the 1972 National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is being held, must at all times keep in mind that this Convention Hall is not located in the United States but is located in Ireland which is a foreign country, as defined by the laws of the United States.

Because of certain legal principles associated with the making of contracts in foreign countries, and legal technical problems in the enforcement of such contracts, it would be wise that Delegates to this National Convention be careful in doing things that bind the A.O.H. to a contract or contracts.

For example, they ought not make any motions to sell or otherwise dispose of property owned by the A.O.H. at locations within the United States, or propose motions to substantially change the basic principles upon which the A.O.H. was founded in America and which by usage and time have become such an intrinsic part of the A.O.H. in America that without them the members of the A.O.H. in America would not recognize their own A.O.H. Organization as being the one which they joined.

The Convention Hall will be the legal site of all contracts made by this Convention. But that Hall is in Ireland.

Contractual obligations can easily become costly and troublesome for Fraternal Organizations, like the A.O.H. in America, to enforce, in cases where the contract is made in a foreign country, and under the laws of a foreign country.

Legal problems might be easily raised by members in the United States later as to which law - the law of the Republic of Ireland or the law of the United States - controlled and governed any certain contractual act carried out by the A.O.H. in America at their National Convention held in Dublin, Ireland.

When a motion is made at a Convention to do or not to do something and it is accepted by the Chair, debated on, voted on, and if it happens to be carried by a majority, the action taken in relation to that motion becomes the act of the Convention, because it is a Decision of the Convention, and all future matters connected with the carrying out of the work needed to meet the intention and requirements of the Convention's Decision becomes the responsibility of the Organization that held the Convention.

Enough of that for a starter. Under the International Practice of recognizing the principle of "Conflict of Laws", much trouble has come to some Fraternal Organizations based in the United States after they held Conventions in Europe, and while there, made decisions which either created new contractual obligations or negated old ones.

The principles of comity are not always observed. The rule that the validity of a contract is determined by the law intended by the parties bristles with difficulties which are both theoretical and practical.

Fraternal Organizations, being not hard nosed business organizations, often take inadequate minutes of Convention Proceedings. Sometimes Convention Delegates who are both vocative and positive in making certain motions at Conventions which happen to get carried by a majority vote, after a perfunctory debate, cannot be located after the Convention has ended. The minutes do not, in and of themselves, show what was the intention of the Delegate who made the successfully carried motion, or what was the meaning of the words used in the casual debate on it. A Court action ensues. The Delegate who made the motion has evaporated. The minutes show nothing. There is no evidence. The Court action becomes a farce. Someone gets hurt. And it is usually the Organization which is the loser. Valuable time, scarce money, and much energy have been expended in trying to correct a mistake that never should have occurred, if prudence and common sense had been used before the motion made by "the now missing Delegate" was voted on by the Convention.

It would seem somewhat prudent for Delegates to the 1972 National Convention to postpone seeking changes in old contracts or in making new contracts until the day arrives for the 1974 National Convention which very likely will be held in the United States.

The name "Ancient Order of Hibernians in America" may seem to be used excessively, here, and repetitiously. But there is in Ireland a venerable and highly respected Organization named "The Ancient Order of Hibernians." Despite similarity in names, each one is separate and distinct from the other. The acts of one in Dublin are not the acts of the other.

Indiana Elects Geff Prendergast

FORT WAYNE, Indiana: Indiana A.O.H. State Convention reelected Geff Prendergast, here, on June 10 for a second term of Office as State President. The Mon-signor Delaney Division was host.

The Mayo man was not only popular as a President during his last term but also was recognized as a hard worker who put the interests of the A.O.H. ahead of his own.

Following a splendid Ban-

quet, the newly elected Officers of the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary were installed by Mrs. Margaret Lawley, who is a National Director - Organizer of the Auxiliary. National Director John Hoswell installed the men Officers.

Earlier in the day, the Indiana Convention Delegates unanimously voted to endorse John J. Hoswell for whichever National Office he wishes to seek at the Dublin Convention.

One Man's Opinion

By James J. Comerford

Many of us who will either be Delegates to the National Convention, or just traveling with them as relatives or friends, will, from time to time, be meeting each other in Dublin and comparing notes about observations made and experiences met since we landed in Ireland. And that will be fun.

CLIP TIPS

I hope you have clipped out the notes written in the Digest for your information about certain customs in Ireland among people, and about the meaning of some words and phrases used in daily work by people in Dublin and in various other sections of Ireland. Peter J. Campbell of A.O.H. Division 3 of Manhattan, New York County, has written "Tips" for Delegates in several issues. A native New Yorker, whose folks come from County Leitrim, he has visited Ireland 11 times - though still a very young man. He knows about the things he writes. Read his words and believe them. What he says has been his own experience. Read his comments in this issue as well as in issues of Jan.-Feb. and May-June. Space was not available for his writing in the March-April issue. The Digest tried to inform delegates about some unusual things, from an American viewpoint, to see and expect. This was a service provided to Delegates.

EDITORIAL SUBJECTS

The Editorials in the Digest endeavored to inform Delegates about the various kinds of political thinking which are current in Ireland these days. This political thinking is presented to people, who care to listen or read, by at least seven different political parties, with programs which they believe are for the betterment of Ireland - all of Ireland.

Likewise, Editorials have been written about the Religious Denominations in Ireland, for the purpose of letting Delegates know that Ireland is not all Catholic, or all Protestant, and that there are other Religious Congregations in Ireland besides Catholic and Protestant.

These Editorials on Politics and Religion were written solely by the Editor as a matter of duty for the purpose of preventing accidental mistakes happening in discussions between A.O.H. Delegates and Irish Citizens who have various Political beliefs, and who follow various Religious practices. I hope these Digest Editorials served a useful purpose.

YOUR BREAKFAST

We missed giving you a few tips about breakfast in Dublin. Number one - give yourself a half hour longer than you would take in an American Restaurant for breakfast. You may be surrounded by waiters, and seated by Maitre D's, but yet things move slowly for your needs. Start early for breakfast. The same situation governs Lunch. Get started on time. Lunch, too, is slow.

WATER DIFFERENCE

The water in many parts of Ireland contain some minerals that adversely affect the making of American-style Coffee. Several Americans who went to settle permanently in Ireland took with them their American utensils for making Coffee and also took with them cans of American Coffee. However, after using their infallible American technique for making Coffee in Ireland, they discovered that the Coffee was not as palatable to them as the Coffee which they made in the United States. But water in Ireland is very safe to drink.

MAKING COFFEE

Americans with traveling experience often take with them packages of instant Coffee with which they are familiar. It seems to work. Boiling water poured on it in Ireland does not seem to change its flavor to the same degree of unpleasantness, in terms of American tastes, as does the same water when used in Coffee percolators to make Coffee. Anyhow, that is what people say.

Ireland uses "Continental Style Coffee" mostly for customers who ask for Coffee. It is very black. Warm milk is often poured into it to make it white. In a restaurant, an American should ask for "pouring cream" for Coffee. This is American style cream. By asking simply for cream, an American may be given whipped cream or a very thick, but genuine, cream which will not pour. Ask for "pouring cream" and you will be pleased with what you will get for your Coffee.

GOOD TEA

Remember that Irish tea is good. It is tea which is the favorite morning "eye-opener" in Ireland at breakfast time and it is a favorite throughout the day. Coffee is not popular.

DANISH AND ROLLS

Hard brown crusted rolls are difficult to get in European Restaurants. Irish Restaurants generally do not have them. Danish pastries are also hard to get. And an English Muffin is never heard of. Toast is plentiful. But ask for hot buttered toast - or you will be served with crisp, dry, cold toast which is a custom and not a mistake.

Irish restaurants have an abundance of bread, white and brown, for breakfast. People learn to like the brown bread, with butter, rather rapidly. As for desserts, they are called "Sweets" in Ireland and Irish restaurants have plenty of these in all varieties.

Food is good and plentiful in all Irish restaurants.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Traffic is very congested in Dublin City. Delegates will have to make haste slowly. Tips on traffic conditions have already appeared in the Digest. This comment, here, is only a reminder that Delegates who are based some distance from the Convention Hotel will have to start moving a little early in that direction or they will be late for opening of meetings. Buses are plentiful. But one has to "queue up", meaning line up, for a bus. One cannot jump that line. Custom demands that one stay in line.

ELEVATORS

Elevators are called lifts. Because of low buildings in Dublin, elevators are comparatively scarce. When a Convention meeting "breaks" for adjournment, elevators will not be as plentiful for use as in an American

A House Divided... A Divided Nation



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COUNTIES

THIS HOUSE is split in two by the English partition of Ireland law that England compelled the Irish people to accept in June, 1920, against their will. In December 1921, this partition was reinforced by the Treaty made between England and Ireland that made 26 of Ireland's 32 Counties free but let England hold the other 6 Counties for herself.

When the Partition Border was set up around the Six Counties, it crossed over the roof of this house - placing one half in the 26 Counties and the other half in the Six Counties. The dotted line in the picture is the partition boundary.

This house is owned by the John Murray family of Gortincedan, County Fermanagh, a village near the border.

The door at which Mrs. Murray and her daughter stand is in the Six Counties. So is the man with the walking stick. The other end of the house is in the 26 Counties. The dog, straddling the dotted line, is half in and half out of the English occupied Six Counties. England has 15,000 professional soldiers as of July, 1972 holding the Six Counties for the Crown of England.

This picture of the divided house dramatically shows how the Irish nation is partitioned and how, as a result, the Irish people are divided. This house is for real. This picture is for real. Neither one is a fake.

Charles Vaughan, Washington, D.C.

Charles B. Vaughan, Chairman of National Home Program, Washington, D.C., sends the Digest, just beyond the closing out deadline for this issue, a 43-page report of a private study made by Professor Samuel Dash of Georgetown University Law Center on the "Killing of the 13 martyrs in Derry" on January 31, 1972.

We are sorry this report came late for rewriting into a size that would fit in this Digest and still leave room for news and views of A.O.H. activity.

Professor Dash disagrees with Lord Widgery's Report which stated that British Troops were justified in killing these 13 unarmed young men.

Convention City. We know from experience how scarce elevators can be at times in a Convention Hotel in the United States.

SHOPPING

Shopping is slow during July-August in the big shops in Dublin. Too many people looking at and buying too many things at the one time. Expect to spend a half hour for a thing or two in big shops and to spend a few hours for many things of quality and value. Give yourself plenty of time when on a shopping spree or just dropping in to pick up a knick-knack as a Souvenir.

CLOCK TIME

Remember that there is five hours difference in time between that in New York and in Dublin. There is a difference of eight hours between California and Dublin. Ireland is five hours earlier than New York and eight hours earlier than California. This difference in time for a day or two mildly affects your sleep and appetite. But after coming home, you will be very much affected for some days.

MONEY

About money, how about it? Ireland is now on the Decimal System for money. The old pounds, shillings and pence idea has been dropped.

There are one hundred Irish pence in an Irish Pound. Fifty Irish pence in half a pound. Ten pence in a silver coin which is very useful because, unlike a U.S. dime, it is a valuable coin. You will learn the coins quickly. There is a paper Pound Note. No problem with Pound Notes as long as you have them. Watch your money in rooms.

Dublin shops, near the big hotels, usually put the Irish price on merchandise in their windows and also put American Dollar equivalent along side of it as a price. Have fun. Use Travelers' checks. It is safer.

Irish cashiers have reputations among American Visitors for honesty. None of them will try "to skin" you. Have faith in them. It is good to know that there are still honest people in the world. But watch out for purse snatchers and pickpockets.

COURTEOUS PEOPLE

Shop salesladies and salesmen are courteous people. You will discover that quickly.

"It's nice to be nice" is a theme among Dublin people on the streets or in business places.

Unlike other parts of Europe, there is no language barrier between them and Americans. And unlike situations in other counties, there is no Anti-Americanism in Dublin or in other parts of Ireland.

Have a good time - enjoy yourself - bring home fond memories of Ireland.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Edward J. Fay, left, and National Secretary William J. Barnett, right, with National Editor James J. Comerford in Hotel Commodore, New York City at Dinner honoring Judge Comerford on his retirement from New York City Government after 35 years of service.

JUDGE JAMES J. COMERFORD, former National President of the A.O.H., was honored recently in San Francisco. On this occasion he renewed his acquaintance with many notable persons. Shows above are, from the left, George R. Reilly, Past National President; Margaret Madden, California State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary; Judge Comerford; Thomas J. Cahill, Police Chief, San Francisco, and Edward F. Callanan, National Chairman of Catholic Action.

Judge Comerford Welcomed In San Francisco, California

San Francisco Bay Area Hibernians had the privilege of entertaining Judge James J. Comerford, past National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, on June 1.

George R. Reilly, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization and a past National President of the A.O.H., welcomed Judge Comerford to California at a luncheon given in the latter's honor at the fashionable Rocca's Restaurant in the City's Civic Center. Reilly spoke of the past achievements of the A.O.H. and credited the distinguished guest for much of its success.

Edward F. Callanan, Chairman of Catholic Action, representing Mayor Joseph L. Alioto, presented the Key of San Francisco City to Judge Comerford.

Former State Senator Thomas A. Maloney, member of Division 4 and a member of the California Legislature for 32 years, presented a Resolution from the California State Assembly to Judge Comer-

ford extending the greetings of that body to the Judge on his visit to the Golden State. The Resolution, introduced by Assemblyman Leo T. McCarthy, a member of Division 5, spoke of the national reputation which the guest of honor has acquired both in legal and fraternal affairs.

Former San Francisco Chief of Police Thomas J. Cahill, a member of Division 17, was the principal speaker at the luncheon and noted the success which Judge Comerford had achieved since leaving Ireland, and Chief Cahill noted that he, too, like the Judge, was raised in County Kilkenny.

Margaret Madden, California State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, extended the greetings of her organization to Judge Comerford and indicated that the Ladies' Auxiliary were looking forward to the national convention in Dublin.

Past State Presidents Timothy Barrett and Al Flaherty discussed their long and close relationship with

Judge Comerford since attending National Conventions during their terms of office on the State Board.

James Hennessy, President of the San Francisco County Board of the A.O.H., also extended greetings to the distinguished guest from the County Board.

Judge Comerford was also presented with an Award of Merit from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which was presented to him on behalf of Ronald Pelosi, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This award is presented only to those who have distinguished themselves in some important field, and in this case it cited the achievements of Judge Comerford in promoting the cause of the Irish people in America. Judge Comerford, in addressing the group, spoke of his association with many of the members of the audience and of the need for continued dedication of all Hibernians to the causes of the Irish in America on such subjects as immigration and the need for

continued interest in the struggle of the Irish to unite Ireland. He also noted that by having active Hibernian Divisions in California we truly make the Hibernians an organization of national significance in the United States.

Queens County Elects Officers

At the Queens County Convention, held on Sunday, May 21, officers for the next two years were elected. They were: President Joseph F. Crowley, Division 18; Vice President Joseph Murphy, Division 14; Recording Secretary Jimmy Sullivan, Division 21; Treasurer Pat Marron, Division 9, and Financial Secretary Patrick J. Dunne, Division 12.

Following the Convention, a joint Installation was held at which Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mae Mederle, installed newly elected President Mrs. Una Murphy, and her staff of Officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and State President John Thornton installed President Crowley and his Staff. Refreshments, music and dancing followed.

The following are the newly-elected officers of the Queens County Board Ladies Auxiliary; President U. Murphy, Vice President C. Waldmer, Recording Secretary M. B. Kelly, Treasurer R. Hebron, Chairlady Irish History, S. Twoomey, Chairlady of Missions, A. Goodman, Chairlady Catholic Activities, E. Wright, Financial Sec. N. Richardson, Sgt. at Arms M. Duff, Sentinel A. McKee, and Chairlady Standing Committee, M. Mederle.

THANKS TO ALL

Presidents Mae Mederle and Patrick Poole would like to express their admiration, thanks, and appreciation for the tremendous cooperation extended to them during their reign as Presidents of Queens County Boards. As Presidents, they fully realize the enormity of the task and the herculean effort that it took to implement so many successful programs... and they feel, and rightfully so, that members' performance was just remarkable.

Conversely, the respective boards owe a debt of gratitude to Presidents Mae Mederle and Patrick Poole for their invaluable service of serving as Presidents, and for the many other invaluable services that they consistently rendered so ably and competently during their tenure in office.

Patrick Poole was the Queens County President for the last two years. A native of Dublin, he will be there at the National Convention.

Queens County has a most readable and informative monthly Bulletin called "The Piper" which is well liked by members.



VINCENT PAT ROGERS and Mrs. Rogers seen at a recent Dance, given by their Division - Number 1 of New York County. Pat, a name by which he is better known than Vincent, is one of the hardest workers and one of the most popular members of New York County.

Paddy Noonan's Band Pleases All Hibernians

Paddy Noonan, noted Irish Band Leader whose advertisement appears regularly here in the Digest, charmed A.O.H. guests at the Convention Banquet of New York State A.O.H. in Binghamton with his grand Irish Band on June 24. With his delightful music specially played for them, in the Treadway Inn Hotel, which was the site of the Convention, the Hibernians ended their Convention with joy.

Paddy Noonan, a native of County Cork, is a classical performer as a player of Irish Music on his Master Accordion. He is also a well trained Band Leader who quickly impresses listeners with his talents and graceful direction. As one listener put it, "That man Noonan has Class".

Noonan's presentation of such favorites as Galway Bay, Danny Boy, Irish Rover, Black Velvet Band, Orange and Green, Irish Soldier Boy,

Mother Machree, Back to Donegal, together with the humorous numbers, such as Whiskey on a Sunday, The Unicorn, Mountain Dew, Johnson's Motor Car and Courting in the Kitchen, fascinated the Banquet Guests and at times had them applauding with such vigor and enthusiasm that the ice rattled in the drinking glasses on the tables.

Many Hibernians, recognizing the songs and tunes from having previously heard Paddy Noonan's recordings, which they discovered through the Digest, kept humming and singing the various numbers while the Band was playing and Irish Artist Noel Kingston was singing.

All listeners at the Banquet Tables tapped the floor with their toes while keeping time to the Jigs, Reels, and Hornpipes played for the dancers that crowded the Ballroom Floor.

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MARTIN P. DUNNE, left, and James A. Doris, center, listen attentively to Harry M. Hynes, enjoying his words of wisdom and advice, particularly through an anecdote to Martin about the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The picture illustrates how younger Officers learn valuable points on "know how" from seniors, who by age and service have worthwhile tips to pass on.

Harry, now 88, is still active with the Parade Committee and is in extraordinary good health, both physically and mentally. He resigned as Chairman of the Parade in 1965 after 10 years in that office. He has been active as an officer on various levels with the New York Parade Committee for 65 years.

A native of Broadford, County Clare, he served for 53 years in various capacities in New York State Courts. As a secretary, he was the confidant of, and advisor, to many famous Judges. He is a Lawyer and still practices law.

James Doris, Executive Secretary of the New York Parade, has had 53 years of service in that position and is still going strong. A native New Yorker, his parents were born in County Longford.

Martin Dunne, who does not believe in the generation gap, is a native of Mullinahone, County Tipperary. He volunteered for, and served with the U.S. Army for six years, prior to being elected as Corresponding Secretary of the Parade in 1965. He has been re-elected each year since. This is a most demanding job, as the correspondence work of the big Parade is enormous.

Because Martin is willing to listen to men like Hynes and Doris, he is most successful in handling Parade matters. He is a young man who has learned fast, and besides holding an important managerial position with a New York Bank, he recently topped the polls at an election of Officers of the New York County A.O.H. Board.

The Parade has two other Secretaries. Joseph P. Sullivan is Recording Secretary and Thomas B. Galligan, Financial. All Officers of the Parade, as well as members, are volunteers. No one gets paid.

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Edward J. Fay Re-Elected National President



PRESIDENT EAMON DE VALERA is received by National President Edward J. Fay outside St. Mary's Church, following the opening Mass, concelebrated by Archbishop Dermot

Ryan; Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, National Chaplain; Bishop Dunne of Dublin; Msgr. Daniel J. Brennan, and the Rev. Thomas J. Carey.



PRIME MINISTER JOHN "JACK" LYNCH and National President Ed Fay confer at the gala banquet which closed the

National Convention in Dublin. Mr. Lynch gave the main address at the banquet.

5,000 Attend Memorable National Convention In Dublin

The greatest convention ever held in the history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is now history. Delegates, members and friends began arriving in Ireland as early as July 16, 1972, but the heavy influx began on July 22 and 23, when the total number of Hibernians and their families numbered somewhere around 5,000 people.

The convention got off to a wonderful start with an "Ice Breaker" in the beautiful Burlington Hotel with an evening of real Irish entertainment and refreshments.

Tuesday morning, the convention was officially opened with a Con-celebrated Mass by Archbishop Dermot Ryan, Primate of Ireland, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, National Chaplain, Bishop Dunne of St. Mary's Church, Monsignor Daniel Brennan and Father Thomas Carey.

President Eamon DeValera, the great man of Irish History, honored the Hibernians by attending the opening Mass in St. Mary's Church. The delegates and Hibernians, some 3,000 strong, led by the magnificent Saffron Kilt Pipe Band, marched down Lesson Street on to Haddington Road and into St. Mary's Church. Crowds of Dubliners lined the Route of march to the church, it certainly made one feel proud to be a Hibernian. After mass, the Hibernians were led again by James Sullivan and the Saffron Kilts

pipe band in their march back to the Burlington.

Breakfast for some 900 persons was served in a matter of minutes. Chairman for the breakfast was Ed Callanan, National Director from San Francisco, who did an outstanding job in handling the program, which included "welcomes" from our National Chaplain, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, National President Ed Fay and Miss Rita McDonough, President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The first business session was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. At this time, President Fay named the committees that were to function so efficiently during the rest of the convention. Tuesday evening gave forth with an Irish Cabaret held in the main ballroom of the Burlington. This cabaret provided the finest entertainers and entertainment. Cocktails, mixed drinks, beer and stout were provided to the delegates as part of their convention registration.

Wednesday morning, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard celebrated the Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the A.O.H. and the

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National Election Of President, Decisive

National President Ed Fay was re-elected in Dublin, Ireland, and is the first American ever elected to the highest office at a convention held outside the territorial limits of North America. Only once before was the National Convention held outside the United States and that convention was held in Montreal, Canada.

John Keane of St. Louis, Missouri, had been campaigning for the last two years trying to gather support in his candidacy for the Presidency of the A.O.H. He came to Dublin well supplied with banners, balloons and handbills for his bid to unseat President Fay. Cornelius J. Collins, a past National Officer also came to Dublin as a bonafide candidate for the Presidency of the Order. These two Presidential Candidates did a lot of politicking on Monday and Tuesday of the convention. Then, when Keane realized he could not unseat the incumbent President who was backed by delegates from all over the United States, he pulled down his banners, collected his Leadership handbills, put away his straw hats, and merged with Con Collins again, settling for Vice President's spot. What Leadership?

It was very evident that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America appreciated the difficult task that President Fay had faced during the last two years, including a Vice President who had not functioned in a constructive manner, and a National Secretary who resigned. All this with a mandate to hold a Constitutional Convention in 1971, and National Convention in Dublin, Ireland, with no Local, County or State Board to host the convention in Dublin.

It is believed that most members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians appreciated the back breaking job that President Fay undertook in his first term as President.

The A.O.H. was very fortunate to have a man of Ed Fay's caliber heading the Order at this time. When the stories of how certain individuals were going around the Country, criticizing him and his administration, his reply was always "every knock is a boost". He repeated what the late Governor Alfred E. (Al) Smith, said "Let's look at the record."

We can rest easy knowing that the Presidency is again in the hands of a capable, dedicated and hardworking Hibernian.

Nomination Requirements 'Kennedy Medal'

To: All National Officers, Elected and Appointed All State, District and Provincial Presidents and Secretaries All County Presidents and Division Presidents National President, Ladies Auxiliary, A.O.H.

Be advised that nominations for candidates for the 1973 recipients of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal are now being accepted. Eligible nominators are requested to submit the names of their candidates before January 15, 1973.

Conditions as set forth in Article xxvii, National Constitution, will be strictly adhered to, and all nominators are instructed to read this Article prior to the submission of their nominations.

Direct all nominations to J. Robert Tweedy, Chairman, Kennedy Medal Committee, 1973, 8207 Loch Raven Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.



J. ROBERT TWEEDY
National Director

NEW A.O.H. NATIONAL EDITOR

The newly-appointed National Editor, John "Jack" Reynolds of 96 Washburn St., Lake Grove, New York, 11755, has requested that all new officers, both men and women, send him pictures and details of their activities for use in future publications. He will also be pleased to receive all other news items.

Assistant National Editor is David R. Burke, 67 Newton St., Apt. 16, Lawrence, Mass., 01842.

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A.O.H. Clears Policy With Irish Media

The following is an official statement of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, given in a news conference in Dublin, Ireland, on July 29, 1972:

The purpose of this hastily called news conference is to correct an erroneous impression carried in today's IRISH PRESS concerning the official policy of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America toward the situation in Northern Ireland.

It is the stated policy of our organization that we desire to see Ireland united by all legitimate means as defined in our own form of jurisprudence. We officially interpret this to mean that such unity must be achieved through the legal and legitimate aspirations of the Irish people. WE DO NOT CONDONE THE INDISCRIMINATE KILLING OF INNOCENT MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN by any party to the dispute.

It must be emphasized that Judge James J. Comerford, then a past National President of our Order, was speaking for himself and NOT the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, in making the statement attributed to him in the Saturday edition of the IRISH PRESS. Judge Comerford has made similar statements as National Editor in our HIBERNIAN DIGEST but has been most careful to note that he was speaking as an individual and NOT for the organization.

We hereby state with emphasis and vigor that the Ancient Order of Hibernians:

1. Does NOT, unequivocally, support the present Provisional IRA campaign of violence in Northern Ireland.

A. We believe that military force by either side should be used only against military targets.

B. We further believe that the use of violent means against innocent citizens is morally reprehensible and below contempt.

2. The A.O.H. does not grant financial aid or maintain good will contacts with the Provisional Leadership.

A. The contacts that the A.O.H. maintain is with such men as Cardinal Conway and John Hume.

B. The \$20,000 that was transmitted was sent directly to Cardinal Conway for the relief of the poor.

3. The A.O.H. does NOT believe that unrestrained violence will create a sympathetic world opinion that will hasten the day when a united and free Ireland will be a reality.

4. We do NOT consider the A.O.H. in America to be parallel with the Orange Order.

A. The Orange Order is dedicated to the preservation of a particular religious and civil persuasion. The A.O.H. aspires to see a United Ireland in which every citizen of this great Island can live in peace and harmony with his neighbor regardless of religious belief, political preference, or class distinction.

B. We believe civil rights are God-given rights and all men should be equal to one another as they are in the sight of God.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has, in the past, passed resolutions calling for a free and independent Ireland, and have praised the members of the Old Irish Republican Army, because we, as they, adhere to the principles enumerated by such men as the heroic Patrick Pearse, and we cannot conceive that the violence of the Northeastern section of Ireland is in concert with the noble principles of that period.

Every member of our Order is free to express his own personal opinion on any topic he chooses, but only the National President may officially speak as to the policy of the A.O.H. We hereby re-affirm our desire to seek the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of the Irish people for a free and United Ireland achieved in our lifetime.

We pray for the day that sanity returns to both factions in the North so that civil rights will be restored, justice will prevail, and all Irishmen can, in good faith, accept one another in unity, peace and harmony.

The feelings and sentiments of the Delegates to this Convention were amply demonstrated by the standing ovation given to the Taoiseach at the conclusion of his address at the gala Banquet Thursday evening. In his speech Mr. Lynch expressed his explicit opposition to seeking a solution to the troubles in Northern Ireland through violence.

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Mrs. Rita Murphy, National President



MRS. RITA MURPHY

Mrs. Patrick Murphy from the City of Yonkers, New York, was elected National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America at the National AOH Convention in Dublin.

Known for her long years of service to the AOH and

for her constant devotion to her family as well as the unselfish interest which she has shown at all times when giving her energy, time, and talent to the task of helping make AOH programs and functions successful, Rita Murphy has won the admiration of all Hibernians who know her personally or who have seen her doing Hibernian work.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy have two sons and two daughters. One daughter is married and has two children.

Rita Murphy who is a native New Yorker, as were each of her parents, has lived in Yonkers City all of her life. She has gone up the rungs of the AOH Officer ladder slowly but surely. Having been elected to every Office in her Auxiliary Division and County Board, followed by all N.Y. State Board Offices, and finally attaining Offices in the National Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary, she is now President.

Frank Kean, Former National President, Dies

P. Frank Kean, a Past National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, died Friday, August 4, 1972, in Brighton, Mass., after a brief illness. He was 71 years old.

A former Art Teacher in the Boston Schools, he was born in Brighton and resided there all his life.

Frank was a fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus; a Past Grand Knight and President of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Columbkille's Church.

In Hibernian circles, he was a member of Division 14, Brighton, and served the Order as Division President, State President, National Director and Treasurer. He was elected National President at the New York Convention in 1956.

Frank Kean designed the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal in 1966 at the suggestion of Past National President William B. McEnery.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, August 7, in St. Columbkille's Church by Monsignor Matthew P.



P. FRANK KEAN

Stapleton, who, in his tribute to Frank recalled the plan of the late Pope Pius XI for Catholic Action, namely, the work for Christ and His Church through cooperation of the clergy and laity.

"Frank Kean," he said: "Exemplified wonderfully what Catholic Action means because he always worked as a layman with the Clergy for Christ and his Church."

"His spiritual life grew tremendously," said the Monsignor, "through his connection with St. Vincent de Paul's Society for nearly 50 years and his office of National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians."

He asked that Frank Kean "be looked upon by the Parish of St. Columbkille's as an example of Christian living."

The Church was filled with relatives, friends and members of the Ladies Auxiliary in tribute to his memory. Miss Mary E. Hurley, a Past National President of Ladies Auxiliary and a contemporary of Frank's while in office, represented the Ladies Auxiliary.

An honor guard representing all levels in office participated. Included were Fred Coakley, John Mullaney, John Devlin, James Carty, Walter O'Leary, Jerry Melia, James Lucy, John Melia, Joseph McManus, Augustin McGovern, Henry Chambers, Thomas O'Brien, Henry Ford and Judge Sullivan.

Brother Kean is survived by his wife, Lillian MacConachie; a son, Peter F. of Brighton; two brothers, William A., and James, both of Brighton; two sisters, Theresa Kean of Brighton and Mrs. Walter (Winifred) McDermott of South Dennis, Mass.

The future is the time when you'll wish you'd done what you aren't doing now.

Some Brief Comments On National Convention

Again, it's "All the way with Fay". That is what the Delegates to the National Convention in Dublin last July decided by their votes at election time.

It was a great convention - but a long journey. Three thousand miles from the East coast. Six thousand miles from the west coast. The journey, too, cost money.

As the old song goes, "We set sail from the Cobh Cove in Cork in the year 1802."

The members, and their immediate relatives, of the A.O.H. in America set wings to fly from the U.S.A. and Canada for a National Convention in the land of our forefathers in the year 1972. For many, it was the first time they visited Ireland. The occasion this time was our National Convention held on July 24th to 28th 1972 in Dublin. This Convention was not only a hard working one but also a happy revisit to Ireland for me. It was 12 years ago, that I first visited Ireland to see my distant relatives in Wexford and Waterford. This was the second time in our AOH history that the National Convention was held outside the U.S.A. President Edward Fay and his Board of Officers were elected to a second two-year term. As always, there is a winner as well as a loser in elections - and also some close calls. I think, after it was over, all the Delegates were happy with the new Officers.

I wish to congratulate the Committee who arranged the excellent Convention Program of Public Events.

FIRST DAY

The opening Mass at St. Mary's Church was very well attended. The Archbishop of Dublin celebrated the Mass. The President of Ireland affectionately called "Dev" honored our Order by attending the Mass. Seeing the venerable President of Ireland, Eamon de Valera, among us inside and outside the Church was a historic moment. He is now 90 years old and will serve out his time as President to June 1973.

A Communion Breakfast followed the Mass and a business session was held in the afternoon. A Cocktail Party that evening was followed by a magnificent Concert-Cabaret program featuring Ireland's top singers and dancers.

SECOND DAY

The Memorial Mass for deceased members was held, followed by business all day. The highlight of the evening was a State Reception at Dublin Castle and meeting the Minister of Power and Tourist Traffic, Brian Lenihan, and his charming wife. It was in Dublin Castle that the oppressors of Ireland, prior to 1922, had their headquarters. Now the people of Ireland have it for their own use.

THIRD DAY

Business session and Election of National Officers was followed by a visit to the U.S. Ambassador's Home in Phoenix Park. A visit to Kilmainham Jail was educational, where for centuries England had jailed Irish Patriots. The day was topped off with a gala Banquet. On this occasion, two outstanding men were presented with "John F. Kennedy Medal" awards. They are Ambassador John D. Moore and Judge James J. Comerford.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Like many of my fellow Delegates, I spent most of my time attending the regular business sessions which were held twice daily. The various committee reports were unduly discussed and too long. Matters that were very important for one part



EDWARD P. HYLAND

of the country were of no interest to other parts. It would not be necessary for the other parts to hear them over and over again. New innovations in Convention Procedures were taking place. Many "old timers" with years of convention experience were not comfortable. However, they were assured by the presence of our National President Ed Fay.

I was very proud of my fellow Past President John Duffy of Division 3, N. Y. County and now Secretary of New York State AOH Board. The tireless work done by John Duffy in handling the sensitive job of "Chairman of Credentials" stopped any possibility that "phony" Delegates would get a vote. It was nice to see him receive a standing ovation from the Delegates. Brother Duffy stopped tourists from becoming A.O.H. Delegates.

New York County had many members on various committees including Brother Paul Roger - son of our former national secretary, Thomas Rogers. Paul was Chairman of the Finance Committee and is a Past President of the oldest division in the U.S.A. This is Number One Division, New York County, organized May 3, 1836.

New York State had 66 Delegates present in the Convention Hall when Ed Fay rapped the gavel to open the first meeting. Some others arrived later. Brother George Foley, N.Y. State President, ably led his Delegates at all sessions.

National President Ed Fay met all problems in a manner that gave confidence to all Delegates. He never panicked either during or between meetings. No one saw him lose his head and run amuck while blaming others for mistakes. So the Delegates and the A.O.H. have him back again as President. It's "All the way with Fay".

New York Ladies Tour Ireland

Over 100 members of the New York State Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America toured Ireland this Summer. Prior to taking many organized tours, they had attended the National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies' Auxiliary in Dublin.

New York State had the largest delegation at the Ladies' Convention. Thirty-three delegates were seated, consisting of State Officers, Past State Presidents and County Presidents or their alternates.

Mrs. Rita Murphy of Yonkers, New York, was elected National President, and was presented with gifts from the New York delegation and from her home County of Westchester, New York.

The Ladies returned with glowing reports of the beauty of Ireland and the hospitality of the Irish people. For many, it was their first trip to the Emerald Isle.



GEORGE E. FOLEY

President Foley Troy, New York

George E. Foley is the President of New York State A.O.H. Board. A School Teacher in Troy High School, New York, he is able, competent, and courteous.

Brother Foley led 136 New York State Delegates to the National Convention in Dublin. He has been and is active in promoting the cause of Irish Freedom.

One of his first charitable acts after taking office was helping to raise funds for use by A.O.H. families in Elmira City, N.Y. who suffered much when they lost their homes and personal property in terrific floods.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT EDWARD J. FAY and Miss Rita McDonough, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, lead the parade of National Officers and Delegates down Haddington Road, past the Saffron Kilt Pipe Band, to the opening Mass at St. Mary's Church.



DIGNITARIES at the Communion Breakfast in the Burlington Hotel. Shown above, from the left, are Ambassador John D. J. Moore; Miss Rita McDonough, President of the Ladies Auxiliary; His Excellency Vincent M. Leonard, National Chaplain and Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; Ed Fay, National President; Monsignor Daniel J. Brennan, and the Rev. Thomas J. Carey.

John R. Conley Named National Organizer



JOHN R. CONLEY

Pennsylvania State President John R. Conley was appointed National Organizer by President Ed Fay. John is a very active Hibernian serving as the President of the largest Division in the state of Pennsylvania, Division No. 15.

A member of the Allegheny County Board, Brother Conley now serves as President of the A.O.H. State Board of Pennsylvania. He has been very active in the Loyal order of the Moose, and he brings to his job of Organizer a wealth of ability and dedication.

John Conley's first message to all members of the Order is, "Look at the members of your own family and relatives who are not members and encourage them to

join the A.O.H. Next, ask your Irish Catholic friends, who are not members, to join, find out why they are not members and then convince these Irish friends that they should be members of the oldest Catholic Irish Fraternal group in the Catholic Church."

John suggests that all members carry with them a membership application and the next time they are with an Irish Catholic, age 16 or over, who is not a member and is of good character, fill out the application, have him sign it and become an active member.

In forming a new Division it only takes 15 dedicated Irish Catholics, but he suggests that at least 25 to 30 members should be lined up to take on the responsibilities of a new Division. We know you will be hearing from John a lot in the next two years. John is asking every State President to write to him giving their names, addresses and phone numbers, so he can contact them for his Organization Program covering the next two years.

A.O.H. National Officer Appointments Announced

Following the National Convention in Dublin, President Edward J. Fay appointed the following A.O.H. National Officers:

National Chaplain, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard; National Secretary William J. Bartnett; National Organizer John R. Conley; National Editor John Reynolds; Assistant National Editor David R. Burke; Chairman of Constitution and Rituals William J. Collins; Chairman of Missions Thomas R. Conroy; Kennedy Medal Chairman J. Robert Tweedy; Chairman of Catholic Action John J. Hoswell, and Chairman of Freedom of All Ireland Edward F. Callanan Jr.

John Reynolds, new National Editor and formerly New York State Board Secretary, has a great record of 100 percent performance in all Hibernian work. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, and has deep roots in County Clare, but has now been a resident of Long Island, N.Y. for many years.



NATIONAL EDITOR, Jack Reynolds.

He has been active for several years in the printing department of one of the nation's largest daily newspapers, and is also a high ranking Labor Union officer in the Printing Trades of New York.



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, His Excellency, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



JOHN J. HOSWELL, Chairman of Catholic Action.

Ed Fay Re-Elected National President

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Ladies Auxiliary in St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m., and again this mass was crowded. Business sessions opened at 10 a.m. and continued until 5 p.m.

Wednesday evening will be long remembered by the 1,500 delegates who were entertained at a State Reception given at Dublin Castle. It took three days to decorate the Dublin Castle with fresh potted flowers for the Hibernian reception. Many kinds of hors-d'oeuvres, plus any kind of beverage, cocktails, brandies, champagne and wines were served.

The Honorable Brian Lenihan officially welcomed President Ed Fay and Mrs. Fay on behalf of the Irish Government. American Ambassador John Moore and Mrs. Moore were on hand to represent the government of the United States of America.

The delegates were transported from the Burlington Hotel to Dublin Castle by C.I.E. motorcoaches. This affair is really hard to describe, according to President Fay who said it was difficult to say whether the Dublin Castle Reception or the dinner that he and Mrs. Fay had in the White House as guests of President Richard M. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon was the social highlight of his career. He said it would be hard to select one over the other, because both were so magnificent. President Fay described the Dublin Reception as a night that the delegates from America would never forget, and that it was a milestone in Hibernian History.

Thursday again opened with the business session starting at 10 a.m., adjourning at noon, and convening again at 2 p.m. The session immediately went into the election of the officers.

Another high point in Hibernian history was when the meeting hall was divided so that the delegates sat in one section and members but non-delegates sat in a guest section. National President Ed Fay was able to keep complete control of the business sessions because, for the first time in history, only accredited delegates could speak and vote. The credential committee under the Chairmanship of Thomas Conroy did an excellent job in carrying out the election of National Officers. Each delegate had to produce his credential card before he was allowed to deposit his ballot into the ballot box. The delegates gave the National President a standing ovation for the manner in which he

handled the business sessions and general chairmanship of this greatest Hibernian Convention.

A magnificent banquet officially closed the Convention. This banquet held in the beautiful hall of the Burlington Hotel was bursting at the seams with 1,545 people. It was the largest convention in the history of the Order of Hibernians in the most appropriate in the world, Dublin, Ireland.

Toastmaster for the evening was the Honorable Vincent J. Melia, Acting Supreme Court Justice of New York and National Historian of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. He was excellent in the way he handled the wonderful program of this magnificent affair.

The dais was graced by a number of dignitaries including National Chaplain Bishop Vincent M. Leonard who gave the benediction, the Honorable John Lynch, Prime Minister of Ireland, who gave the principle address, the Honorable John Moore, American Ambassador to Ireland, the Honorable William Warnock, Irish Ambassador to the United States, Edward J. Fay, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Mrs. Rita Murphy, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Miss Rita McDonough, Past National President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The dinner was another unforgettable event, the main course being steak, with wine poured while dining, and on each table a bottle of rye and a bottle of Irish whiskey for every ten people. The highlight was when the hall lights were dimmed and the waitresses, carrying lighted Baked Alaskas, were led by the Champion Irish Wolfhound, a magnificent animal.

On Friday, the Hibernians started to bid each other farewell and either started to tour Ireland or head back home to the United States. Although the farewells were tearful, the general attitude was that this convention never again would be duplicated. The feeling also was that Hibernians came to Ireland at a time when our native land needed us most of all, when the economy was really suffering. It will be some time before we will know the impact of our convention on the National economy of Ireland. But we know that we helped when everybody else was just talking, we went, we enjoyed and we spent our money. God Bless Ireland!



NATIONAL SECRETARY, William J. Bartnett



EDWARD F. CALLANAN Jr., Chairman of Freedom of All Ireland.

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Prime Minister John Lynch Addresses Convention

Delegates to the A.O.H. National Convention in Dublin, and friends, were privileged to hear an address by the Taoiseach, Mr. John Lynch, Prime Minister, at the closing dinner of the convention, held at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, on Thursday, July 27.

Mr. Lynch spoke as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is, I believe, the first time your National Convention has been held outside the United States. I am pleased and honored to have been invited to address you on such a happy and historic occasion.

I do not think I need tell you as individuals that you are always welcome in Ireland. You must know that well by now. Some of you were born here; some of you are frequent visitors; and all of you by your active membership in the Hibernians show that you feel close ties of sentiment and friendship with Ireland.

But I do feel that I, as Head of the Irish Government, should formally welcome the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America to Ireland as an organization; and that I should convey to you on behalf of the Irish people a "cead mile failte" - the traditional warm Irish welcome - on the occasion of your first National Convention in Ireland.

In the 1880's a distinguished New Englander, Henry Cabot Lodge Sr., spoke critically of ethnic loyalties and sentiment among Americans. He said:

"Let us have done with British/Americans and Irish/Americans and German/Americans and so on and all be Americans.

If a man is going to be an American at all let him be so without any qualifying adjective."

With due respect for Mr. Cabot Lodge, I think that he was somewhat mistaken. If I may say so, to be an American does not mean to reject what he called "qualifying adjectives". One of the best characteristics of America has been that it has drawn together people of so many different traditions and backgrounds so that all have become truly American without losing their attachment to what was valuable in their origins. Your motto as a nation - "E pluribus unum" - emphasizes this. It stresses the unity of common citizenship of a great nation. But it also shows that that unity is based on difference and diversity and draws its strength from it. At times, of course, diversity can lead to turbulence and difficulties; and it has done so in America. But ultimately, I believe, it has been for the United States throughout its history a source, not of weakness, but of great strength.

You, as Hibernians, will know particularly what I mean. The aim of the A.O.H. since it was founded in the early 19th Century has been to draw on what is best in the Irish heritage which your fathers and forefathers brought with them to America, and to use it to help to build a great nation while maintaining close links of friendship and sentiment with Ireland.

Your crest shows two hands clasped in friendship over the flags of the United States and Ireland. The A.O.H. from its foundation, nearly a century and a half ago, has done much to give real meaning to that symbolic expression of friendship between our two countries.

Now that you are in Ireland as a body, I want to assure you that we are pleased that you have come. We hope you have been made welcome here and that some of you, at least, will stay on for a while with us. We hope too that you have had a successful Convention and one that will contribute to the growth and development of the Hibernians and to the ties of friendship symbolized in your crest.

You have come at a time of difficulty and trouble for us in Ireland. Since you are friends of Ireland, concerned about what happens here and anxious to help us, I would like to share with you some thoughts on our present difficulties. I say our difficulties, because the problem is one which affects the future of all of us in Ireland.

You know that these past few years have seen great difficulty and turmoil in Northern Ireland. There has been a tragic loss of life and a great destruction of property there. While things are peaceful elsewhere in Ireland we

cannot but be deeply affected by what is happening in the North. For we find that what Abraham Lincoln said in 1861 in speaking of North and South in America is also true of us:

"Physically speaking we cannot separate. We cannot remove our respective sections from each other nor build an impassable wall between them."

History has left to all of us a difficult legacy and we must find a way to deal with it.

The division of Ireland, 50 years ago, was an attempt to meet the problem of a Unionist minority in this island who were opposed to Irish independence because they were fearful of what an independent united Ireland might mean for them. But division has not given them security, and it has not worked well for anybody in Ireland. In Northern Ireland, which was established to meet Unionist fears, division brought instability. It has had a large disaffected minority and an insecure local majority and has been "a house divided against itself", to use a Biblical term. The rest of Ireland developed into a politically stable democracy since it became independent. But it has not had the benefit of that kind of diversity which is a reality of Irish life as a whole and which would have been a source of strength to a united Ireland. So both parts of Ireland, because of division, have been less than they might have been together.

Over the past three years, the instability of Northern Ireland has increased to a dangerous level, in a cycle of discrimination, protest, repression and violence. The community feeling in the area, which was never very strong, has been torn apart by bombing, killing and intimidation. By now, fear and bitterness on both sides have reached intolerable proportions.

The immediate focus of the problem is Northern Ireland. But in a wider sense the problem is one which all of us in these islands have inherited. Britain and Ireland are two countries which have given much to the world throughout their history. In general, we, in Dublin, have settled the difficult and contentious issue of relations between us and the British to mutual advantage. But the difficult legacy of Northern Ireland remains and keeps passions alive. I have no doubt that we can face this remaining problem too and find a just and stable solution.

The immediate issue is to find some means of binding up wounds in Northern Ireland and restoring, even in a fragile way, some sense of community there. This may have to be a gradual process - too much has been said and done, and there has been too much suffering on all sides, to make it easy. There may be setbacks and difficulties. In situations of confrontation there is always a temptation to show belligerence and threaten action. But the danger of venturing towards the brink is that no one can be quite sure just where the brink is.

In the long run, the problem of Northern Ireland and its divided people cannot be solved on a lasting basis by dealing with Northern Ireland in isolation. I recognize, of course, that recent events there may well have created such bitterness as to delay the day when Irish unity can be achieved. But I believe that the only long-term settlement of this difficult legacy of history, is an Ireland united, by agreement, and with good relations with Britain. In saying this I have no wish to add to the fears of the Unionist majority in Northern Ireland. That area was established largely for the benefit of one part of its divided community and after 50 years, there is still no basis within the area for real stability. And I am emphasizing, as any Irish Government leader must, the deep aspiration of the great majority of Irish people for a united Ireland.

In our approach to the problem my Government is guided by the following considerations:

In the first place, we have set our faces against violence. Whether or not it is true that "power grows out of the barrel of a gun", it is certain that the gun does not bring a divided people together. Violence begets fear and bitterness, and it is evident that these are obstacles to reconciliation. We do not reject violence simply because it is ineffective in achieving our real aims. We reject it because violence directed by one community in Northern Ireland against another hits Irish men and women on both sides. And our concern must be for both.

We reject the actions of the current I.R.A. - actions which are anathema to the men of the

old I.R.A. who fought for freedom over 50 years ago. As a result of the efforts of the men and women of half a century ago, we have a sovereign independent Parliament with jurisdiction over four-fifths of our land. Almost the entire complement of these men and women decided that future progress could be made only by peaceful means and by using and building on these institutions to advance our economy and retard the day of reconciliation.

We believe that peace and stability - either in the long-term or short-term - must be based on justice. It is obvious from 50 years' experience that a settlement without such a basis has an insecure foundation and cannot last. It follows that any interim steps towards a solution in Northern Ireland must be such as to ensure that there can never again be an opportunity for discrimination there, of the kind which prevailed for nearly half a century. And it follows too, that any lasting solution in the larger context of a united Ireland must be such as to ensure that the pattern of discrimination is not repeated on a larger scale with a change only in the relative positions of the communities.

We accept that some intermediate steps may be necessary to restore confidence and to achieve some measure of reconciliation. But we believe that even such interim steps cannot really work if the way is not explicitly open to what can be the only lasting solution - a new and more comprehensive Irish identity - an Ireland where unity would be based on acceptance of diversity, and would find in that diversity a source of strength and not of division and bitterness.

We accept that this more comprehensive Irish identity will mean substantial change for all of us. It will mean a concept of being Irish which is broad enough and generous enough to reflect the differing outlooks and origins of different sections of the people of this island.

Not only our political institutions but many of our assumptions may have to be re-examined. This will not always be easy to take. But this is what a new and comprehensive Irish identity means, and we have declared our willingness to work for it.

The history of Ireland has been a turbulent one. Essentially, the solution we envisage for present problems is that we should face that history fully and accept it with all its consequences. There have been injustices and wrongs on every side in the past. But the past is past. It exists only to the extent to which we re-create it for ourselves in memory, and we re-create it anew in each generation. We re-create the past by the history we teach our children, by what we choose to commemorate, and by our public attitudes and assumptions. We cannot, and should not, deny our history. But we must see "Irish History" as the history of all those who live in this island.

In this, we can learn from the example of your own country - the United States - which, as I said at the outset, has always been able to create unity from diversity - while accepting that unity does not mean uniformity. This is a lesson, which, if correctly understood and applied, can bring to our country that just and lasting peace which we so fervently desire."

Thousands Mourn William F. Ryan

A great friend of Ireland and the Irish people passed to his eternal reward recently in the person of Congressman William F. Ryan.

Congressman Ryan rendered outstanding service to the Irish Community in the New York area and nation wide. He was only 51 years old.

For over six years, he led the fight to amend the U.S. Immigration Law and to allow a fair number of Irish immigrants to enter the U.S. He introduced the first bill to accomplish this in 1968. He continued to press for action and on March 16, 1972, the House of Representatives passed HR 9615, the bill sponsored by Congressman Ryan. Under the Ryan formula, the bill would insure that there would be at least some 5,200 visas available per year for Irish immigrants.

Occupied Northeast Ire-

land was an early concern of Congressman Ryan's. He firmly spoke out on the issue of Freedom and Justice for the Irish in the Six County area and he co-sponsored the Kennedy - Ribicoff - Carey resolution in the House of Representatives. The resolution favored the release of all prisoners, the withdrawal of British troops and the unification of Ireland.

Members of the A.O.H. will miss Congressman William F. Ryan. His word to them was his bond. He helped many members who were unable to help themselves, or find others who would or could.

Hibernians by the hundreds attended his wake. His funeral Mass in Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan, New York City, was attended by many members of our Order who personally knew Bill Ryan.

When a man begins to realize the truth about himself, it reduces his desire to reform others.

President Fay Thanked

The Dublin Convention Successfully Conducted

National President Edward J. Fay deserves a rousing vote of thanks from us, dues paying members, for the efficient method and fair manner which he used as Chairman while presiding at the business sessions of the 1972 National Convention.

Most Delegates had their Convention traveling fare and other expenses paid out of the annual dues of their Brother Members. It is good to hear that these Delegates, in whom we have an interest, were treated courteously and fairly by the Convention Presiding Officer. Many other Delegates paid their own expenses. They, too, deserved a fair shake of the gavel from the Presiding Officer. And they got it.

This National Convention, held in Dublin, attracted a record number of Delegates - both men and women.

A total of 441 men Delegates, as recorded by the Chairman of Voting Credentials, cast their votes at election time. The Ladies Auxiliary did not announce the number of Delegates who attended their National Convention, but from appearances, as they emerged from their meeting hall, they, too, had a record attendance.

A comparison may be in order at this time. Chicago is a mid-American Convention City. In 1966 - a year near enough, but still far enough away to be a standard - the National Convention was held in that City - a total of 219 men Delegates attended that Convention.

Taking the figure of 441 as being the number qualified to vote and who did vote, we must settle for that number as being representative of the total attendance at the 1972 National Convention. That number is a record for Convention attendance.

It is known that a few Delegates who were entitled to attend the convention went sight-seeing during business sessions and did not answer the roll call when their names were called to approach the ballot box and cast their votes. Alternate Delegates could not take their places at voting time - because official Delegates did not indicate on time that they would be absent and did not request that their vacant places be filled in by Official Alternate Delegates.

At this National Convention, the non-voting members of the Order, being in the Convention Hotel as visitors, were seated in a separate reserved section of the Convention Hall from the Delegates who had credentials to speak and vote on A.O.H. matters. There was no intermingling in the meeting hall among the Delegates and visitors during business sessions. Voices and votes came only from Official Delegates. This system of seating was a guarantee that only Delegates - and Delegates only - would speak at business sessions and vote on questions at this 1972 National Convention.

National President Edward J. Fay is to be congratulated for organizing the seating of Delegates on the Convention floor in this common-sense manner.

At every business session, there was a large number of A.O.H. members in the visitors' section. Many of them were Alternate Delegates who, if prior provision was made, would be qualified to replace an absent Delegate. Otherwise those in the visitors' section could see and hear the Convention business as it was transacted, but could not take part in it.

This is the second time that a National A.O.H. Convention was held outside the United States. In 1948, it was held in Montreal, Canada. But we had "a host division" in Montreal to make all the local preparations - to do all the preliminary housekeeping. Our Order extends into Canada. But we did not have "a host division" in Dublin. The A.O.H. in Ireland, with its National Headquarters in Dublin, is not associated or identified with the A.O.H. in America. Not having "a host Division" in Dublin made things awkward, if not difficult, for many delegates - Ladies Auxiliary included - at the Convention Hotel in Dublin. Letters from both women and men to the *Digest* indicate that this was a fact.

Delegates from the Ladies Auxiliary as well

as those from the Men's Divisions, State Boards and County Boards saw and heard things for themselves; therefore, there is no need to elaborate here.

Judging by letters received by the *Digest*, all Delegates enjoyed their stay in Ireland and, on the whole, were generally pleased with the overall arrangements for the Convention.

Men Delegates, whom the *Digest* heard from, were highly pleased with the meetings as they were carried out in the Convention Hall and they were very much satisfied with the presiding job done by the Presiding Officer, Brother Edward J. Fay, who was in the Chair at all the Convention Business Sessions.

We all agree that it was a good Convention - in Dublin.

Want To Write To Your Congressman?...

Writing your Congressman is easy. All you need to know is his name and address and what to say.

Everyone has one member of the House of Representatives and two U.S. Senators. If you don't know the three names, ask your neighbor, the public library or your local newspaper.

The addresses are easy: House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, and U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

What to say? Say what you think, what you feel on the issues. It doesn't have to be long, but state your position clearly. Put it in the opening lines of your first paragraph.

Remember, Congressmen do pay attention to their constituents. They know that those who take the trouble to write usually also take the trouble to vote.

It doesn't take much trouble to do either. Congressmen are sensitive about your thoughts on public matters. They need your vote and your friends' votes to get elected.

Many matters of concern for Hibernians are up for debate and vote from time to time in either the U.S. Senate, or in the House of Representatives, or sometimes in both simultaneously. Get ready to write the new Congress in 1973.

Do what other Americans do. They write their Congressman and Senator about Israel, or about the Black Panthers, or about Vietnam. And they are praised and admired for doing so by their Fraternal Brothers and Sisters.

Hibernians, being Americans too, have Constitutional Rights just as much as others have.

Do not hesitate to write about your beliefs on political matters to the Congress.

Salute To President De Valera

President Eamon de Valera of Ireland celebrated his 90th Birthday on October 14, 1972.

Despite his advanced years, he still performs the duties of his office as President as if he were many years younger.

Delegates to the National Convention saw him in Church at the Mass which opened the convention. He was straight and sturdy. Those who spoke with him after the Mass found that he had a clear, alert, and keen mind coupled with distinct, articulate, and pleasant speech.

President De Valera by his presence at the Convention Mass was, in itself, a high tribute to our Order.

To Americans, the name De Valera means Ireland.

We, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, wish him continued good health and God's choicest Blessings.

Meany Expresses View Of Ireland

"Centuries of progress and civilization itself are gravely menaced by the dictatorial decrees permitting the detention of Irishmen without trial. The green carpet, which is the Irish Isle,

stained by the blood of its sons and daughters for centuries certainly does not deserve the imposition of this injustice."

George Meany, President, AFL-CIO



MISS MARION GUILFOYLE addresses a Communion Breakfast assembly.

Miss Marion Guilfoyle Is Elected President Of New York Auxiliary

Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, a resident of Fordham Hill, Bronx, New York City, and a Native of Staten Island, was elected New York State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the Convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary held in Binghamton, New York.

Miss Guilfoyle is a Past President of the A.O.H.'s New York County Board, L.A., and the Lieut. Patrick J. Walsh Div. 29, Ladies' Auxiliary in Yorkville, Manhattan, New York City. The newly elected president is an attorney, having received her A.B. degree from Hunter College and a Law

Degree from Fordham University. In addition to her Hibernian activities, she is first Vice President of the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York, Corresponding Secretary of the Fordham Law Alumni Association, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Marion resides with her parents, both active Hibernians, Mr. Thomas (Frank) Guilfoyle and Mrs. Ermina Guilfoyle. She is a fourth generation Irish American. Her ancestors who originally settled in Staten Island, New York City, participated in the Civil War.

TO BE HONORED

Miss Guilfoyle will be the guest of honor at a Champagne Luncheon on Saturday, April 28, 1973. It will be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City.

The luncheon will be given by the New York County Ladies Auxiliary and tickets are \$12.50 per person.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, President of the New York County Ladies, has appointed Mrs. Monica Burke as Chairlady and Mrs. Marie J. McArdle has been designated Honorary Chairlady. Mrs. Burke is a past County President and Mrs. McArdle is a past New York State President and former National Treasurer.

A.O.H. Mourns Passing Of Mrs. J. Greevy

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies' Auxiliary are saddened to learn that Mrs. Jane Greevy, a prominent member of the New York County, L.A., recently passed away.



MRS. JANE GREEVY

At the time of her death, Mrs. Greevy resided in Fort Lee, New Jersey. She is survived by her husband, Martin; three children, Kathleen Holmes, Desmond Greevy and Patricia Borsangue. Mrs. Greevy leaves nine grandchildren and one great grandchild, as well as three brothers and three sisters.

The deceased was the first member of the Ladies Auxiliary from New York County to hold an elective office on the New York State Board. She served four years as State Chairman of Catholic Action. Mrs. Greevy was a Charter member of Auxiliary 5, having been initiated in 1944, and was a Past President of that auxiliary. It was

Tom Gilraine Dies In Ireland

Brother Tom Gilraine of Division 14, Watertown, Mass., passed away while he was in Ireland. He was buried there. His brother members miss Tom very much and extend condolences to his family.

during her term of office as New York County President of the Ladies' Auxiliary that the National Convention of the Order and Auxiliary was held in New York County in 1956, at which time she served as Co-Chairman of the National Convention Committee.

Representatives from the county and divisions gathered at Mrs. Greevy's wake for prayers. The Hibernian prayers for the Dead were recited by Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, a close friend of the deceased. Officers of Auxiliary 5 were present, including Mrs. Greevy's three sisters: Mrs. Bea Collins, New County Historian, and President of Auxiliary 5; Mrs. Catherine Brennan, and Mrs. Elizabeth Marlowe.

Jane will be missed by her many friends, who held her in high esteem for her loyalty to the Order and Irish causes.



PAT MORRISSEY Pat Morrissey Gets Degree In Philosophy

Patrick J. Morrissey of Division 21, The Rockaways, New York City, has earned the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in English from Sarasota University in Florida. He will teach American English at Nassau Community College, Long Island, N.Y.

Pat's father is Patrick Morrissey of Knocknacarra, Listowel, County Kerry, and his mother is Elizabeth O'Connell Morrissey of Ballylennen, Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Up Kerry and Kilkenny.

A.O.H. Laments Death Of James M. Grundy

It is with deep sorrow that **The Digest** announces the passing of Brother James M. Grundy of New York City. He died on September 6, 1972 after a long illness.

The entire membership of Division 3, New York County, his division - attended the wake. Judge William P. McCade, the Division President, led them in offering the A.O.H. Ritual Prayers.

The Funeral Mass was in St. Elizabeth's Church, Washington Heights. Burial took place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, New York.

James M. Grundy was a Hibernian member who did things for his Division and for our Order - things that we need done well and on time.

A native New Yorker, he inherited the Irish tradition for reliability in performance and loyalty to principal from his Irish born-Kerry and Dublin-parents.

Jim Grundy, who was a Charter Member of Division 3 of New York County, had held every office in that Division. Located in Washington Heights, Manhattan, this Division is the largest Division in New York City and State.

N.Y. Division Dance, Feb. 24

Judge William P. McCade, President of Division 3, New York County (Manhattan) announces that the Annual Dance of Division 3 will be held on Saturday evening, February 24, 1973, in the American Legion Hall, 5049 Broadway, at 215 Street, New York City.

Brother John O'Neill, well known in A.O.H. and K. of C. circles around Washington Heights, Manhattan, is Dance Chairman. Tickets at five dollars each are now ready. Write to Chairman care of the Legion Hall at above address. Members from other Divisions are most welcome.

Packages permitted. Set-ups gratis. Good music. Nice people. For 36 years, Division Three's Dance has pleased three generations and is fondly remembered for giving them a good time every time.

The Fort Worth Five Make A Strange Story

In June 1972, five men from the New York City Metropolitan Area were subpoenaed by Federal Agents and taken 1,500 miles away from their homes to Dallas, Texas. No charge was made against them.

Their names are: Kenneth Tierney, Daniel Crawford, Thomas Laffey, Mathias Reilly, and Paschal Monahan. Three of them are members of the A.O.H. - our Order.

Taken before a Federal Grand Jury in Tarrant County, Dallas, Texas, they were questioned as to what they knew about "gun running to Ireland."

They knew nothing about "gun running". Not one of them ever had been in Texas before - did not prior to then, talk to anyone either by phone or face to face in Texas - had never met one another until they met in Tarrant County Jail.

They are workmen who follow the same occupations as most A.O.H. men in the New York area. Three of the five have wives and children.

On June 22, 1972, National President Edward J. Fay sent a telegram to President Richard Nixon protesting

against the jailing of those men without charge and held without Bail. This communication was published on page one of the July-August issue of **The Digest**.

Because these five men were unable to answer questions about "gun running to Ireland," they were charged with "contempt of court," and were jailed in Fort Worth Prison in Texas.

New York Irish Attorneys Paul O'Dwyer, and his nephew, Frank Durkan, went several times to the Texas Court and Jail to represent the five.

First, each one was refused any kind of Bail. Then during the middle of September, Bail in the sum of \$100,000 cash each was set by Federal Judge Leo Brewster of the Dallas area. Setting this Bail was equal to setting no Bail. It meant keeping them in Jail. Who had \$100,000? Who had \$500,000?

By this time, they had been in Jail for three months without a charge or a hearing. At the end of September, after hard work by their Lawyers in putting the case before the U.S. Supreme Court, and by the intervention of a couple of U.S. Senators and a number of Congressmen, Bail was fixed by the use of bail-bonds, instead of cash, in various sums for each. The Bail this time ranged from \$5,000 each for some to \$15,000 each for others. Bail was posted, and the prisoners were released from Fort Worth Jail.

The five men - Tierney, Laffey, Reilly, Crawford, Monahan - are now known as "The Fort Worth Five". They are back in New York working and supporting themselves and their families. No date has yet been made for their return to Texas.

This is a strange American story. Very few have heard about it. But judging by past events, it is reasonable to assume that had they been Jewish boys, or Black Panther boys, or Spanish boys, or any other boys except Irish boys, the Halls of Congress and the Corridors of the White House would be ringing with the echoes of protest shouts. TV would have documentaries. Radio would have discussion panels. The New York Times would have a double column headline story - twice a month. The tops of New York Skyscrapers would be quivering from vibrations stirred up by demonstrations

J.A. Doris To Be Guest Of Honor At A.O.H. Dinner

The New York County Board A.O.H. will hold its 136th annual Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, November 18 in the Hotel Commodore, 42nd St. & Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Joseph P. Sullivan, President of the County Board, announces that the Guest of Honor will be James A. Doris, Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee since 1918; a position he now holds under the title Executive Secretary.

He and his wife live in Stuyvesant Town, New York City.



Jim is National Secretary of the Clan na Gael, President of the Bunker Hill Club, Clan na Gael, Past President of the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood Veterans Association (I.R.B.), member of Div. 29, A.O.H., Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Knights of Columbus, and Fordham Law Alumni Association.

Tickets are \$15 each (table for ten \$150) and may be obtained from the Reservations Chairman Martin P. Dunne, 78-35 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York 11372, or phone: 898-3715.

Jim Doris is a lawyer, being a graduate of Fordham Law School. Born in New York City, Jim's parents were natives of County Longford.

He served with the Mutual Insurance Company for many years in executive capacities and recently retired as Executive Secretary from that Company.

His wife is the former Anne McLaughlin, whose parents were from County Tyrone. Her brother is Monsignor Michael McLaughlin, Pastor of St. Francis De Chantal in Wantagh, Long Island.

of Citizens on the streets yelling for the release of "The Fort Worth Five".

Brooklyn's John Curry Honored On Retirement

For a number of years those who have worked with Jack Curry have marvelled at his energy and enthusiasm. Working with him many have been impressed by his determination and vigor.

Division 35 of Flatbush tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of 'the big man from Kildare', John Curry - on the occasion of his retirement from the New York City Fire Department after 35 years of service.

The dinner was held Friday evening, November 17, at the Carlyle Caterers, 4301 Avenue D, Brooklyn, with the cocktail hour prior to the meal.

This big Division dance in honor of Division 35's No. 1 Hibernian was a great event. Chairman of the dance, Michael O'Connor and Chair-lady Lilian Wilkening worked hard on what proved to be one of the biggest and best events in many years.

The meal featured Prime Ribs of Beef, unlimited liquor and beer, and dancing to a top band with both Irish and American music played.

John Curry has lived in Flatbush, Brooklyn, for about 43 years. Presently, he and his wife, Mae, live on Albany Avenue, in St. Catherine's Parish. Their children are now fully grown.

Born in the Parish of Cara, near Naas, County Kildare, Ireland, John Curry has contributed much time and energy to Irish Societies. He is a Delegate from the County Kildare Society to the United Irish Counties Association of New York and to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. He is active with the Annual Feis of the United Irish Counties and is Chairman in the St. Patrick's Day Parade of the Distinguished Guests Reviewing Stand.

News Of The 1974 National Convention

The Delegates to the 1972 National Convention held in Dublin, by a majority vote, decided to hold the 1974 National Convention in California.

The Anaheim Area Visitor and Convention Bureau, joining with the Los Angeles AOH and the California State AOH, offers a sincere invitation to members of the Order to host their 1974 National Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

More than 7,000 hotel rooms are available in Anaheim from which to select your convention housing. The Disneyland Hotel currently has 1,000 rooms available and its new 50,000 square foot convention center is now completed. Royal Inn Hotel offers 500 rooms with an additional 500 room tower due for completion during the summer of 1973. The

Royal Inn Hotel is located immediately adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center.

Additional facilities include the Royal Coach Motor Hotel with 400 rooms, the recently opened Quality Inn with 286 rooms and the Grand Hotel with 240 rooms. Each of these facilities is capable of containing the National Convention.

Walt Disney's world-famous Disneyland is located within easy walking distance of the convention hotel in Anaheim. Knott's Berry Farm, Lion Country Safari, Japanese Village, exceptional golf courses, and the Pacific Ocean are also located in close proximity of the convention hotel and offer a wide variety of enjoyment for delegates and their families.

1973 St. Patrick's Day Parade In New York

The first business meeting for the 1973 New York St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by the A.O.H. was held on November 1 in the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

Delegates from 300 Marching Organizations attended and began the work of putting the big Parade together for the march on Saturday, March 17, on Fifth Avenue, New York City. The Chairman of the Parade, Judge James J. Comerford, presided.

The New York St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest organized civilian Parade in the world that marches in formation, preserves decorum, and maintains discipline. Usually, 120,000 to 127,000 persons march each year for seven hours over a distance of three miles along prestigious Fifth Avenue. More than one million sidewalk spectators and 45 million other persons see it on TV.

An experienced working Committee of 600 persons places this massive number of marchers in order on March 17 and keeps them moving in close marching order. John W. Duffy is chairman of Parade Formation.

Invitations to march in the 1973 New York Parade are now being mailed to the Presidents of Organizations that have been found qualified to enter the Parade by the Credentials Committee which is a sub-committee of the General Arrangements Committee.

Under this year's Parade Rules, each organization that intends to march must be approved by the Credential Committee before it is admitted into the parade - even though it marched in the 1972 Parade. This rule of checking on past conduct has been in existence since 1930. Before an Organization is permitted to march, it must be also invited to do so after it has been qualified by the Credentials Committee.

Violations by a Marching Organization, of Parade Rules by knowingly refusing to follow these rules while marching in the previous year are grounds for keeping such an Organization out of the Parade for the next year.

Naturally, "New Organizations", after applying to march for the first time, are also examined by the Credentials Committee before further action is taken. Forty-seven "New Organizations" have applied to enter the 1973 Parade, but, unfortunately, there is no room for that large number. The present size of the Parade is already too big for

New York City to handle. Traffic cannot be tied up in the City all day and all night. Joseph P. Garrahy is Chairman of Credentials.

Other Officers of the Parade, in addition to Judge Comerford as Chairman, are: John W. Duffy, Vice-Chairman; Joseph P. Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Francis P. Beirne, Treasurer; Thomas B. Galligan, Financial Secretary; Martin P. Dunne, Corresponding Secretary; Terence F. Connaughton, Sergeant-at-Arms; Nicholas J. Farley, Director; John P. Collins, Director; Vincent Pat Rogers, Director; James A. Doris, Executive Secretary, and Harry M. Hynes, Honorary Chairman.

Peter J. Campbell is Chairman of Bands; Judge Aloysius Melia, Chairman of Distinguished Guests; William Burke, Chairman of Advisory Board; Anthony Corcoran, Chairman of Line of March, and John Carroll, Chairman of Marching Time Schedule.

The New York St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest single event carried out under the name of the A.O.H. at any time.

John J. Concanon is in charge of Public Relations. A native New Yorker of Galway and Cork Parents, he is a hard worker who has given dedication and loyalty unstintingly to Parade matters since he became Parade Public Relations Officer six years ago.

All officers are members of the A.O.H. Every one of the 600-member Committee is a volunteer and serves without remuneration.

For Ireland And Freedom

Our seamless robe, they tore apart,
Then heaped upon us wrongs.
Our sacred rights, they have denied,
And even banned our songs.

But fight we will, if fight we must,
For land and liberty.
Our cause is just, in God we trust,
We will be one and free.

John A. Grace
Note: The above was written in October 1972, either to be recited or sung. Author has the music for it. If interested, write to **Digest** for author's address.

A little boy came home from Sunday School and asked his father, "Why does the Bible talk so much about the children of Israel? Didn't the grownups ever do anything?"



LEARNING ABOUT THE IRISH - Plaques commemorating their outstanding entries in the National Irish History Essay Contest of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Ladies Auxiliary, Division 8, Centereach, are presented to three local students by Suffolk County President Kathryn Kolb, center. Students, left to right, are Pat Stollworthy, Centereach J. H., Patrick Reynolds, fourth grade Sachem School District 5, and Sandra Cipuzak, Unity Drive School, Centereach. Assisting the County President are Emily Moroney, Division 8, Historian, and acting President of Division 8, Kathleen Worrell.



ORANGE COUNTY DIVISION, A.O.H. OF CALIFORNIA HONORS MAYOR SAM YORTY, LOS ANGELES. Jerry O'Keefe, (fourth from left), President of the Orange County Division of the A.O.H. in California presents Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles with a Community Service Award for his part in the rebuilding of Saint Patrick's Well near Clonmel, County Tipperary, Ireland, and for his service to the Hibernians and the rest of the Irish-American community in Southern California. The official Orange County Hibernian welcoming committee who were on hand when the Mayor visited Anaheim were: (from the left) Wally Judd, Ken Brott, The Honorable Lord Mayor of Orange County Robert "Bob" Brennan, President O'Keefe, Mayor Yorty, Brian Gainery, star of the "IRISH HOUR", KEZR-FM, Anaheim, and Tony O'Connor.

NEWS

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Under the Capitol DOME



by Peggy Dowd

Autumn is a busy time of the year for Washington Hibernians.

The Emerald Isle Division is sponsoring a Halloween Dinner dance at the Kenwood Country Club to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Doctor Robert F. Costello, founder of the Division will be the guest of honor.

The Irish American Institute and the National Capital Parks have invited Hibernians to performances by the award winning Irish Musicians in the President's Park at the White House and the Institute is presenting "The Irish Imagination" at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Artists from the 32 counties will be represented. Members of the Order have been invited to a reception before the exhibition.

The annual A.O.H. day at the races will be held in Laurel, Maryland, on November 3 with a buffet luncheon before the races.

There are mixed emotions in Washington as to the success of the Dublin Convention. Our chartered plane arrived in Dublin on July 17 and several members stayed at the Burlington, including members of my family, and the twin bedrooms were \$15 a night. These same rooms cost \$30 the week of the convention. The hotel informed the members that the rooms had been taken over in a block and that the prices had not been set by the Burlington.

I had reserved a triple room for the week of the convention (which turned out to be a twin room with a cot moved in) and I was charged \$45 a night even though I was taken to the hospital after the first night and the hotel had marked "checked out" next to my name and had removed the extra bed from our room.

At previous conventions the delegates got a reduced rate by registering through the Organization. Since there was no host "State Board" A.O.H. and Auxiliary in Dublin, everyone is wondering who profited by this 100 percent mark up?

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Auxiliary delegates who in my absence elected me National Director

Organizer, (East) and also thanks to my friends who came to St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin during Convention week to visit me and to those who sent enrollments and cards both to the hospital and home.

Many people in the United States who buy sweepstakes tickets for the benefit of the Irish hospitals must wonder at times what the hospitals in Ireland are like. Well, St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin is great. There are 500 nurses and a great deal of individual care.

The food was good and my room had a view of Dublin Bay and the Irish Sea. Everyone connected with the hospital really seemed to care. My only uneasy moment came when a porter was wheeling me down to the operating room and he mentioned casually that the reason they shoot horses when they break a bone is because they have no marrow in their bones so my only prayer that morning was "God, please give me marrow."

I was in St. Vincent's for 18 days and felt bad saying goodbye to people who had been so kind to me. Bob Tweedy and Monsignor Michael Egan from Baltimore made a trip to the hospital so Monsignor could give me his blessing before the operation. Although I can't get out to meetings, my friends drop by and keep me informed for this column and with God's help, everything will mend.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Dowd, through an accident in her Hotel Room, broke her ankle and shin on the first day of the National Convention in Dublin.

A card to her, mailed to 3932 Livingston Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015, will be appreciated.

SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE DIGEST

Patrick O'Driscoll Of St. Louis, Dies

The Missouri delegation to the A.O.H. National Convention in Dublin was saddened by the death of Patrick O'Driscoll, who was a passenger on their flight to the convention.

Mr. O'Driscoll, who was returning to Skibbereen, Ireland, for the first time in 58 years, died suddenly there on August 2, and was buried in the family plot in Tullage Cemetery in Baltimore County, Cork. He was 77 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Knapp and Sister Margaret O.P., both of the St. Louis area. A brother, John, of Skibbereen, two sisters, Sister Patricia D.C., in England, and Sister Mona S.H., in Louisiana.

A Memorial Mass was said at Our Lady of Carmel Church, St. Louis, Missouri, on August 19, for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

Mr. O'Driscoll was a street-car conductor and motorman and a bus driver with the United Railway Co., and Public Service Company for 41 years before retiring in 1956.

St. Louis Ladies Win Dublin Prize

At the National Convention in Dublin, Ireland, the Ladies Auxiliary of Cardinal Glennon Division 2, St. Louis, Missouri, were awarded a prize for the largest increase in membership in one year. On two occasions as many as 23 were initiated at one meeting.

In addition, the Historian Book Committee appointed at the National Convention, reported that out of eight books entered, the Historian Book of Cardinal Glennon Division 2 was the unanimous choice of the judges to be awarded the prize.

This book covered events of the years 1971 and 1972 in chronological sequence. Pictures and clippings of the St. Patrick's Day Parades and celebrations, with Prime Minister and Mrs. Lynch of Ireland visiting in St. Louis and participating, were an outstanding addition; the visits to Father Tim Dempsey's Home for old folks, as well as the Mary Ryder Home for ladies; the fund-raising by rummage sales, covered dish and card parties were demonstrated by newspaper clippings and pictures.

In addition there was the Memorial Mass at St. Patrick's Church in St. Louis for the 13 martyrs in Derry, Ireland; the ladies Mission project, the Columban Fathers; celebration of installation of officers; and joint parties with the men at annual breakfasts, Christmas, and



NEW YORK HIBERNIANS AID PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE. Division 2, Onondaga County A.O.H., recently presented a donation of \$702 to Sister M. Helene Coyle, I.H.M., superior and elementary principal of the Most Holy Rosary School, Syracuse, for her presentation to Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The benefit party was held by the Syracuse Hibernians to help defray expenses incurred by the Marywood Motherhouse of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Order of Sisters, after a disastrous fire several months ago in Scranton. Those taking part in the gift to the nuns are shown above. From left: Sean McHale, Onondaga County Division 2 of Syracuse, general co-chairman of benefit; John McNamara, Division 2 president; John McGrath, general chairman; Sister M. Helene Coyle, I.H.M., Most Holy Rosary Convent, Syracuse; Mrs. Marian Cuff, Onondaga County and New York State Chairman, Catholic Action, and John Zieman, County President and New York State Treasurer, A.O.H. Mrs. Cuff is a native of Scranton, and had previously taught on the lay faculty of Marywood College.

How Votes Were Cast At National Convention

According to the report issued at the National Convention in Dublin by the A.O.H. Election Board, a total of 441 valid votes were cast by Delegates with the following results:

For President -

Trenton, N.J. Has Drive For New Members

There is news from Trenton, New Jersey. Brother William Briggs of Division No. 1, in a letter, tells The Digest that October was designated as Membership Drive Month. This was the Division's first drive of this kind, and it urged each member to bring in at least one new membership application. Brother John Leahy promised that he would get advertisement space in the Monitor. Posters were placed in the local Catholic churches.

There should be more of this kind of membership drive activity in more Divisions for the Winter.

picnics.

This was the first time Cardinal Glennon Division had entered a book in competition.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT Ed Fay presents an Irish Flag to Ronald Bryan, President of Division 5 of Swissvale, Pa. Looking on is National Organizer, John R. Conley, and National Chairman of Constitution and Rituals, William J. Collins. Both men assisted Ed Fay in forming the new Division 5.

News From Ireland

Comhaltas Conducts Successful Irish Concert Tour In U.S.

By Labhras O. Murchu, National Director
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann

Dublin, Ireland - Jan. 1973: The response to the 1972 Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann concert tour of the United States is one of the most gratifying experiences of the organization since its foundation 21 years ago. Bill McEvoy of New York, his Concert Co-Ordinating Committee, and the many thousands who attended the concerts, left us in no doubt as to their genuine interest

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, from its foundation in 1951, has grown to become a great force in Irish cultural life. The very nature of the organization is such that Comhaltas (as it is informally known to its members and friends) is forever branching out into new fields of service to Irish traditional music, song and dance.

We have steadily-growing membership in the movement that works through its 250 branches, not only in all parts of Ireland but also in Britain, in the United States of America and in Australia. There is but one requirement for membership in a Comhaltas branch, that is that each member is expected only to be a lover of Irish traditional music in particular and of Irish culture in general, and to be in sympathy with Comhaltas in its work for their promotion.

The promotion of Irish traditional music, song and dance is effectively achieved by Comhaltas through various social functions as well as through its work in the production of records, radio and television programs, publications, library and educational services. The proposed Cultural Institute is intended as an instrument of cohesion in this work, and while the financial target will take some time to achieve, the success of the first fund-raising project in the U.S. is an encouragement to us.

The All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil is the highlight of the Comhaltas year and this great event has by now taken its place as one of the principle social occasions of the year in Ireland. It is attended

by tens of thousands and its typically Irish atmosphere of friendly, carefree informality draws visitors not only from all over Ireland but also from the most distant corners of the world. This Fleadh Cheoil is located each year in a different provincial town and the 1973 event will be held in Listowel, County Kerry, on the last week-end of August.

Through the formation of new branches of CCE in the United States, it is intended to have a Fleadh Cheoil at which musicians and singers may qualify for the All-Ireland event, and information on Comhaltas in the U.S. is available from Bill McEvoy, 928 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove, Long Island, New York, 11755 (Phone: (516) 588-3709).

Our magazine "Treoir" is published six times yearly and we have many hundreds of subscribers in the U.S. For those who are interested, the annual subscription (post free) is \$4.50 and our address is: CCE., 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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AWARD WINNERS

William J. Kinane, National A.O.H. Director and Award Chairman, has announced the 1972 Hibernian Award winners, as selected on December 16, 1972.

They are: First, James C. Nugent, 2723 Avenue "D", Brooklyn, N.Y.; Second, J. P. Collins, 5834 Liebig Ave., Riverdale, N.Y.; Third, William J. Lahey, 78 Linden St., N. Easton, Mass.; Fourth, W. and W. Sabu, 22 Woodland St., Lawrence, Mass.; and Fifth, Patrick Murrphy, 1439 Wood Rd., New York, N.Y.

Arrangements Complete

A.O.H. National Essay Contest

Details of the National Essay Contest, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, have been announced by National President Edward J. Fay and National Historian Aloysius J. Melia.

President Fay said recently, "At this time in our history, when Ireland is striving for just human rights, both as a people and as a nation, our essay contest can serve to stimulate interest in her cause and our heritage. I would hope that each division in the country would produce contestants. This is a practical way to do something for God and Country."

Essay information is being sent to each National Board Officer, State President, State Secretary, County President and Division President, and all are urged to encourage efforts of contestants. They are also reminded that school principals and teachers may prove helpful in enlisting interested persons, and asked to get publicity in local newspapers for both the essay contest and for each Hibernian Division.

Division Presidents should bring the contest to the attention of all members and friends. Others who may help are State and Division Historians and librarians in all local communities.

The National Essay Contest is not intended to conflict with any other essay contest sponsored by any State, County or Division. The purpose is to spread knowledge of the Irish heritage, not to confine it.

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Babylon Hibernians Tell Of Relief For Refugees

Recent events clearly indicate the need to aid the Irish people in the North of Ireland. Consequently we are expending our efforts to help those victims of oppression, brutality and bloodshed.

We invite you to support our Irish Relief fund, which has already provided considerable aid, both moral and financial, to those beleaguered people in Ireland. Over 5,000 pounds of clothing were collected and shipped to refugees and more than 20 cartons of Christmas toys purchased and sent to help alleviate the anguish and misery of the children; many whose fathers are interned in prisons and concentration camps.

In addition to other material aid and donations, we have relentlessly exhorted our elected representatives to act on our behalf, in this situation, and have received very favorable response. However, much remains to be done in many areas to help bring an end to the intolerable situation in the occupied counties of Ireland. But, in spite of strong propaganda and news distortion, the force of world public opinion brings real hope for a lasting solution based on civil justice and political freedom for all in Ireland.

We earnestly ask that you will join with us, in providing direct and urgently needed help to the Irish in this critical time, and refer to us those friends who are also willing to subscribe to this most worthy and just cause.

A grand Charity Dance will be held on Saturday, February 24, 1973 at St. Joseph's Academy, Brentwood, N.Y. Noel Kingston and his band plus other fine Irish entertainment will be featured. Proceeds will go to the Irish Relief Fund to provide direct aid to victims of the current strife in Ireland. For more details call (516) 661-9649.

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CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Certificates of Election have been distributed throughout the Order. There should be a certificate of election on file for every Division with the County and State Secretaries, and the National Secretary. We ask the co-operation of all Officers in the distribution of the new type travel cards.

Most importantly, the instructions given on the Annual Report forms should be studied carefully, and followed to the letter.

Once the job is done, and done well, the files of the Order can be straightened out, and everything will be smoother in the future. My special gratitude is extended to the State Secretaries who are shouldering a good part of the burden.

- William J. Bartlett Jr.,
Nat'l. Secretary, AOH



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The purpose of the tour was to display our unique cultural heritage and to raise funds for a much needed Irish Cultural Institute in Ireland. The standing ovations of the audiences indicated that we had achieved the first aim, and in the second case I am glad to announce that the tour realized a profit of over \$20,000.

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It is also requested that these ladies and men who are officers of the National Board, furnish the newspaper with pictures of themselves for use in future publications.

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With cheering, rousing chorus
As round our blazing fires we throng,
The starry heavens o'er us;
Impatient for the coming fight,
And as we wait the morning's light
Here in the silence of the night
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged to Ireland,
Some have come from a land beyond the wave.
Sworn to be free, no more our ancient sireland
Shall shelter the despot or the slave;
Tonight we man the bearna baoghal
In Erin's cause, come woe or weal;
'Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal
We'll chant a soldier's song.

EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Included in this issue is an article from the 'Irish Relief Fund' sponsored by Division No. 2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Babylon, Long Island, New York. We congratulate these men of our order on the great work they are doing for the needy and suffering people in Northern Ireland.

We feel sure that across the United States our Brother Hibernians do much work for the needy of Northern Ireland, that thousands of tons of clothing and much money have gone to help the suffering that takes place daily in the North.

Since the trouble in the North of Ireland (present day) has continued from late 1969, we may have become quite used to the situation and have now taken the situation for granted. If the latter be the case with any of us, then let us rededicate ourselves to that part of our Motto, 'Charity'.

The troubles in the North of Ireland are very much a fact, and the cause for a free Ireland is very much a fact, not since 1969, but for centuries.

Let us now dedicate this year 1973 to helping the needy and the suffering of Northern Ireland. Through your National Hibernian Digest let us inform one another of our Irish Relief Fund Drives across the Nation. Let us help one another with our ideas, and successes for "Irish relief to the needy and suffering of Northern Ireland."

They will not forget you when Peace and Justice comes -- Please God, soon.

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HIBERNIAN BUILDINGS -- WHERE?

Let us have a write-up and photo of your Hibernian Building. Some we know of in our own state, but not others. Let our Brother and Sister Hibernians have the opportunity of visiting you as they travel across this great land.

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Going to Ireland in 1973? Why not meet our Brother or Sister Hibernians who have retired to Ireland -- where are they? Some now own Guest Houses and Hotels there. Let us contact them. Let us send the Digest to them.

Did we wonder in 1972 as we traveled in Ireland -- "Wish I knew where Brother lived. It would be nice to meet him once again." -- Send us news.

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IRISH MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE COMPETITIONS

Every effort will be made to list in the March issue of the Digest, the dates and locations of the Irish Music, Dance and Singing 'FEISEANNA' for the United States, Canada and Ireland. Forward any dates to us immediately. In this issue we have news from Ireland in the article from the National Director of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (Irish Traditional Music Association). We congratulate this organization on its 21 years of outstanding work in the preservation of the traditional music, songs and dances of Ireland. We wish them every success for the future and thank them for their contribution to this issue of the National Hibernian Digest.

NEW A.O.H. NATIONAL EDITOR

The newly-appointed National Editor, John "Jack" Reynolds of 96 Washburn St., Lake Grove, New York, 11755, has requested that all new officers, both men and women, send him pictures and details of their activities for use in future publications. He will also be pleased to receive all other news items.

Assistant National Editor is David R. Burke, 67 Newton St., Apt. 16, Lawrence, Mass., 01842.

**SEND YOUR NEWS
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Babylon Hibernians

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The Irish Relief Fund was organized over a year ago by A.O.H. Division 2, Babylon, N.Y. and its members have worked relentlessly to help alleviate the suffering of the Irish people, through clothing drives and various fund-raising functions.

Most of the funds collected have gone to the County Tyrone Coordinating Relief Committee, who, because of their location and access to trouble areas, have been most effective in supplying help, directly and immediately, to the people in need. The committee chairman is Christopher Mallon, L.L.B., Solicitor, Dungannon, who

St. Louis Ladies Elect Officers

The newly elected officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cardinal Glennon Division No. 2, St. Louis Missouri, were installed by John M. Keane, national vice president of A.O.H., on Thursday, December 14.

Mrs. John Geraghty is the new president, and the retiring president, Mrs. John C. Ross, is now chairman of standing committees. Mrs. Edgar Feely is vice president; Miss Mary Sheehan, secretary; Mrs. Leslie Crump, treasurer; Miss Revere McHale, financial secretary; Mrs. James McGrath, Irish historian; Mrs. Edward Fogarty, chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Vincent Walz, mission chairman; Miss Veronica Tobin, mistress at arms, and Mrs. James Mullally, sentinel. Mrs. James Goggins is hostess chairman; Mrs. William Curry and Miss Loretta Maloney are hospitality chairmen. Mrs. John Ross is publicity chairman.

Mr. Keane and Mr. George Clough, newly elected president of Cardinal Glennon Division No. 2, both congratulated and praised the ladies for their outstanding accomplishments, particularly for the awards given at the National Convention in Dublin, Ireland, for largest increase in membership and most outstanding historian book.

County President Jack Leonard announced plans for the coming St. Patrick's Day Parade. Edward Feely, John Ross and other guests joined in the installation celebration, and Father Terence Lee of Mill Hill Fathers, Spiritual Director, said prayers at the opening and closing of the meeting.

The ladies joined the men again in entertaining the folks at Father Tim Dempsey's home, which is under the supervision of Monsignor Johnson. Tom McEvoy and Dan Devery and their group, known as the Blarney Stones, sang and played Irish songs. Doris Mack, the talented blind lady, also entertained, and some skits were put on by a group of young people from St. Dismas Church of Florissant.

Gifts were given to the residents of the home and refreshments were served. Jack Keane, George Clough, Martin Duggan, ex-officio president, Pierce Mullally as Santa Claus, Mike Murphy and Danny Scott were on hand to support Jack Leonard, chairman of the activity.

The Ladies' Auxiliary again distributed baskets of food and contributed funds to the needy.

incidentally, was a school-mate of Irish Relief Fund co-chairman, Brian McParland, when they attended St. Patrick's College, Armagh. The Committee vice-chairman is Rev. C. Vallely, C.C., Omagh.

Donations may be sent to: Irish Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1247, W. Babylon, N.Y. 11704 or to: Patricia Lynch, Sec., County Tyrone, Coordinating Relief Com., 11 Keeragh, Pomeroy, County Tyrone, N. Ireland.

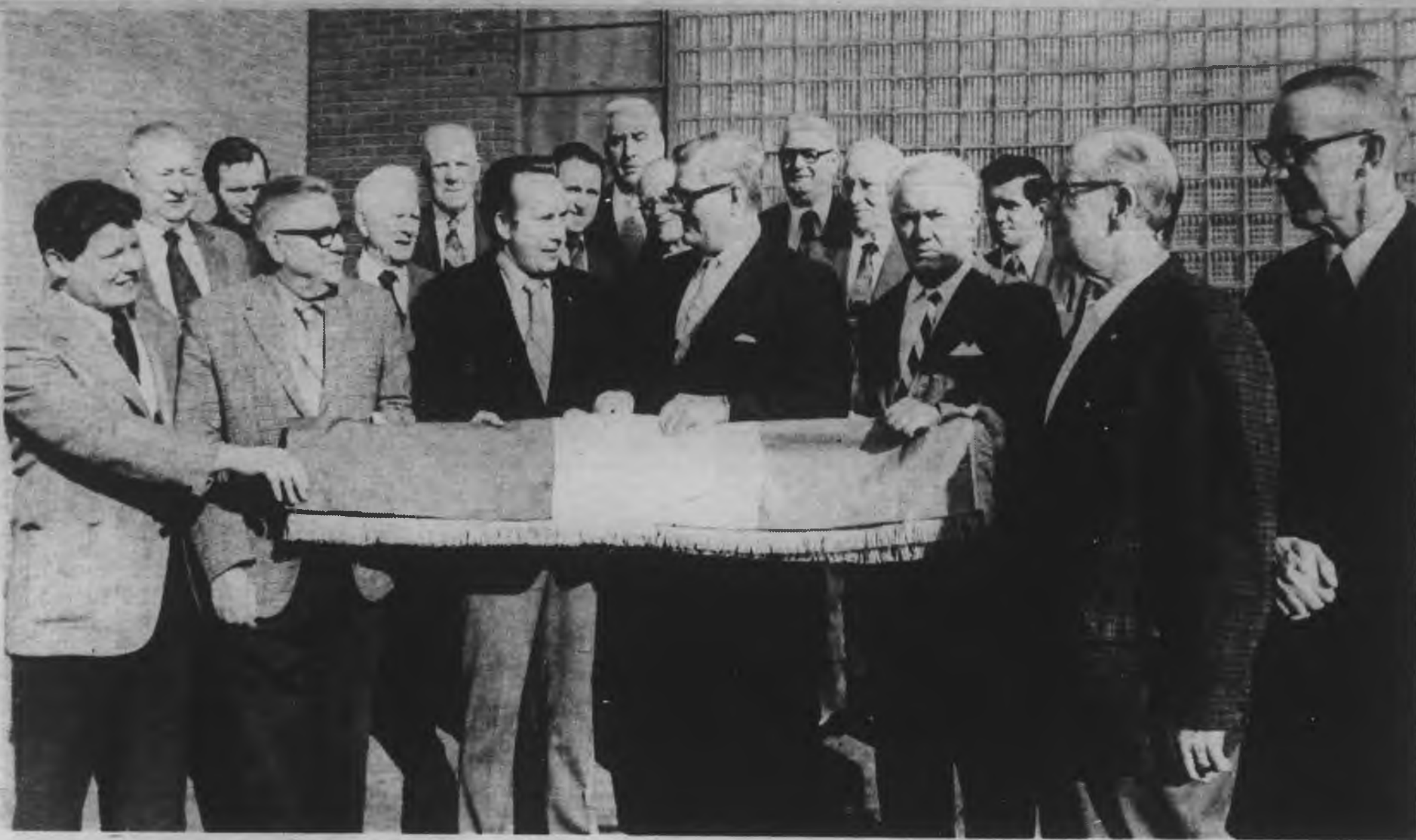
N.B. Bumper stickers -- "Support a United Ireland", Ancient Order of Hibernians in America -- may be obtained by sending one dollar (\$1.00) to Irish Relief Fund.

National President Installs New County Officers

Officers of all divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Allegheny County, Pa., were installed by National A.O.H. President Edward Fay on Sunday, January 21. Mr. Fay was re-elected to his second term as National President at the National Convention in Dublin in July, 1972, and also serves as Allegheny County President. The ceremonies were performed at Homestead A.O.H. Division No. 34, 619 McClure St., where 11 local division Presidents took their oaths of office for 1973.

Also highlighting this year's installation was an address by Brother Clement Wallace on the founding of his religious community - The Order of St. John of God. Brother Clement gave an inspiring talk of his Order's work with mentally handicapped children.

A sympathetic weatherman assisted by providing a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon. The afternoon's festivities were capped off with a delicious lunch provided by Division No. 34 and their very able president, Edward Kelly.



NEW DIVISION OFFICERS of the Allegheny County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were installed by the National President, Ed Fay, recently

in Homestead, Pa. The photo was taken outside of the Club rooms of Division 34 in Homestead.

Murphy Elected President Of John F. Kennedy Div.

Albert D. Murphy was elected 1973 president of the John F. Kennedy Division, AOH, Bridgeport, Conn., at a recent meeting.

The slate of officers also included Martin J. Devaney vice president; James Kisanane, treasurer; Richard W. Callahan, financial secretary; Patrick Boland, recording secretary; James F. Kerr, chairman of Standing Committee; John Brophy, marshal, and Michael Clifford, sentinel.

No man has served the cause of Hibernianism with greater zeal and dedication, both in the local Bridgeport area and the Connecticut state level, than Brother Albert Murphy, newly elected president of the Kennedy Division. His long and active career with the order, which has included many city and state offices, began in 1952 when the Kennedy Division was reactivated. He was elected marshal the following year, and in 1955 was named to the office of secretary, a post which he held for an unprecedented 13 years.

During his years as secretary, he inaugurated and edited a monthly bulletin which is mailed to all Kennedy Division members and which keeps them informed of all meetings, activities and events, not only of their own division but also items of interest on the county, state, and national levels. Although Brother Murphy relinquished the secretary's duties in 1968 he still continues as editor of this most interesting and informative news letter.

During Mr. Murphy's tenure as secretary, the Bridgeport division climbed to the top position as the largest in the country with a membership of over 600 Hibernians. Brother Murphy was elected vice president in 1968 and the following year succeeded to the office of president, following the death of the incumbent prexy, Joseph Callahan.

On the county level, Mr. Murphy held the office of secretary of the Fairfield County Board for a seven-year period from 1957 to 1964. In 1964 he moved up to the position of state secretary and he ably fulfilled the duties of this office for six years until 1970 when he was elected vice president of the Connecticut State Board.

On the local level he already has instituted a membership campaign which he hopes will result in a membership of over 750. Also on his program is an increase in the recreational, social, and spiritual activities for the coming year, and with the enthusiasm demonstrated by the Kennedy Division members in the past few months, it augurs well for the success of these efforts.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The annual Christmas party of the Bridgeport Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held on December 12th at Three Door Restaurant. The slate of officers was installed by Mrs. Mary Daly, county president.

Mrs. Albert Murphy was reelected as president and will be assisted by the following officers: Mrs. Edward Simons, vice president; Mrs. J. Barry O'Connell, recording secretary; Miss Julia Conroy, financial secretary; Mrs. Paul Gavell, treasurer; Mrs. William Glynn, Catholic Action; Mrs. Rosalie Sullivan, Missions; Mrs. Gary Monahan, Irish history; Mrs. John Wynne, grievance; Miss Mary Kane, mistress-at-arms; Mrs. Patrick Sherwin, sentinel; Mrs. John King and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, ways and means, and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, publicity.

Honored guests, in addition to Mrs. Mary Daly, were the Rev. Msgr. David Bannon, pastor of St. Peter Church; the Rev. Kiley, chaplain of the auxiliary; the



GREETINGS ARE EXCHANGED BY Prime Minister John J. Lynch, National President Ed Fay, National Chaplain Bishop Vincent M. Leonard, and Arch-

bishop Dermot Ryan, Primate of Ireland, in Dublin. The four discussed the program for the National Convention held in Dublin in 1972.

Successful Irish U.S. Concert Tour

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We are anxious to strengthen the cultural bonds between Irish people in all parts of the world and in this way to demonstrate the rich heritage which is ours.

I take this opportunity, through the courtesy of the *Hibernian Digest*, to extend the good wishes of the cultural movement in Ireland to our friends in the United States. We have been invited to undertake another tour in 1973 and at the December meeting of our Central Executive Council it was unanimously agreed to accept this kind invitation.

Ath-bhlaiain faoi shean is faoi mhaise dhibh uilig.

Rev. Francis Deevy, chaplain of the John F. Kennedy Division, AOH, and the Rev. George McDermott.

Kennedy Medal Nominations

TO: All National Officers, elected and appointed, State, District and Provincial Presidents and Secretaries, County and Division Presidents as well as National President of Ladies' Auxiliary.

Nominations for candidates as recipients of the 1973 John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal will continue to be accepted until February 15.

National Director J. Robert Tweedy said that conditions as set forth in Article xxvii, National Constitution, will be strictly adhered to, and all nominators are instructed to read this Article prior to the submission of their nominations.

Direct nominations to J. Robert Tweedy, Chairman, Kennedy Medal Committee, 1973, 8207 Loch Raven Road, Towson, Maryland, 21204.

Brooklyn Division To Celebrate 125th Anniversary

Hibernians in Brooklyn, New York, are getting ready for the celebration of their 125th anniversary and it is expected to be the biggest event in years.

March 30, 1973, will be declared by the Borough President as "Brooklyn Hibernian Day", and also that same evening, the Grand Ball will be held in Flatbush in the Carlyle, on Ave 'D' and East 43rd Street.

A Journal will be published giving a history of the Hibernians in Kings County, since 1848. Advertisements are available for those friends and businessmen interested in supporting this very special event. Cost of a full page is \$30. For further details write: A.O.H. 125th Anniversary Chairman, Hibernian Hall, 4621, Ave 'D', Brooklyn, New York, or telephone (212) 451-9764.

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IRISH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

Arrangements Complete For Nat'l. Essay Contest

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Essay Topics And Rules

Competition 1

ELIGIBLE: All students attending public, private or parochial elementary schools.

TOPIC: "COMMODORE JOHN BARRY"

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 500 to 750 words

Competition 2

ELIGIBLE: All students attending high schools and academies.

TOPIC: "THE LAND OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS"

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 800 to 1,000 words

Competition 3

ELIGIBLE: All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, their friends and all students attending colleges and universities.

TOPIC: "THE WILD GEESSE"

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 1200 to 1500 words

TIME FOR CONTEST

Competition will open on March 1, 1973 and will close May 1, 1973. Division Presidents will collect essays no later than May 5th and immediately forward them to their County President. County Presidents will transmit essays as quickly as possible to their State President.

Each State President shall appoint a Committee to examine all essays. This committee shall select the best three essays in each competition. The State President shall forward these nine essays to the National Chairman of Irish History at the address listed below. The essays should reach the National Chairman by May 15th.

WRITING AND PAPER

Essays may be typed or handwritten on white paper, size 8-1/2x11 inches; and only one side of the sheet is to be used.

Contestants shall not write their names or addresses or any other identification marks on essays; instead they shall put this information on separate slips of paper and clip them to the essay.

PRIZES

Each competition shall have three Medals as prizes. First Prize - Gold Medal, Second Prize - Silver Medal, and Third Prize - Bronze Medal.

Each one of the nine Medals shall be called "Ancient Order of Hibernian History Medal."

AWARD CERTIFICATE

An Award Certificate will be presented to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Division, School, Academy, College, or University, which produces the writer of a First Prize essay in any of the three competitions.

JUDGING OF NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Essays submitted by State Presidents by May 15 to the National Historian shall be judged by three Judges whose names shall be published after the First, Second and Third Prize winners in each contest are made known. Each essay shall be judged on the basis of grammar and punctuation, sentence structure and knowledge of the subject as shown by writer's facts, order of ideas and organization of facts, as well as originality in the writing and in the construction of essay.

Additional information on the National Essay Contest may be obtained by writing to the National Historian:

Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian
523 East 14th St., New York, N.Y. 10009

Judge Comerford Parade Chairman

OVER 300 DELEGATES unanimously re-elected the Hon. James J. Comerford as chairman of the 1973 New York St. Patrick's Day Parade, at a recent meeting of the Parade Committee in New York. All affiliated organizations can look forward to a very successful parade, knowing that the planning and arrangements are in the capable hands of this chairman and his excellent committee. Organizations, individual members and friends are invited to become financial patrons of the parade. Subscriptions begin at \$25. Names of patrons will be printed in the official Parade Program. Address subscriptions to The Chairman, St.



HON. JAMES J. COMERFORD

Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee, Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

James Shields of Tyrone

Soldier, Jurist and Statesman

By Hon. Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian

Much has been written on the contributions of Irish immigrants to the U.S.A., their adopted land. Their loyalty and unswerving support to their new land, in every national emergency, from Colonial days to Vietnam, is well known throughout the country. Their valuable contributions in the fields of labor, politics, education, military affairs, business, science and the arts need no documentation here.

However with the thought in mind that it is well to pause now and then, to reflect and to be refreshed by the recollection of an outstanding example of an Irishman who served this land well, these few words are written on James Shields of Tyrone, a soldier, jurist and statesman.

He was born a farmer's son, at Altmore, Pomeroy, County Tyrone, on May 6, 1806. In 1823, when only 17 years of age, young Jim arrived in New York. Thereafter he moved to Illinois, studied law and was admitted to the Bar. He was elected and served in the Illinois legislature with Abraham Lincoln.

In 1846 he was commissioned a Brigadier General and commanded the First Illinois Regiment. In active combat, leading his troops, at Chapultepec during the Mexican War, a gaping hole was made in his lung by gunshot. The bleeding wound was stemmed by a cotton cloth which was inserted by a rifle rod into his chest and out his back.

After the war he served by appointment as a Justice of the State Supreme Court. In 1852, the people of Illinois elected him to represent them for an unexpired term in the United States Senate.

When he failed to be reelected in 1854, General Shields moved to Minnesota. There he founded the town of Shieldsville, in which a large Catholic Church occupied a prominent place. His natural ability, oratorical talents and attractive personality again won for him the hearts of the people. President Polk appointed him United States Land Commissioner.

In 1858, only four years after migrating

to Minnesota, he was elected U.S. Senator from the state. In 1861 when the Civil War erupted, Senator Shields joined the Union Army and was once more commissioned a Brigadier General. On March 16, 1862, at the battle of Winchester, he engaged the incomparable General "Stonewall" Jackson and acquitted himself with great distinction.

Though in his early years in Illinois, Shields and Lincoln had bitter disagreements, at the end of the Civil War, he gave strong support to the policies of Lincoln and President Andrew Johnson, advocating compassion for the fallen foe.

In any event, the urge of "the Flying Geese" was still strong within him, and he moved to Missouri. Success followed him here too. In 1877, he was elected U.S. Senator from Missouri.

Shields clubs were organized in many cities including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Troy and Auburn. The "Shields Guards" and "Shields Club" of New York marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade of 1853.

On June 1, 1879, while on a nationwide lecture tour, he died in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was buried in Carrolton, Missouri.

Who else can name a man who served as a General in two wars and U.S. Senator from three different states?

On December 6, 1893, the Illinois State Legislature appropriated \$9,000, to render a life size bronze statue of General James Shields in uniform, to be placed in the Hall of Statues on Capitol Hill, in our nation's capitol. There you will find it today standing imposingly on a marble pedestal. On its base is this inscription: "General James Shields; Warrior, Jurist, Statesman."

If current immigration laws were in effect in 1823, this story could not be written because General Shields could never have darkened our door.*

*Source material from "The Red Bricks and Green Bushes," by the late Deputy Police Commissioner James McElroy of New York City via Tyrone.

Rhode Island State Officers

James A. P. Freethy of Providence and Mrs. Beatrice Sadler of Pawtucket were elected Rhode Island state presidents of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliary at the state conventions held at St. Xavier Academy, Providence, Rhode Island.

Other AOH Rhode Island officers elected were Neil Sullivan of Newport, vice president; James Mahoney of Middletown, secretary; Robert Beattie of Newport, treasurer; Edward L. Dugan of Newport, John Donovan of Providence, Patrick J. Fallon of Providence and George Connell of Newport, directors; Thomas P. Loughran of Warwick, chairman of Freedom for all Ireland; Timothy J. Foley of Providence, chairman of Catholic Action; Joseph McCarthy of Cranston, organizer; Thomas Dugan of Newport, historian and Edward O'Donnell of Providence, chairman of charities.

Other Rhode Island auxiliary officers elected were Miss Mary Bradley of Central Falls, vice president; Miss Catherine Leddy of Providence, secretary; Mrs. Abbie V. C. Smith of Westerly, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Dolan of Pawtucket, chairman of Irish History; Mrs. Martha Fyfe of Westerly, chairman of Catholic Action; Mrs. Jennie McCarthy of Newport, chairman of charities and missions; Miss Mary Casey of Newport, chairman of Freedom for all Ireland and Miss Mary E.

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Suffolk A.O.H. Ladies Honor St. Brigid

The Suffolk County Ladies with Irish step dancing and music. The celebration was under the directorship of Tena McCormack, County Chairlady of Catholic Action.

This was the fourth annual celebration honoring St. Brigid under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y. In recent years, this celebration has been a popular event among Hibernians.

St. Patrick's Day Greetings From Around the Nation

The March issue of the National Hibernian Digest will carry greeting advertisements from our Division's County, District and State Boards across the country to your Brother and Sister Hibernians.

GREETING INSERTIONS will be \$5.00 and \$10.00 ea.

It is expected that the monies from these greetings will help finance the cost of what is expected to be a much larger issue of the National Hibernian Digest for March, 1973.

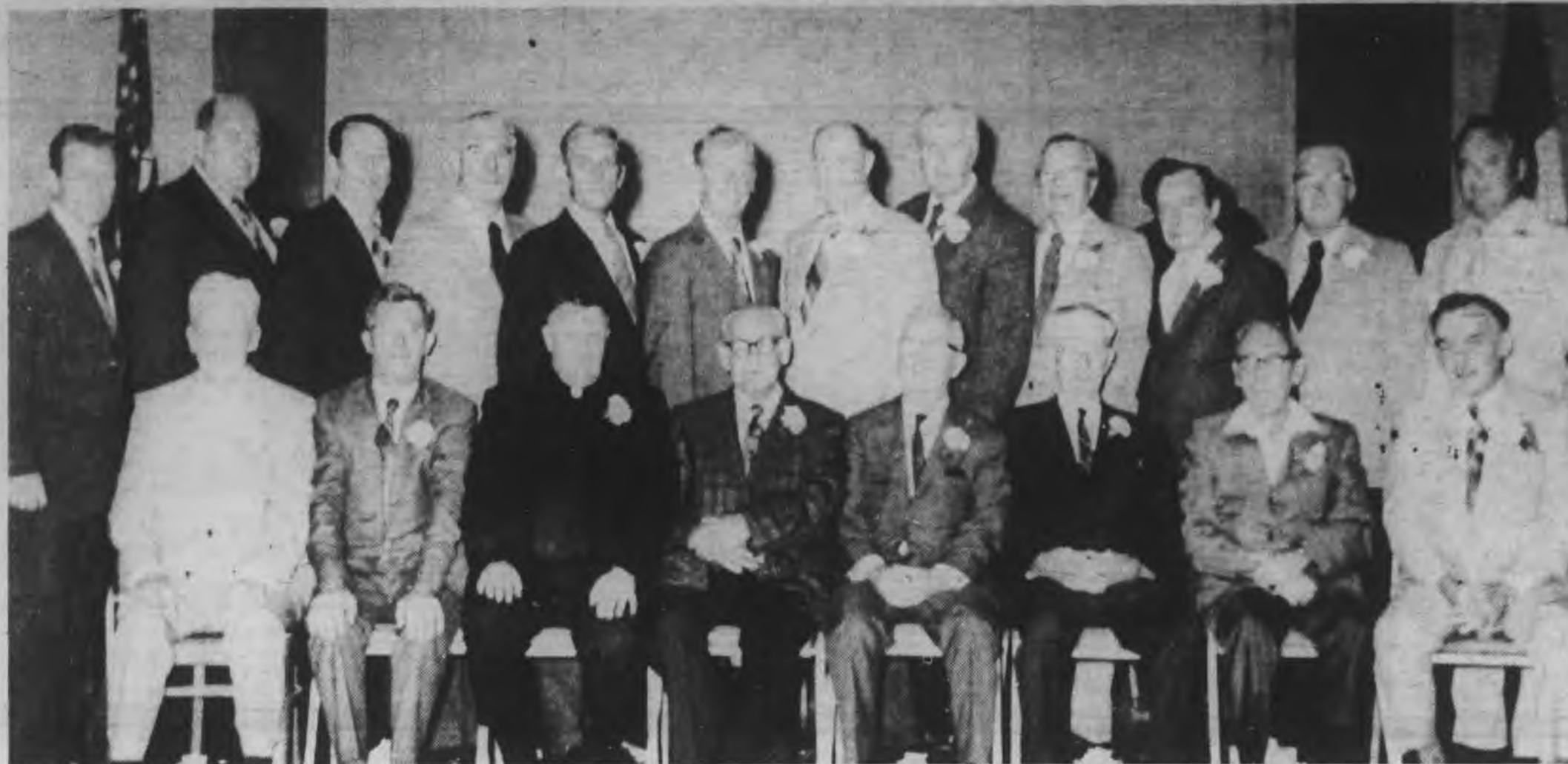
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Massachusetts Hibernians Honor 18 Past Presidents



PAST PRESIDENTS and guests attending Division 14's Dinner Dance on September 30 are shown above. They are: seated (left to right) Daniel Bowen, James Kelly, the Rev. Daniel Cronin (Chaplain), Joseph Donnelly, Walter J. O'Leary, Martin Glynn, Martin Ferris, and John Manning. Standing are Frederick

Donovan, John Connolly, Edward Wallace, Richard Johnson, Edward Sliney, Robert T. Smith, Gerard Riley, Robert Mulvaney, William Thomas (Master of Ceremonies), Joseph Beirne, James Carty, and Paul Kelly. Missing from the photo was Richard Greenough.

(Photo by Bob Danforth)

Division 14 of Watertown, Mass., now the largest in membership in the United States, paid tribute to 18 past presidents at a Dinner Dance, Saturday, September 30, held at the Division home on Watertown Street.

With an advance notice

sent to members of limited reservations, more than 200 attended the party.

Among the head-table honored guests were: Joseph Donnelly, now the oldest living of the past presidents; Walter J. O'Leary, past National President and twice,

president of the Watertown Division; John Manning, who, also served two terms as president; Bob Mulvaney, named "Hibernian of the Year" for 1972; County President Bob Smith and Division Chaplain, The Rev. Daniel Cronin.

This year's president, Paul Kelly, presented fitting mementos to those being honored. Dance music was provided by Billy Radd and his orchestra, with past Recording Secretary Bill Thomas as Master of Ceremonies.



JAMES O'CONNOR, a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians District Board, served as host for the private visit of Mrs. John W. Lynch, wife of Ireland's Prime Minister, at the Irish Imagination Exhibit held at Corcoran Gallery in Washington. The exhibit was sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute. Cooperating sponsors included the A.O.H. Division Board, Division No. 4 of Washington, Division No. 1 of Virginia, and the A.O.H. of Maryland. Shown above are Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Lynch enjoying light refreshment as they view the exhibits.

MARRIAGE - IRISH STYLE

The Central Statistics Office (Dublin) reports the Irish marriage rate is still among the lowest in the world - but improving slightly (from 5.90 to 6 per thousand).

The groom's average age has been gradually dropping from the former 33.1 years. The most popular age for grooms now runs 25 to 29, for brides from 20 to 24.

RHODE ISLAND OFFICERS

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Foley of Pawtucket, organizer.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Tully, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Cranston, will serve as chaplain for the AOH and Auxiliary.

The Rhode Island officers were installed by William J. McEnery of Providence, past

Division 5 Tells Some Of Albany, N.Y. History

Long before the turn of the century, Albany, New York, was highly influenced by Irish immigrants. They were proudly identified with the building of the Erie Canal, railroads, and worked as stone cutters, cattle and wool dealers, not to mention the many shops and saloons they operated throughout the city.

Most of them emigrated from the southern and western counties of Ireland. They preserved the Old County customs and traditions, even today North Albany is better known as Limerick.

Family and County ties brought the "Clans" together every weekend where news from home was discussed over a cup of tea or a Pint. Eventually these groups organized into separate Divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians which was formed in New York City in 1836.

One of these groups was Division 5, chartered in 1896, which eventually encompassed all other Albany Divisions later named in Honor of our late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. When originally organized there were 25 charter members whose families became prominent in the religious, business and political life of Albany.

The greatest heritage of the Albany division, however was, and still is, the innate desire of members to open their homes to relatives and other immigrants, get them employment and see that they become truly good citizens

national AOH president and Mrs. Charles L. King of Newport, past national auxiliary president. Newport was selected as the site of the next state convention to be held in June, 1973.

while remaining loyal in spirit and memory to Ireland.

It was through the efforts of the Albany A.O.H. that Mayo-born Father Patrick Peyton was able to start his now world-wide Family Rosary Crusade. During the present crisis in Northern Ireland, Albany was among the first to donate financial assistance before any organized fund drive was instigated on behalf of the oppressed.

Albany, too, has the unique distinction of being the first Irish-American group to parade in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. It was in 1968 when they pioneered with a contingent of 150 persons. Last year there were more than 10,000 Americans participating in St. Patrick's week festivities.

"We are proud of our heritage and our contribution to the growth of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America," says Thomas Leach of Division 5.

A great asset to the Hibernians in Albany is the fact that they have their own clubhouse. When they built it, the energetic Patrick Glavin imported a stone from each of the four Irish Provinces. For example, he brought an oblong cut granite stone from a building in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny to represent Leinster.

Pat Glavin, a Travel Agent of State Street, Albany, transported the four stones from the four Provinces of Ireland to Albany. Only a Pat Glavin would have the perseverance to accomplish this task.

The four stones were built into the wall in the form of a Cross over the entrance door to the Albany Hibernian Home.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Brother Reynolds: Greetings from California. Please accept my congratulations on behalf of all members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the West Coast on your elevation to the Editorship of the National Digest.

I am going to send you all the interesting happenings in California, the site of the 1974 National Convention. - - Peter F. Hagan, President, Div. 1, Los Angeles.

JOY IS A NUN - JOY IS A PRIEST

Recently THE CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE ran an article on a vocational decal campaign called, "Joy Is A Nun" and "Joy Is A Priest."

Because of this article in Catholic newspapers, over 20,000 decals have been sent out to all areas of the country. Grammar School children are most enthusiastic over them. The purpose of the decals is to stress a very human quality of a religious vocation, the quality of JOY. A JOY in the religious life is a goal to be attained. The vocation of the religious is to work toward a JOY that is to be sought but not to be completely attained. Yet, the very quest of JOY in the religious does beget JOY. The journey of JOY demands sacrifice.

Since many more requests are coming in, our office is about to print 100,000 "Joy Is A Priest," "Joy Is A Nun," and "Joy Is A Brother" decals. Those who wish to purchase them may write to the Office of Communications, 477 Conn. Blvd., East Hartford, Conn. 06108. Their cost is 10 cents each. The figures of priests and brothers on the decals are black and white on red background. The decals of the nun are on yellow background. - - Rev. Edmund S. Nadolny, Archdiocese of Hartford.

Tale of First Transplant

Scholarly Richard Ormond of 555 Missouri Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio sends to The Digest the following piece of information which he extracted from "The Irish Press" - the Dublin newspaper.

"In a past issue of the 'Irish Medical Times' we were reminded that Sunday, September 27 was the Feast Day of SS. Cosmas and Damian who, with St. Luke the Evangelist, are the patrons of doctors."

According to "The Irish Press" the journal marks the occasion with a legend which would in a way prove that Cosmas and Damian were indeed the first to practice transplants.

It continues "The legend concerns a man of ancient Rome who had a cancerous leg. He prayed to the saints for help and, one night as he slept he had a dream in which he observed them coming out of the clouds towards him carrying their instruments and salves. After examining the leg they decided on amputation whereupon Cosmas asked Damian, 'What will we replace it with?' Damian reminded him that the body of a

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THE HON. HUGH C. BOYLE, President Judge of Orphans Court in Allegheny County, Pa., and a member of the A.O.H. Division 8, with Mrs. Boyle, chat with National President Ed Fay in Pittsburgh,

Pa. Judge Boyle will be retiring from the bench this year. He is a nephew of the late Bishop Hugh C. Boyle, who was at one time Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

Cincinnati Makes Plans For St. Patrick's Parade

On March 18, 1973, the Seventh Annual St. Patrick's Parade will be held in Downtown Cincinnati. The St. Patrick's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor the parade whose theme is "UNCLE SAM'S ALIVE." This parade has grown to be one of the biggest and best parades in the State of Ohio.

For Parade information, write to St. Patrick's Parade Headquarters, P. O. Box 23175, Cincinnati, O. 45223.

The Parade will start at 2:30 p.m., from the Union Terminal. Brother T.P. O'Brien is the Grand Marshal.

Over 150,000 people witnessed the 1972 Parade along

the streets of Cincinnati, and many, many more saw it on television. The march is on Sunday, March 18, no matter what the weather.

Final parade orders will be mailed February 24, to those units which are marching.

IRISH-BORN IN BRITAIN

There are over one million Irish-born people living in Britain, and in some areas of London the Irish population is as high as 14 percent. In parts of Manchester 10 percent of the population is Irish, in Glasgow 9 percent, in Birmingham 8 percent. Some 350 Irish clubs are spread throughout Britain.



JOHN J. HOSWELL

A.O.H. Denounces Abortion Ruling

By J. J. Hoswell,
National Chairman
of Catholic Action

It was with deep shock that Catholics throughout the United States received the news of the Supreme Court ruling making abortion now legal in all states.

What can we as Catholics do? I urge all chairmen of Catholic Action at all levels of our Order to bring to the attention of our membership the disastrous affects that this decision can have on countless children of future generations.

Those who pressured for the passage of this act claimed that it is the woman's right. By this very same right, women now have the privilege of condemning countless unborn children to death.

Who is going to speak for these innocents who should have the right to life, as is God's will, but may now be denied as someone else's right.

We in the Ancient Order of Hibernians had been warned of the possibility of this happening many times in recent years. Did we listen? Did we do enough? Obviously not.

Fellow Hibernians, we must be prepared now to unite and let our strongest indignation be felt throughout the length and breadth of this great country, to those in

Msgr. Lawlor To Be Feted At Testimonial Dinner

A testimonial dinner will be held in honor of Msgr. John T. Lawlor on February 10 at Thomm's Restaurant, Park Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Msgr. Lawlor joined Division 3, A.O.H., Newark, N.J., in 1935, and served as its president in 1940. He is one of the few members of the clergy to have served as a division president. He also acted as Division Chaplain from 1939 to 1950, and served as State Chaplain of the A.O.H. and Ladies' Auxiliary from 1950 to 1972.

In August of 1952, Msgr. Lawlor was elected First Deputy National Chaplain at the National Convention held in Atlantic City, N.Y., and served it faithfully for 10 years until 1962. The Chaplain's Institute has since been abolished, as has the Chaplain's Dinner at all National Conventions since 1952.

An honorary life member of The Ancient Order of Hibernians since May, 1953, Father Lawlor was County Chaplain of both the A.O.H. and Ladies' Auxiliary of Essex County, from 1940 to 1956. He is now a member of Division No. 9 of Montclair, N.J., having been transferred to the office of Pastor of "Our Lady of Lourdes" of West Orange, N.J.

The hard working clergyman also instituted the Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass, which was originally held in different cities, but

positions of authority, namely our Congressmen and Senators.

In due course you will be notified of what Action our Order will take after consultation with our National Chaplain.

In the meantime, let us get out and support our own Parish Priests in their efforts on our behalf.

Remember, Abortion is nothing short of Legal Murder.

The right to life and death is God's will, and our privilege. - John J. Hoswell, National Chairman of Catholic Action.

for the past eight to 10 years has been celebrated in St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark, N.J.

Those interested in attending the testimonial dinner honoring this man of the cloth, please contact one of the following: Robert J. Fastow, 22 Swarthmore Drive, Carteret, N.J.; Thomas M. Conroy, 306 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, N.J. 07029; Miss Viola Gill, 366 Fulton Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07305; Mrs. Veronica Harvey, 117 E. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, N.J. 07204.

Mr. Fastow is chairman of the affair, and Mrs. Harvey is co-chairman. They hope to see all members attend.

Tale Of First Transplant

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Moor who had just died had been buried nearby. Without delay they went to the grave and took the leg from the Moor's body which they took back to the table on which they were operating. Then the dream faded and the man slept on.

"When he awakened in the morning he got the shock of his life; the leg was cured. But it was now black. A check at the grave where the Moor had been buried showed that the body now had a white leg.

"Dr. J. P. Corridan, who wrote the article for the journal, comments: "Anyone, therefore, wishing to name a transplant unit could hardly do better than commemorate those two saints."

"Incidentally, and to bring the analogy up to date, the second heart transplant operation moved a heart from a colored person to a white man!"

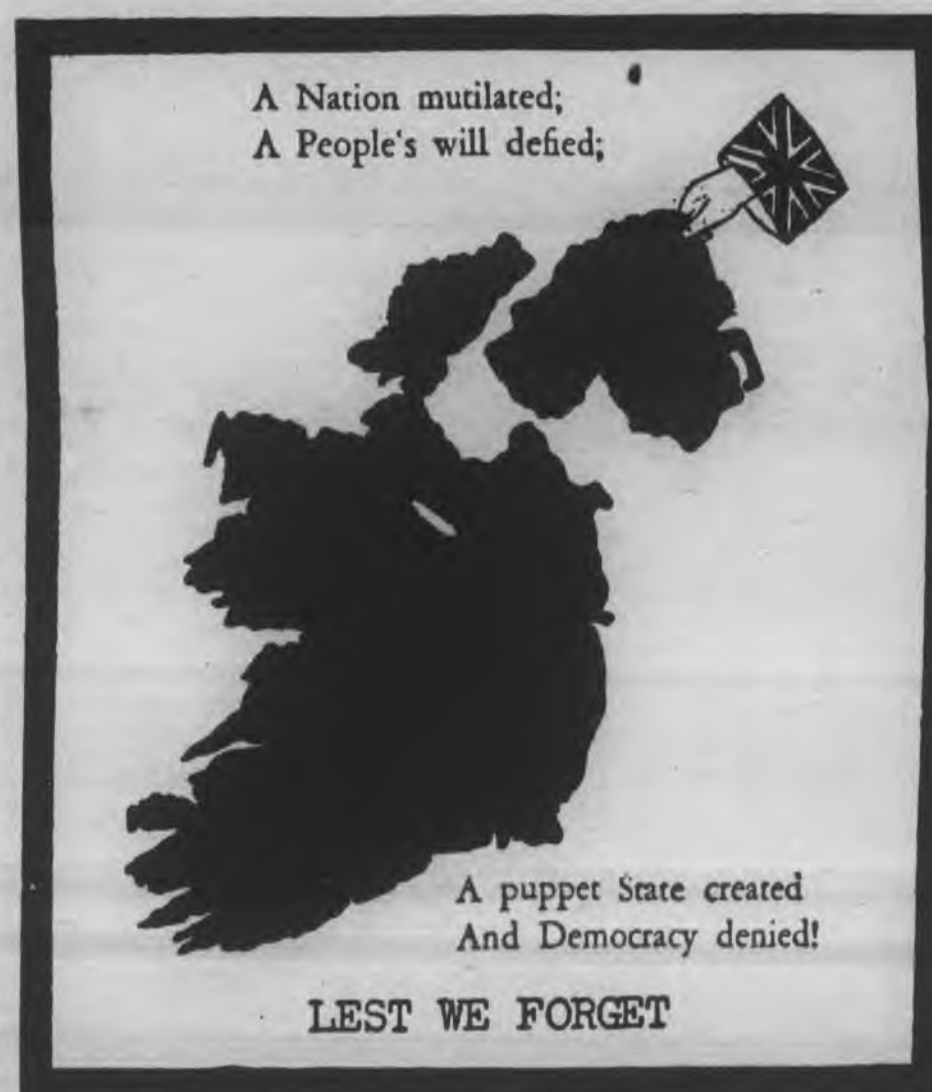
Dick Ormond, who was elected a National A.O.H. Director in 1968, is a prominent Cincinnati Insurance businessman. He was born in County Wexford, Ireland.

LEST WE FORGET

Let us in our prayers remember the suffering people in the six North Eastern Counties of Ireland.

Let us in our prayers remember the internees. Let us in our prayers remember those who have died that one day Ireland shall know complete and absolute freedom.

Let us in our works as Hibernians help the needy and the suffering in the land of our forebears.



Review Of Irish Penal Laws

For a review of the Penal Laws by which England had hoped to destroy the faith of the Irish.

Lest we forget - - that the spirit that fathered the Penal Laws still exists in the British-dominated area in the north of Ireland today, we briefly outline these laws - - an everlasting disgrace to England.

An Irish Catholic was forbidden:

1. To exercise his religion
2. To receive an education
3. To enter a profession
4. To own a horse of greater value than \$25.00
5. To hold public office
6. To engage in trade
7. To live within five miles of a corporate town
8. To vote or sit on a jury
9. To purchase land or to lease
10. To keep arms
11. To buy land or accept a gift from a Protestant
12. To inherit land from Protestants
13. To rent land worth more than 30 shillings a year
14. To reap any profit exceeding a third of the rent
15. To send his child to a Catholic teacher
16. Be a guardian to a child
17. Leave his children under Catholic guardianship
18. To send his child abroad to receive an education (Penalty - - forfeiture of all possessions)
19. Attend Catholic worship
20. Employ a Catholic teacher for his children
21. Priest and teacher banned.

Hibernians Promote Irish Culture



THOMAS FARRELLY HONORED... In fulfillment of the provision of the A.O.H. Constitution, "To promote Irish Culture", the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. Washington, D.C., gave a reception for Thomas Farrelly, Secretary of the Irish Dancing Commission and Editor of "CEIM", a trade publication of Irish Dancing, who was visiting the United States recently. The reception was given in the Carriage Hill Community Center, Hillcrest Heights, Md., where Mrs. Peggy O'Neill conducts Irish dancing classes. Mr. Farrelly officiat-

ed as a judge of an Irish dancing exhibition given by dancers from the Peggy O'Neill Dancing School, Washington, D.C. Shown are, from the left, Frank O'Neill, James J. O'Connor, Mrs. O'Neill, James G. Hollywood, Miss Judy Huff and Mr. Farrelly. Brothers O'Neill, O'Connor and Hollywood are members of the Emerald Isle Division. Mr. Hollywood is the A.O.H. District Board President, Washington, D.C., and Miss Huff is the violinist at the Peggy O'Neill Dancing School.

Long Island Div. Plans Busy 1973

Division No. 7, Our Lady of Knock, Long Island, Suffolk County, has completed a year of varied and productive activity on behalf of our order.

One of the notable achievements was the induction of 21 new members into the division. In December the division elected the following officers for the year 1973: Jerry Slattery, president; Tom Walsh, vice president; Bob Phillips, recording secretary; Dennis Haughney, financial secretary and Herman Boyle, treasurer. They were installed on January 7.

The membership is busy planning for its tenth anniversary celebration which will be held February 17 at the Montfort Seminary, Bay Shore, N.Y. The event promises to be the biggest in the Division's 10-year history.

Preparations are also being made for the eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held in East Islip, N.Y., on Sunday, March 11. The chief reviewing officers for the parade, Long Island's largest, will be William Kinane, national A.O.H. director and the Rev. Peter McCrann, rector of the Montfort Seminary and Division No. 7's chaplain. The division members elected Patrick Fitzpatrick, founding president of Division No. 7, as parade grand marshal.

The officers and members of Our Lady of Knock would like to extend to fellow Hibernians everywhere their best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year.

Bronx Division 6 Installs Officers

Officers of the John McGrath Division No. 6, Bronx County, for 1973 were installed recently by the President of the Bronx County Board, A.O.H., The Hon. Henry J. Ferguson.

Installed were President Matthew Hartnett, Vice President James Mangan, Financial Secretary and Treasurer William J. Healy, Recording Secretary Patrick Higgins, Marshal William Ferguson Sr., Sentinel Patrick Byrnes, Chairman of Standing Committee Patrick J. Byrnes, and Appointed Officers, Chaplain The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Leary, Trustees Maurice McGrath, James Mangan and Thomas Frawley, Organizer Joseph Cunningham and Historian Frank Gildea.

County President Ferguson gave an interesting talk on the activities of the Hibernian Organization, and its interest in civic affairs. Division plans for future activities, both social and civic, were announced by Division President Hartnett. A social followed the installation ceremonies.

Men of Irish birth or descent wishing to become members of Division No. 6, one of the oldest and most active in Bronx County, having been organized in 1893, can get the necessary information by calling 892-0093, 994-6438 or 733-3257. The Division meets on the second Sunday of each month in Our Lady of Mercy School Hall, Marion Avenue near Fordham Road, at 2:30 p.m.

PARNELL REMEMBERED IN FLATBUSH BULLETIN

Division 35, of Kings County (Brooklyn), New York City, publishes a newsy bulletin every month. It is named "The Flatbush Hibernian".

The masthead of this AOH bulletin carries the following quotations every edition.

"In the opinion of an English statesman no man is good in Ireland until he is dead and buried and unable to strike a blow for Ireland." --Parnell

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THOMAS FARRELLY HONORED... In fulfillment of the provision of the A.O.H. Constitution, "To promote Irish Culture", the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H. Washington, D.C., gave a reception for Thomas Farrelly, Secretary of the Irish Dancing Commission and Editor of "CEIM", a trade publication of Irish Dancing, who was visiting the United States recently. The reception was given in the Carriage Hill Community Center, Hillcrest Heights, Md., where Mrs. Peggy O'Neill conducts Irish dancing classes. Mr. Farrelly officiat-

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Long Island Div. Plans Busy 1973

Division No. 7, Our Lady of Knock, Long Island, Suffolk County, has completed a year of varied and productive activity on behalf of our order.

One of the notable achievements was the induction of 21 new members into the division. In December the division elected the following officers for the year 1973: Jerry Slattery, president; Tom Walsh, vice president; Bob Phillips, recording secretary; Dennis Haughney, financial secretary and Herman Boyle, treasurer. They were installed on January 7.

The membership is busy planning for its tenth anniversary celebration which will be held February 17 at the Montfort Seminary, Bay Shore, N.Y. The event promises to be the biggest in the Division's 10-year history.

Preparations are also being made for the eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held in East Islip, N.Y., on Sunday, March 11. The chief reviewing officers for the parade, Long Island's largest, will be William Kinane, national A.O.H. director and the Rev. Peter McCrann, rector of the Montfort Seminary and Division No. 7's chaplain. The division members elected Patrick Fitzpatrick, founding president of Division No. 7, as parade grand marshal.

The officers and members of Our Lady of Knock would like to extend to fellow Hibernians everywhere their best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year.

Bronx Division 6 Installs Officers

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County President Ferguson gave an interesting talk on the activities of the Hibernian Organization, and its interest in civic affairs. Division plans for future activities, both social and civic, were announced by Division President Hartnett. A social followed the installation ceremonies.

Men of Irish birth or descent wishing to become members of Division No. 6, one of the oldest and most active in Bronx County, having been organized in 1893, can get the necessary information by calling 892-0093, 994-6438 or 733-3257. The Division meets on the second Sunday of each month in Our Lady of Mercy School Hall, Marine Avenue near Fordham Road, at 2:30 p.m.

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Following the 9 a.m. Mass, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Breakfast was attended by over 400 brother and sister Hibernians and friends. Called on for remarks, Bishop Leonard spoke of his experience last summer in Ireland at the National Convention. National President

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The main address was given by Councilman John Lynch, a member of Division No. 15. Jack was active in the 1960 campaign of President John F. Kennedy, and he was a close personal friend of the late Robert Kennedy.

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Never to see again the beauty of those Wicklow hills, or the sun coming down on those Dublin mountains! Never to watch again the fishermen bringing in their boats to a well earned harbor within the careless safety of the Kerry shores. Never to taste the seas salt tang on the coast of Donegal, or to sit entranced by a lonely turf fire in Connemara, and hear the folk tell a story of some great hero of long ago. Never again to walk the streets of Cork while the bells of Shandon sing their praises of Garryowen. Never again to cross the beloved glens of storied Antrim and remember the deeds of men of long. Never again, oh my Erin, never.

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Aye, I was young and I heeded those cries, and no contentment would I know until I could savor the taste of the names -- London, Edinburgh, San Francisco, New Orleans, Naples, Sydney, Melbourne, Washington, New York . . . New York!

And here in New York it seems I shall end my days. In a grand house East of New York and well waited upon. Was it irony to call the house "Cobh", for this quiet arbor does not still my longing for the bright lights or the impassioned green of Ireland.

John Duffy Heads N.Y. St. Patrick's Day Parade

John William Duffy was installed as Grand Marshal of the 1973 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City at a meeting on March 6, at the Hotel Commodore. The nominations and elections were presided over by Parade Committee Chairman Judge James Comerford.



JOHN W. DUFFY, Grand Marshal, 1973 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

John Duffy was born 64 years ago in Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland. He was one of five children, three boys and two girls, of Bernard and Bridget (nee White) Duffy. His father was an engineer for the Great Northern Railroad, working on the Belfast to Dublin run. When John was a youngster, the family moved to Dundalk, County Louth. John grew up in Dundalk and was educated at the local National Schools and at the School of the Irish Christian Brothers in Dundalk.

Seeking fame and fortune, young Jack Duffy emigrated to the United States in 1928

and landed in Manhattan, which he has made his home borough ever since. For 14 years, he worked in the purchasing department of Bloomingdale's Stores (where he first met another young Irish immigrant, James Comerford from Kilkenny). Duffy joined the New York City Transit Authority in 1943 and through hard work, study (at Washington Irving High School and Columbia University's School of Business Administration) and competitive examinations, rose to his present position of Supervisor on the Management Staff of the Transit Authority. Jack Duffy is also a Charter Member (1960) of the Transit Emerald Society, and its current treasurer.

COUNTY LOUTH SOCIETY

Jack joined the County Louth Society of New York in 1940 and has been active in that group ever since, holding several offices including the presidency in 1952 and 1953. In 1943, he was appointed by County Louth as their delegate to the United Irish Counties Association and has served in that position ever since.

In 1949 and 1950 John Duffy was elected president of the UICA, and is currently on the Irish Counties Board of Directors. Since 1948 he has been active on the association's most ambitious and best known project, the Irish Counties Feis or "cultural festival of Irish song, dance and art." For the past 14 years (except for a two-year period), John Duffy has been chairman of this Feis and has nourished and brain-trusted its growth to its present status as the finest cultural festival of its type in the country.

He has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for over 26 years, serving at division, county, state and national levels. He is a past president of Div. 3, New York County; past president of the New York County Board; and was Editor of the National Hibernian Digest, the official newspaper of the A.O.H. in America, from 1964 to 1968. John Duffy has been a delegate to the Order's national conventions for the past 12 years and was Chairman of the important Credentials Committee of the Order's last National Convention in Dublin in July, 1972. He is currently Secretary of the New York State Board of the A.O.H.

Duffy has been associated with the St. Patrick's Day Parade since he first marched in the Parade back in the 1940's. He has been active on the Parade's Formation Committee since 1955 and has been chairman of the Formation Committee, as well as vice chairman of the Parade, since 1966. Speaking of this responsible position, Parade Chairman Judge James J. Comerford, recently said: "On the day of March 17th -- St. Patrick's Day -- the Chairman of Formation has the most important job connected with the whole Parade. On John Duffy and his committee depends the success of the Parade."

JOHN'S FAMILY

John is married to the former Helen Quinn of New York City, both of whose parents were born in County Galway. The Duffy's live on Wadsworth Ave. in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan and are pari-

shioners of St. Elizabeth's Church. A married son, John B. Duffy, is the Senior Projects Engineer with the firm of Fellows, Reid & Weber Construction Engineers in his hometown of Toms River, New Jersey. Grand Marshal Duffy is the grandfather of seven-months-old Eric John Duffy.

On their frequent visits to Ireland, the Duffy's visit John's two brothers in Dundalk: George, who owns the George Duffy Coach Building Company, and Bernard, who is an auditor with the Great Southern Hotels group. A sister, Mrs. Patrick McElarney, also lives in Dundalk. Another sister, Mrs. George Cannon, is married in Monaghan City to the County Manager of Mongahan.

When in Ireland, the Duffy's always spend several days visiting Mrs. Duffy's people, the Quinns, in Galway. Her parents, John and Nora Quinn, came from Corker, Giltartan, near Gort. Though Helen Quinn Duffy's seven brothers and sisters -- Jack, Eddie, Nora, Mary, Rita, Betty and Eileen all live in New York City, she has cousins, aunts and uncles throughout Galway.

GRAND MARSHAL

Says John Duffy of his election as Grand Marshal: "In doing this great honor to me, note has been taken of my small accomplishments in various Irish groups, including the Parade Committee. I see this honor also as a compliment to the men and women who have worked with me over the years, who labor so diligently to put this Parade on Fifth Avenue each year. I share this honor with them and acknowledge their wonderful help and support."

Over 300 Attend St. Brigid Event In Suffolk County

Over 300 Hibernians and friends attended the annual St. Brigid's Day affair sponsored by the Suffolk County Board Ladies Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians on February 4, at St. Joseph's Church, Kings Park, N.Y.

A beautiful 5 p.m. Mass, preceded by an honor-guard from the Saffron Kilts Pipe Band and a procession of Hibernian children, was celebrated by Father Dermott Cavanaugh of the Holy Ghost Order. Honored guests were Mrs. Mary Collins, past Ladies Auxiliary State President and Mrs. Jo Ahern, State Chairlady of Catholic Action, who presented the gifts at the altar. Other guests included Mrs. Mary Rabbitt, Ladies Auxiliary County President, and James Sullivan, AOH County President.

Following the Mass, the Suffolk County ladies served a hot corned beef and cabbage dinner to their enthusiastic supporters. The celebration festivities included step-dancing to the Irish accordion music of AOH Brother Andrew O'Donnell, as well as the singing of Irish songs and dancing by Father Cavanaugh and Father Gerard Griffin, also of the Holy Ghost Order.

County Chairlady of Catholic Action, Mrs. Tena McCormack, coordinator of the affair, was assisted in her successful endeavor by representatives of the various Ladies Auxiliary divisions who through their zealous efforts, helped to make this day both an aesthetic success and a day to remember.

Junior Auxiliary Installed In Babylon, L.I.

Suffolk County Auxiliary Vice-President Sister Mae Hassett installed the Junior Division on Saturday, January 27 at the Hibernian Hall, Locust Drive, Babylon, Long Island, N.Y. Ages of the Juniors ranged from six years up to 16.

Those installed: President Bridget Close, Vice-President Eileen Keating, Recording Secretary Kathy O'Hara, Financial Secretary Sally Brogan, Treasurer Diana Rodden, Catholic Action, Kathy Quinlin, Missions, Margaret Hourican, Historian, Pat Stein, Standing Committee Chairman, Patricia Love, Master-at-Arms Siobhan Keating, and Sentinel Brenda McParland.

REMEMBER --

Our Membership Drive
HAVE YOU BROUGHT IN
A NEW MEMBER?



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY guests, including many officers from Binghamton, Auburn, Syracuse, Utica, Rochester and Troy, N.Y., applauded the newly elected officers of Fulton Division at the annual Hibernians joint installation dinner recently. Music was furnished by Angie Spano and his orchestra and everyone had a good time. Pictured above, from the left, are: President Charles Callen, State Vice President

Thomas McNabb, Installing Officer Rev. Francis Walters, representing Chaplain Rev. Robert Tierney, Vice President Francis Dann, Chairman of Committees Thomas Larkin, Secretary William Shinnich, Financial Secretary Thomas Coleman, James Donovan representing Marshal George Chalifoux, Sentinel James Sullivan and Treasurer Robert Callen.

EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

IRELAND

do thou lift up thy head!
Thy light shall burst forth as the sun
and thy glory shall not pass away.
There shall be peace and abundance
within thy boundaries and beauty and
strength in thy defenses
And though long shall it be desired,

MY COUNTRY

shall one day stand forth in its might
and be fresh in its beauty
like the Rose.

St. Malachy

Lest We Forget

'Fort Worth Five'

They are known as "The Fort Worth Five" a name that will live on for decades among all Irishmen and women in these United States of America. Or should we say that the five will be remembered by those who cared when they were in need. There are all too many of our Irish today who couldn't care less for the needs of the five, the needs of their families and loved ones, and care less about the situation in the six North Eastern Counties of Ireland - which we speak of today as Northern Ireland.

The St. Patrick's Day celebrations were a prime example of this. How did our Irish in the United States enjoy themselves? With celebrations that started in mid-February and continued into April. The corned beef and cabbage smelled good, the liquor flowed and the music, song and dance were of the best.

Every organization, no matter what the name, and church affiliated groups took advantage of the Feast Day of St. Patrick predominantly held for one purpose and one alone - to make an extra dollar for their very special cause, but little did one see of any of this money being donated to the families of the Fort Worth Five, the needy of Northern Ireland or the cause of Irish Freedom. Oh yes! Some one member of these organizations or associations may suggest at a later date "What about a small donation to Northern Ireland?" - and the donation will come.

But remember you took advantage of the great feast of St. Patrick, the culture, the music, the songs and the dancing of Ireland to make monies for your cause, with little thought for the suffering of those whose cause is a free and independent Ireland. You wore the green and called yourselves Irishmen for a day, whatever your lineage. What a success.

It is never too late to help those in need, and we should not ask ourselves how. If we really want to help we will find the way. The families of the Fort Worth Five, and the needy of North Ireland now . . . need your help. We are and should be familiar with the situation in North Ireland. With regard to the Fort Worth Five, they are five Irishmen from the New York area who have become known as "The Fort Worth Five" and are, at the present time, incarcerated in Seagoville Federal Correctional Institution, (except for a brief intermission when they were freed on bail) since June, 1972. These men have not been charged with a crime, nor are they even suspect in a criminal endeavor.

Three of the Fort Worth Five have wives and young families now left without means of support. One of the five is Mathias Reilly, a staunch member of the Rockland County N.Y. Hibernians - - Note. He was voted 'Hibernian of the Year' for 1972 in Rockland County.

These men are in jail because they invoked the right of the Fifth Amendment under the Constitution of the United States in refusing to answer the questions of a Texas-based federal Grand Jury, regarding the smuggling of arms from the United States to Northern Ireland. Their contention, which is perfectly correct, was that the immunity granted to them in the United States of America, did not prohibit their being extradited to England or Northern Ireland and prosecuted.

It is no secret that the inquiry and the convening of the Grand Jury, which led to the arrest of these five men,

was set in motion at the instigation of the British Foreign Office. Thus their refusal to answer questions was finally based on moral principals. (Sad but true, the influence of Mother England does stretch a long way, even to the heart of our adopted land.)

The Fort Worth Five have received considerable support from many divisions of our order and from individual Hibernians. That support, both moral and financial, has been a consolation and a source of pride to them. The men have frequently expressed their gratitude to their Hibernian friends, and indeed these supporters of justice and freedom are to be highly commended.

It is said of the Irish "That all their songs are sad and that their wars are happy". One feels sure that this is reserved and belongs to years long past. Their sufferings were at the hands of a tyrant called England, but the joy of our forebears in going to war was because they were fighting for a cause, called freedom.

Yes, if the dead long gone were to return today, they would ask - where is the loud clear voice of the Irish in America and around the world? Where is the ringing joy of the Irish in the challenges to justice and equality for Irishmen and Ireland?

Has our position been so eroded that we, the Irish who contributed so greatly to the growth of these United States, that we have become a negligible factor, a group to be ignored, if not, indeed scorned?

It is time ALL of us acted as Hibernians and not just a few. It is time we ceased to be just members, and well time that we gave more of our time in joining our Brother members in their work for those in need, namely . . . Reilly, Laffey, Tierney, Crawford and Morahan - known as the Fort Worth Five - - the needy of Northern Ireland - - and at all times, the cause of justice and equality of our people.

'IN A LOUD CLEAR VOICE' let us remember the words of St. Malachy.

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OUR PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

They are those appointed by our Division, County, and State Presidents of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. They are people we rarely hear from. Yet they have a tremendous obligation to their respective Presidents and to their Brother Hibernians. We thank those Chairmen who send us copy - their Presidents can be assured that the job of Chairman of Publicity is in good hands and that they have made a wise appointment. The prestige to the appointment is nice. - - Are there really all those Chairmen of Publicity out there? We hear from so few.

Who Are the "Shannonaires"?.... 'Their music travels through Erin'

In October 1959, a young County Galway man arrived in New York from Manchester where he had played with the resident orchestra at the "Sharrocks Royal Palais." Born about two miles from the little village of Ballymoe (famous in song) on the Galway - Roscommon border, he had, from early childhood, been exposed to the best in traditional Irish music.

Growing up a short 20 miles from what is, today, commonly known as "Coleman Country" the environment was right for the cultivation of a deep love and appreciation for the beautiful melodies of his native land.

At the age of 12, he received his first instructions on the violin by one of Ireland's finest music teachers, Leo Beirne from Williamstown, County Galway.

A year or two later, he became a student of the "Dominic O'Connor Dancing School" in Ballymoe. This comingling of traditional music and dance was to have a very decided effect on his career as a musician and teacher.

Today, the name, "Pete Kelly" has become a household word among the Irish in America. His contributions to Irish music in this country, both in supplying music for dancing championship competitions and in the field of teaching, is no secret and his students, many of whom have become professional musicians, give testimony to his ability as a teacher.

It was not until five years after his arrival in America that Pete Kelly decided on music as a full time profession. Although two years in the army (1960-1962) almost decided him along other lines, the years spent playing in Ireland and England were not easy to forget and in 1965 Pete decided to change from a part-time teacher to a full-time profession.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Reynolds: On behalf of the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport, Conn., our thanks and appreciation for the publication of article sent by me in the last issue of Hibernians News.

I enclose an article about activities of our division and hope that you may be able to publish same. In the last few issues of Hibernian News I find most interesting articles about the activities of the various divisions around the country.

Publication of division activities serves two purposes-not only does this news furnish other divisions with an idea as to what their fellow members are doing and accomplishing in the way of increasing membership; promoting Hibernianism, etc., and promoting the welfare and well-being of their own division. It also may serve as an example and spur other divisions who may have been lacking in promotional activities to greater efforts in the phases of membership increase and in spiritual, social, recreational activities for its membership.

--Sincerely, John F. Kennedy Division, Joseph P. Conroy, Publicity Director.

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Dear Mr. Fay: I wish to place on record my deep appreciation to the A. O. H. and the Hibernian Digest for the generous coverage which was given to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann in the January/February issue of your journal. We welcome the goodwill of your Order and the basic aims of both our organizations are compatible, namely, love of Ireland.

Last year we organized a 21-day concert tour of the U.S., and I would venture to say that this tour was the most encouraging project in the 21 years of our existence. We were overwhelmed by the hospitality and dedication of the people with whom we came in contact and we raised the magnificent sum of \$20,000 towards our proposed Irish Cultural Institute.

Obviously, our show was well received as we have been invited back for another tour commencing on October 8.

We have been very fortunate in the choice of organizing committees in the U.S. and particularly our U. S. Co-ordinator, Bill McEvoy, 928 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove, Long Island, N. Y. 11755. Tel. 516-588-3709.

I thank you for your personal interest in our work and I am enclosing, under separate cover, some of our records with the compliments of CCE.

--Yours sincerely, Labhras O'Murchu, National Director, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, 6 Scraid Fhearchair, Baile Ata Cliat 2, Eire.

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Michael Keeley Honored At Testimonial Dinner

The finale of a Testimonial Dinner by the A. O. H. and Ladies Auxiliary, honoring Michael P. Keeley, Sr. of East St. Louis, Ill., included a rendition of the Soldiers' Song by His Excellency the Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste, D. D., of Belleville, Ill.; St. Clair County Division member U. S. Rep. Melvin Price; Michael's wife, Mary, and five hundred guests. The reception, dinner and dance was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, February 3, in East St. Louis.

National A. O. H. Treasurer Stephen O'Malley,

National Director-Organizer Thomas Gavin of Chicago, state, county and division officers, and members from throughout the state of Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri, were in attendance.

Michael Keeley was credited with reactivating the A. O. H. in St. Clair County. He served as state president and as national board Chairman of Catholic Action. His wife, Mary, served as state president of the Auxiliary.

Walter Tourville and Mrs. David Johnston were co-chairmen for the grand affair.

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MICHAEL P. KEELEY SR. of East St. Louis, Ill., was honored at a testimonial dinner on February 3. Shown above, from the left, are Mrs. Thomas Downey, president of the St. Clare County Ladies

Auxiliary; Mr. and Mrs. Keeley; the Hon. Melvin C. Price, U.S. Representative, and Emmet Walsh, president of St. Clare County.

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Who Are the 'Shannonaires'

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In June of 1965 Pete trained and entered in competition at the U.I.C. Feis, the first Junior Ceili band in the United States. The result was success (first place) against a Senior Ceili band. (There was no junior band competition then.) "The Shannonairs" had been born. They had taken the first step in what would shortly become a major revival of Irish traditional music in America.

Since then "The Shannonairs" have been undefeated in competition. Although some of the faces behind the accordians and violins have changed, the high standards set by the first members still remain.

In August, 1972, "The Shannonairs" scored another first. A tour of Ireland was something they had often talked about but most accepted it as just that - "talk". However when the ground work was laid early in the year, everybody set about making a dream come true. Finally, the big day arrived when 24 students of the Pete Kelly School and their parents were winging their way across the Atlantic.

There would be performances in the Ennis Harvest Festival with side tours to Bunratty, Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. Then on to Dublin for three shows in the Mansion House and three in Stephen's Green.

From Dublin - north to Omeath, County Louth. Three beautiful days visiting the enchanting Mourne mountains and enjoying the gentle breezes and quiet little towns along Carlingford Lough. There would be participation in an open air pageant about Cuculhach and the white bull of Cooly about Meave and her warrior Ferdia. It was a wonderful experience for the young Americans to be able to relive, as it were, one of the most interesting events in ancient Irish history.

The group then came back to Birr, County Offaly for performances in the Vintage week Festival. From Birr they traveled north again to LetterKenny, County Donegal, and down through the gentle plains of Roscommon and along the Sligo coast. They stopped off at the grave of W. B. Yeats, where he rests under majestic Ben Bulbin. They then went on to Bundoran, Ballyshannon and spent an evening amid the hills of Donegal. From LetterKenny, they proceeded through County Sligo, Mayo, Galway, Clare, Limerick and finally Listowel, County Kerry for the Fleadh Ceoil. Again there were side tours to the Dingle Peninsula, the Ring of Kerry and Killarney and then of course Listowel, with all its gaiety and music. Back again they went to County Clare to wind up the tour in the beautiful sea side resort of Kilkee.

Still they talk and look at the hundreds of photographs taken during one of the great experiences of their lives. But as the old Irish saying goes, "One can't do a good thing too often" so that's why Pete has decided to tour again in 1973.

Again there will be the long hours of rehearsing and the fund raising dances and chance books, etc. Lots of work, and hard tedious hours, but at the end of the rainbow that shining pot of gold, rich in the experiences that only such a tour can bring.

We wish Pete and the Shannonairs every success for the 1973 trip and look forward to sharing some of their experiences when they return.

KATHLEEN C. ROCHE PAST NATIONAL PRES. LADIES AUXILIARY

Miss Kathleen C. Roche, 71, of Harwich, formerly of New Bedford, died March 29 at an Orleans nursing home after a long illness.

Born in New Bedford, she lived in this city until moving to the Cape six years ago. She was a communicant of St. James Church while living in New Bedford. She was employed as an accountant with the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority for 30 years until her retirement.

Miss Roche long was active in the Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In addition to serving as president of the Fall River president of local Division 4 and Bristol County A.O.H. she was named state president in 1954 and national president in 1967. She also held other state and national positions.

She was also a past president of the Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a past president of the Monsignor Noon Circle of St. James Church and a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Helena Greene of Fairhaven, Mrs. Elizabeth Worden and Mrs. Anne Ryan, both of New Bedford, and Mrs. Winifred Carney of Harwich.

PAT POWER DIVISION 35

With a sense of great personal loss, the membership of Division No. 35 recorded the death of Brother Paddy Power. Pat was a native of County Waterford, Ireland, and had recently undergone a serious operation.

As a token of the deep respect and friendship that was held toward him, two delegations of members paid their respects on successive nights, the first led by the Division Chaplain, the Rev. John Brady.

In glancing back at the Flatbush Hibernian over al-

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most the past 20 years, we get an idea of the great contributions Pat Power rendered his division and county A.O.H. as a loyal supporter of every activity he could possibly aid, and as an officer for many years of Division 35.

We have lost a good comrade and he will long be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. May his soul rest at the right hand of God!

RICHARD J. CONWAY DIVISION 1

James J. Mullally of Division 1, St. Louis, Mo., pays the following tribute to the late Richard J. Conway:

It is with sincere regret that I announce the passing of a notable Irishman from our midst, Richard J. Conway who was born at Glenpipe-Tulloher, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

Mr. Conway died at the age of 87 after a long, productive life to his family and friends.

He was the oldest living member of Division No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., and until his illness was active, loyal and dedicated to its principles and activities. He was President of the Division and State President for many years.

Richard's affiliations were not confined to one organization. As an officer of the old Glan-a-Gails, later, the Irish Nationalist, he brushed shoulders with the political notables of his day, namely, O'Neal Ryan, the great John Devoy and Robert Emmett Kane. Long before the writer came to the United States he was a staunch advocate in the promotion of DeValera's efforts in selling bonds for the Irish Independence Movement "Won't you buy a Bond for Erin's Isle?" which afterwards paid off its indebtedness one hundred fold to purchasers.

As Superintendent for the St. Louis Laclede Gas Company, Richard never hesitated to use his influence and did so with dignity and

finesse. Characteristic of his kindness, an Irishman was always first on his list to be employed. He opened the door of opportunity to many an immigrant to dearly earn his poor reward in trying times.

He was a deeply dedicated man to the Catholic Faith, from the banks of the River Nore, with the determination and guts of a Mooncoin Hurler. And knowing him for 40 years, not once did I ever hear him say a harsh word of his fellow man. Again and again when Irish rhetoric got out of line we could always depend on the noble Conway with his calm, but stern, oratory to calm the troubled waters.

Mr. Conway's wife passed away about ten years ago leaving a void which could never be filled, only in death. Such a paragraph in a great Irishman's life - he came to us - he was here - and now he's gone.

Unfortunately, Mr. Conway never made a trip back to Ireland.

The job is done, he did it well, and in conclusion we say, "May the soft winds of Eternity blow calmly on your silent grave."

WILLIAM HICKEY DIVISION 1

Brother William F. Hickey, a charter member of Glens Falls Division One, Warren County, N.Y., passed away on February 5. Brother Hickey was also a former member of Commodore John Barry Division One, Saratoga County, N.Y.

A large delegation attended Brother Hickey's wake and a memorial service in his memory was conducted at the next regular Division meeting. He was eulogized by Brother Thomas J. Wade who cited Brother Hickey's many contributions to the success of the Glens Falls Division. In his memory resolution was adopted to drape the Division Charter for three months.

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East Islip Hibernians Observe 10th Anniversary



SHARING THE DAIS SPOTLIGHT at the Anniversary Ball of Division 7, were from the left, the Rev. Dermott Kavanaugh, Suffolk County A.O.H. Auxiliary chaplain; Peter Flannery, chairman of the event; Mrs. Mary Rabbitt, Suffolk

County A.O.H. Auxiliary president; Jerome Slattery, Div. 7 president; James Sullivan, Suffolk County A.O.H. Board president and the Rev. Peter J. McCrann, S.M.M., Div. 7 chaplain.

In observance of its 10th anniversary, Division 7 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, East Islip, N. Y., held its Marshal's Ball recently at the Montfort Gym Hall, Bay Shore, N. Y.

Among the 470 persons participating in the gala event were officers of the Suffolk County A. O. H. Board headed by President James Sullivan; officers of the Suffolk County A. O. H. Auxiliary, headed by President Mary Rabbitt; also presidents and representatives of Hibernian Divisions located in Bay Shore, Babylon, Huntington, Centereach and Kings Park.

Leading the list of county and town officials were Michael J. Grant, chairman of the Suffolk County Legislature; John P. Finnerty, Councilman of the Town of Islip, and officers of the Suffolk County Police Department Emerald Society headed by Lt. David Scanlon.

Also in attendance were four of the original five members who established the Division in February, 1963, named Our Lady of Knock, after the famous Irish apparition.

National President Edward Fay, previously committed to attend another St.

Patrick's Day celebration, sent greetings of the National Board and was represented by the National Editor Jack Reynolds.

Peter Flannery was chairman of the event.

During the evening's celebration, Frank Connor of East Islip, was honored by his brother Hibernians as the "Man of the Year" and was awarded a special ring by Jerome Slattery, Division 7 president.

John Reilly also of East Islip, immediate past president, received recognition for his services and was presented with an engraved plaque by the Rev. Peter J. McCrann, S. M. M., Division 7 chaplain.

The spacious banquet hall was decorated as an Irish Castle, with 45 banners representing Irish heritages. A sumptuous dinner was served under the direction of Peter Bulfin and Fintan Stapleton of Collin's Inn, East Islip.

In conjunction with the Dinner Dance, Division 7, sponsored its 8th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Islip. Headed by Grand Marshal Patrick Fitzpatrick of East Islip, the parade is the largest held in Suffolk County.

The Day We Celebrated

By Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian

March 17 is the day we celebrated the memory, the saintliness and the contributions of St. Patrick to Ireland, to the U.S.A., to the world, to church and to God. His work for Christ began in Ireland in the Fifth Century.

While 15 centuries have only served to increase his fame and spread the Gospel, I think it important to pause to recollect the man and to dispel the mystery. It is indeed a "pause that refreshes." That which is mysterious is not clearly understood. To strip Patrick of mystery is only to reveal a man whose person and accomplishments are less believable than the mystery.

Who and what was this man who after 1500 years still commands world attention?

While St. Martin of Tours was his maternal uncle, Patrick, in his early life, was not a strong Christian. It was during seven years of slavery in Ireland that his faith grew and became the tower of strength that was to become a new light to the world.

It was during these seven years too, that he learned the Irish language and came to love the Irish people. He escaped the land, pursued his studies abroad, was ordained, consecrated Bishop and returned to capture the Irish people for Christ, his King, and Mary, his Queen.

He made his Primatial seat in Armagh where he built his church, monastery and school. According to the continental scholar Sarmes-teter, through the great schools developed there, within a few centuries, it became, "Not only the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland, but the capital of civilization."

Patrick founded and consecrated 700 churches in addition to monasteries and schools. He baptised and blessed the men, women and children of Ireland, destroyed idols and rebuked

kings who did not do God's will. His miracles were too numerous to record. He left behind 700 bishops and 3,000 priests to minister to the spiritual needs of his beloved Irish people.

He raised the first cry of English persecution in a letter to Coroticus, a British Prince, who raided Ireland, "On the day following that on which the newly baptised, in white array, were anointed with the chrism. It was still gleaming on their foreheads, while they were cruelly butchered and slaughtered with the sword."

"Is it a crime to be born in Ireland?" Patrick thundered. "Have we not the same God as you have?" He demanded return of the captives and castigated the tyrant who spoiled them.

In the span of but one generation, he garnered the complete allegiance, obedience, faith and trust of the Irish people. He invaded their land armed only with the cross of Christ and swept all before him. Such courage had great appeal to the Irish.

The wonderful power that he exercised over them, and his world-wide appeal, is due to his rare combination of the spiritual with the human. A

saint among saints, a man among men.

He came to Ireland, then a conquering warlike nation, sending sword-bearing armies abroad, and left it a nation sending across the lands and seas, soldiers of Christ, bearing gifts of grace and a message of peace.

Shining virtues made him kin of angels. He had greatness and clarity of mind - grandeur of soul - humility - sublime simplicity - he was saint - law giver - lover of learning - brother of the common people - admirer of literary men, scholars and poets. He practised patience and industry.

He was a righteous man with purity of nature, a pilgrim, rock of wisdom, full of grace and dignity, regal in bearing, fruitful graces emanated from his touch, a lion of courage and ferocity, a dove of gentleness and mercy.

His human frailties - impetuosity, torrential anger against tyrants, fierceness against sinners in high places and tenderness to those in low places as well as his scathing scorn, made Irishmen feel a kinship with Patrick.

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A Great Day For The Irish

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for their immigration, that entire, Holy Roman Catholic Faith that St. Patrick sowed in their hearts in the year 432. And with it, an unbreakable spirit to hold on to this holy Bishop's gift despite all. They were old men fighting for religious liberty and freedom. They had borne persecution to the point of starvation, and were here not only to earn their bread and the right to eat it in peace under the Sign of the Cross. A new bigotry tried to deny them even this, but the faith of St. Patrick was over them, and a great Archbishop, an

immigrant like themselves, 20 years after the influx of the '40's, built through them what is now one of the landmarks of America. St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Archbishop Hughes spoke of them first on August 15, 1858, and he said of these Irish immigrants:

"Ever since the days of the penal laws they have become the outcasts of their native land, and being scattered over the earth. You can trace their path of life through all the civilized countries of the world. You can trace them through England itself, through America, through

News From Ireland

U. S. Concert Tour Of All-Ireland Champions

A United States Concert Tour will be made by some of Ireland's leading traditional artists in song, music and dancing who will arrive in this country on Monday, October 8 and leave on October 29.

The tour has a two-fold purpose, both to display Ireland's unique cultural heritage and to raise funds for a much needed Irish Cultural Institute in Ireland.

The tour will be presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an organization with steadily-growing membership, having branches throughout the United States, Australia, Britain and Ireland.

The organization, informally known to its mem-

bers as Comhaltas, had a successful tour in the United States late in 1972. The many Hibernians who are associated with Comhaltas in this country and Canada, are aware of the great work of this organization, and have shown in their efforts since the last issue of the Digest, that they await with anticipation for the arrival of the 1973 United States Tour from Ireland.

The itinerary of the tour is as follows:

Oct. 9, Reception; Oct. 10, New Haven, Conn.; Oct. 11, Lawrence, Mass.; Oct. 12, Boston, Mass.; Oct. 13, Cleveland, Ohio; Oct. 14, Detroit, Mich.; Oct. 15, St. Pauls, Minn.; Oct. 16, St. Louis, Mo.; Oct. 17, Notre Dame;

Oct. 18 and 19, Chicago, Ill.; Oct. 20, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Oct. 21, Philadelphia, Pa. or Trenton, N. J.; Oct. 22, Washington, D. C.; Oct. 23, South Orange, N. J.; Oct. 24, Rockaway, Queens, N. Y.; Oct. 25, Staten Island, N. Y.; Oct. 26, Hunter College, N. Y.; Oct. 27, Minneola, N. Y.; and Oct. 28, Bayshore, Long Island Farewell Concert.

For further information on the tour, readers may write to Bill McEvoy, United States Co-ordinator, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, 928 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove L. I. N. Y. 11755, Telephone 516-588-3709.

India, through Australia and though there have been no markings to designate their graves in which they slumber, they erected churches, either wholly or in part, all around the globe to the same faith by which St. Patrick emancipated them from heathenism. These churches, I say, are the most fitting headstones to commemorate the existence, and the honorable history of such a people."

St. Patrick's Day is indeed a day of joy, but it too has a seriousness to it that none of us should forget.

True, it's a great day for the Irish, but truer still, a greater one for the Church.



THE STATUE of Robert Emmet, located at 22nd and Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C., was made from the original casting which stands in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, Ireland. To the left is Devlin W. Dormer, J. F. K. Division 2,

Pottsville, Pa., who found the original statue here in the United States and was instrumental in presenting it to the people of Ireland, and Dormer's close friend, the late Hon. John Fogarty, M.C. from Rhode Island.

Dormer Locates Statue For People Of Ireland

Among the many prominent landmarks in Dublin, Ireland, today, is the bronze statue of Robert Emmet, located in St. Stephen's Green. This statue was sculptured by Bernard O'Connor, a native of County Kerry, and the original casting was made here in Philadelphia.

The original statue disappeared and was missing for over 40 years. In 1960 the Hon. Scott McLeod, Irish Ambassador to the United States, contacted Devlin W. Dormer, J. F. K. Division 2, Pottsville, Pa. and asked his help in trying to locate the statue for the people of Ireland.

Dormer's search proved to be successful, for in 1962 he found the original casting at an antique shop in Trappe, Pa. With the assistance of Francis Kane of Washington, D. C., who financed the project, the statue was purchased and restored to its original condition.

Then, in April, 1966, during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the 1916 Dublin Uprising, the statue was presented to the Irish Government and her people.

There were two duplicates cast from the original. One

was located in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., and the other in Golden State Park, San Francisco, Calif. In 1966, through the efforts of Dormer, his very good friend, Michael J. Kirwin, M. C. from Youngstown, Ohio, and the Irish and American Embassies, the statue in Washington was moved from the Smithsonian Institute to 22nd and Massachusetts Ave., across from the Irish Embassy.

Dormer was rewarded for his efforts in locating and presenting the statue to the People of Ireland, by being nominated for the 1973 Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Leo F. Haley, President of J. F. K. Division 2, Pottsville, and Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Board, said in announcing the nomination to the local press, "This is a great honor for the A. O. H. in Schuylkill County and in particular for Division 2, Pottsville. We are all extremely proud of "Dev", he is a hard working and dedicated Hibernian."

Dormer is a charter member of Division 2 and is presently serving as its recording secretary.

Letters To The Editor

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Dear Sir: Received the January-February edition of Digest on Wednesday, February 28. I see that the deadline for the March issue is February 23. How are we to meet this deadline if we don't receive the paper till the 28th?

I would appreciate your getting this picture (Indiana Ladies Auxiliary) in your next issue if at all possible.

We here in the midwest feel very left out, I personally sent articles in for publication in the past and they never appeared in the Digest.

With you as Editor, we hope to fare better.

--Sincerely, Ita Moriarty, (Mrs. Dennis Moriarty), 1426 N. Bandcroft Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46201.

Dear Mr. Reynolds: On behalf of the National Director and Central Council of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, I wish to thank you most sincerely for publishing the article by Labhras O'Murchu in your January-February issue of the National Hibernian Digest.

The response to this article has been most gratifying. We deeply appreciate your help and interest in our organization. The publishing of this article has certainly brought the message of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to more people in more places than even we ourselves could hope to do. Indeed, it could well be

said that the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann share the same great ideals. Both organizations have totally, dedicated themselves to the preservation of Ireland's National Culture: our music, our song, our dance, and our language. Hopefully we can continue to work for the strengthening of these great ideals. For this reason, in the future, we plan to extend and increase concerts to more cities in the U. S.

On behalf of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, I wish to extend to your National President, Mr. Fay, and to all the National Officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, our sincere thanks and our best wishes for a joyous Easter.

With warm personal regards.

--Very sincerely yours, Bill McEvoy, U. S. Coordinator, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Lake Grove, N. Y., Head Office: 6 Sraid Fhearchair, Baile Atha Cliath 2, Eire.

Dear Editor: I wish to commend you for the fresh and vital approach of the National Hibernian Digest, under your editorship, focusing on the matter of Irish Freedom. If we, as Hibernians, do not support our constitutional directive to support freedom for all Ireland, then how can we look to others to do so?

I am happy with your wonderful work to date and urge that you continue to press for greater Hibernian involvement in making all segments of the American pop-

ulace aware that Ireland, can, must and shall be a nation once again. God bless your work. Keep it up. At last we have an editor who realizes that a free Ireland is not just a subject for March 17 discussion but a goal that all Hibernians must strive for--all the time.

--Sincerely, Gerald Tobin, Chairman Freedom for All Ireland Committee, Suffolk Co., N. Y.

California News

Jerry O'Keefe, California state secretary, reported that the first activity scheduled for St. Patrick's Day was the Fourth Annual Parade, sponsored by the 17th of March Committee and the Orange County Division 1 of A.O.H. in California. The parade started promptly at 12 noon at Second and Main Streets and proceeded north on Main to 15th Street.

After the parade two events followed, a very fine dinner-dance at the Airporter Inn which featured the fabulous Beggermen during the social adjustment period, and a fine Irish steak dinner followed by dancing to the Alan Remington Orchestra. The evening was topped off by songs and stories of Dublin's own Kevin Casey at midnight.

The second big event was the St. Patrick's Day A.O.H. party at the Anaheim Moose Lodge, 1731 S. Manchester, Anaheim. The bill-of-fare included corn-beef and cabbage and the fine music of the fantastic Al Francis and His Band. The evening also featured a special showing of the great documentary film, "Kennedy In Ireland".



A.O.H. Honors Irish Patriot

Irish Ambassador Warnock placed a wreath on behalf of the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. at the statue of Robert Emmet on March 10, the hero's birthday.

Assisting at the ceremony were Thomas W. Guiner, president, Emerald Isle Division; James J. O'Connor, past president, Emerald Isle Division and Chairman, Memorial Ceremony for Robert Emmet. Msgr. Raymond J. Boland, member of the Emerald Isle Division and Pastor, St. Hugh's Church, blessed two new flags (U.S. of America and Irish Republic) as part of the ceremony at the statue.

Thomas O'Connor provided bagpipe music and led the color bearers Alan Russell, member of the Emerald Isle Division, Leno R. Delmolino and Peter M. Meehan into the statue area, followed by the official party of Irish Ambassador Warnock, Mr. Guiner, Msgr. Boland, Mr. O'Connor and Dr. Sean O.H. Eideain, Counselor, Irish Embassy.

A luncheon followed at Blackie's House of Beef where Ambassador Warnock spoke of the life of Robert Emmet as did Msgr. Boland. The Emerald Isle Division was especially pleased to have Mrs. Warnock at the ceremony and at the luncheon.

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A.O.H. Establishes Celtic Chair At University

To comprehend and appreciate the actions and attitudes of a nation or a large group of people, one must first understand its culture, past history, and tradition. Failure to do so can lead to tragic consequences and misunderstandings.

Among the least understood conflicts of modern times are those which have taken place in Ireland. The problem has been compounded by the fact that, unlike those of continental European nations, the beginnings of Irish history and culture are shrouded in uncertainty and clouded by the lack of concrete knowledge and written history.

Irish culture, language, and history originated with the Celts, who had occupied Ireland, as well as much of what is now Great Britain, by the time of Christ. Unfortunately, Celtic studies is still a relatively unexplored field, with very few persons actively involved in it.

The fact that it exists at all in the United States is largely due to the foresight of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who established the nation's first chair of Celtic studies at The Catholic University of America in 1896. The only other university in the U.S. with a comparable program is Harvard, and its chair was not established until the 1930's.

The idea of a Chair of Celtic Studies at The Catholic University came from Congressman Thomas Weadock of Bay City, Mich. On September 9, 1889, he wrote a letter to James Cardinal Gibbons, university chancellor, asking whether the Ancient Order of Hibernians might sponsor it. Cardinal Gibbons approved, and the matter was brought up at the AOH national convention in Hartford the next year.

A.O.H. ENDOWMENT

The 1892 convention generously resolved to raise \$50,000 for an endowment by taxing AOH members. The depression of 1893 presented a temporary setback. But one of the speakers at the 1894 convention was the university rector, Msgr. Thomas J. Shahan. His stirring address had its desired effect, and the money was formally presented to the university on October 21, 1896. The Rev. Richard Henebry, who had taught Irish at Maynooth Seminary, was the first to hold the chair.

The present holder of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Chair of Celtic Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is

Dr. Robert T. Meyer, professor of Celtic and comparative philology.

Dr. Meyer notes that the Celts were the first civilized people of western Europe. They had a rich, well-organized literature long before any other nations in that area.

Celtic laws which were put in writing in the sixth century, and which may have been in existence before the time of Christ, would be seen today as eminently Christian in tone. For example, an employer had to care for a sick employee, and even for sick members of the employee's family. Care for the aged was also mandated. Dr. Meyer states that some of these laws closely resemble New Deal social reforms, adding that they may shed light on the reasons Irish Americans have been at the forefront of the labor movement in this country.

CELTIC STUDIES

Celtic studies date from the late 19th century. Curiously, it was not developed by the Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Cornish, or Bretons -- all of whom trace their ancestry back to the Celts -- but instead, by German and French scholars. In fact, when it established the Celtic chair at The Catholic University, the Ancient Order of Hibernians became one of the first Irish groups to show interest.

At first the studies were almost entirely linguistic, since a language base was needed before other aspects could be explored. Accurate dictionaries and grammars had to be developed from scratch, since the Celtic language had fallen into disuse when the Celts were conquered by other European tribes. Once a linguistic base is established, and this is an ongoing process, it becomes possible to develop other areas of Celtic studies, such as history and culture.

Parallel with this, and perhaps because of it, has been the re-emergence on the part of the Irish of an appreciation of their own culture. Moreover, there are some areas of Ireland where this link with the past seems never to have been broken. The modern Irish language is directly linked to Celtic, and there are many people for whom Irish, not English, is the native tongue. Today, at least in the Irish Free State, all government officials must pass written and oral examinations in the language. This renewed pride in Celtic background has been carried over into Irish home life, sports, and industry.

Dr. Meyer, who has added to this understanding through his teaching and writings -- a book and more than 70 articles and reviews -- first became interested in Celtic studies during the 1930's when he was an undergraduate student at The John Carroll University in Cleveland. He was working in the university library, which was then reclassifying its books into the Dewey Decimal System, and he was responsible for Irish material.

The young student decided that it would be helpful if he knew more about the language. He learned the Irish alphabet and, since there were no books on the subject, he learned the grammar by studying some very old books with Irish and English texts side by side.

When he went to the University of Michigan for graduate work, he found a teacher with some knowledge of Celtic. A course in Old Irish was given at the student's request.

Dr. Meyer came to the Catholic University in 1948 as a language professor. He was named to the Celtic chair in 1953, upon the retirement of the Rev. James A. Geary. A number of grants, including several from the university, enabled him to pursue his studies during summers, which he spent in libraries, schools, and remote villages abroad. During several summers in Ireland, he transcribed hundreds of native Irish folk tales and songs.

One of his major works has been the study of Middle Irish (medieval) translations of Latin and Greek classics, and the differences between the originals and the translations. He also wrote 17 articles for the New Catholic Encyclopedia. He, Modern Languages Association, and is presently working on a book commissioned by the Trappists which will shed light on the Irish aspects of St. Bernard's biography of St. Malachy.

Dr. Meyer is a recognized expert in his field and regularly spends time aiding the Library of Congress in its Celtic acquisitions. Since this institution is short of space, Dr. Meyer's office has temporarily become an "extension" of the library and is piled halfway to the ceiling with Irish books.

CELTIC COLLECTION

The university's own Celtic collection began with many volumes assembled by Msgr. Shahan. One of Fr. Henebry's successors, Professor Joseph Dunn, added his own imposing collection when he retired in 1931. These included a complete set of the *Revue Celtique* and the rare *Annales de Bretagne*. With the addition of the Major William B. S. Smith collection in the late 1950's, everything having to do with the religion, archaeology, language, literature, law, or folklore of the Celtic peoples could be found in the university collection.

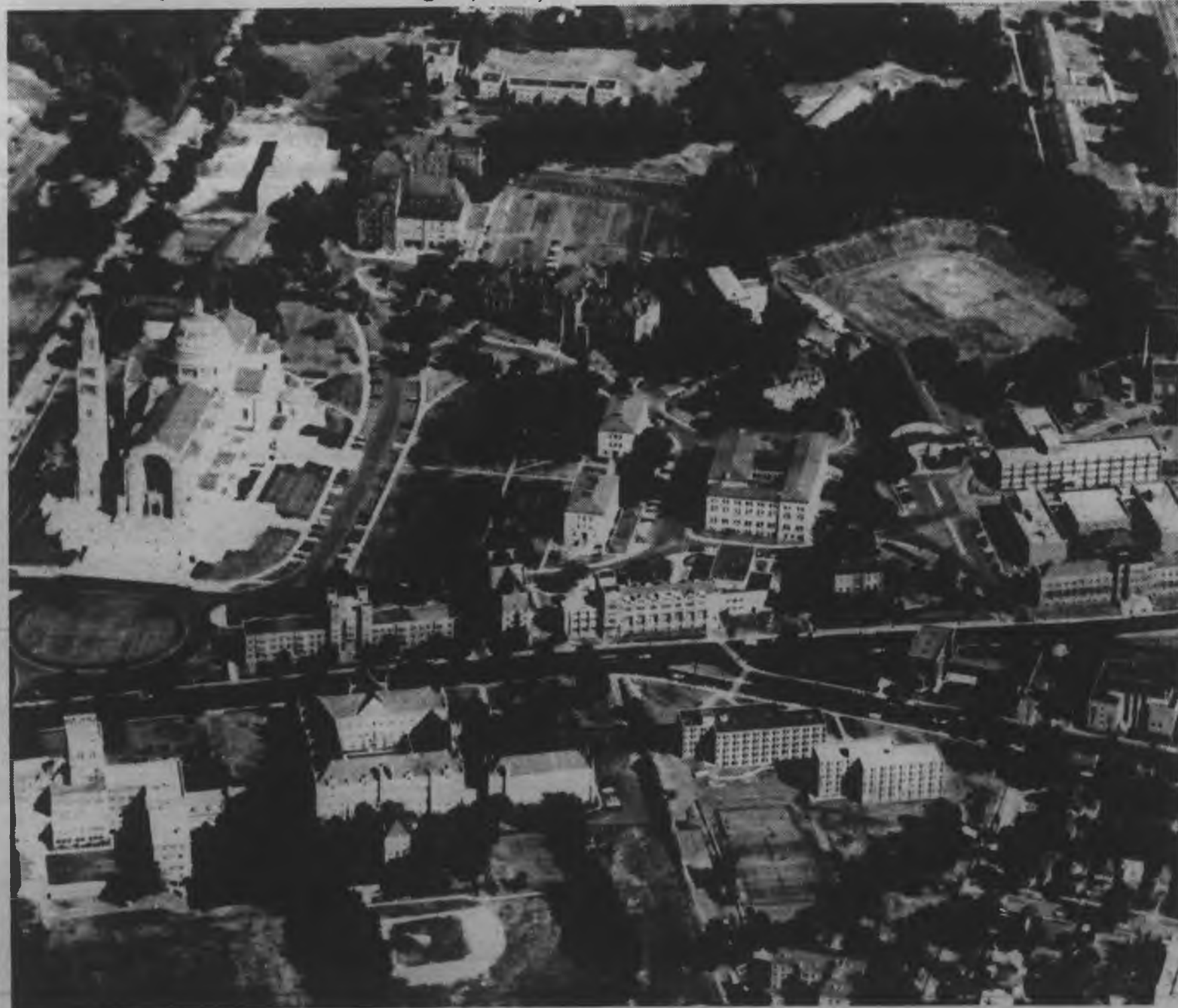
The number of students concentrating full-time on Celtic studies is minimal, Dr. Meyer said, because few positions are open to them. Most of his 10 Celtic studies students are on the graduate level, majoring in such related areas as anthropology, linguistics, medieval studies, and comparative literature.

The number of students is small because as Dr. Meyer points out, the \$50,000 endowment fund, which was adequate in 1896, pays only a portion of his salary. With endowment funds, only the interest may be used -- the principal must not be depleted. Interest on the Celtic Studies fund brings in about \$3,000 a year. Since the university must pay for the remainder of his salary out of general funds, Dr. Meyer is required to teach non-Celtic subjects as well. He is able to devote less than half of his time to Celtic studies.

The professor would like to devote his full time to his favorite subject. Moreover, he feels there is a definite need for this, since students in other fields, such as English, psychology, and anthropology have asked him to give courses in aspects of Celtic studies related to their fields -- courses which time now does not permit him to give.

If there were time for a broader Celtic program, more students would be able to learn the language and read the first-hand account of the earliest civilized peoples of Western Europe. The ancient Irish sagas offer what Professor Kenneth Jackson has called "a window on the Iron Age," presenting a perfect picture of a very ancient, highly developed civilization. Those students interested in language or comparative

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AERIAL PHOTO OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY campus shows 44 buildings on 140 acres in Washington, D.C. Shown in the upper left corner, is \$2,000,000 Leahy Hall

of Law School, completed in 1966. The New \$2,000,000 University Theatre was built later in open space behind the Law School.

- Catholic University Photo

The Day We Celebrated

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The Tripartite Life of Patrick says:

"... after fasting and prayer; ... after love of God and his neighbors, he received Christ's body -- and then he sent his spirit to Heaven. His body, however, is still here on earth, with honor and veneration.

"And though great be the honor to it here, greater will be the honor to it on Doomsday, for it will shine like a sun in Heaven, and then it will give judgment on the fruit of his preaching, even as Peter and Paul. It will abide thereafter in the union of patriarchs and prophets, in the union of the saints and holy virgins of the world, in the union of the apostles and disciples and Jesus Christ, in the union of the church, both of Heaven and earth; in the union of the nine ranks of Heaven that transgress not, in the union of the Godhead and manhood of God's Son, in the union that is nobler than any union, the union of the Trinity, Father and Son and Holy Ghost."

He left behind a grief stricken people who dearly loved him. The 12 days of his

wake are known as the Days of Lamentation, when a whole nation whom he had brought to Christ in 28 years, mourned their greatest loss.

Patrick is truly one of the dominant personalities in world history whose influence will end only on Judgment Day.

The historian Seaman MacManus says of him:

"... a world figure - one of the massive giants who tower distinct and sublime above the dense mists of antiquity - one, too, of whom it may be truly said that the more intimately you approach him and the nearer you view him, the greater he grows. He was one of the greatest of Celts, became one of the greatest of Irishmen, and one of the very great among men."

This is a glimpse of the man whose day, we celebrate, indeed, "a man for all seasons."

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day therefore, should not be one of tinsel and tomfoolery but should serve as a point of rededication to the man and his ideals.

Gov. Gilligan Award Winner

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Defeated in his bid for reelection by Robert Taft, Jr., Gilligan sought and won a seat on Cincinnati City Council again in 1967.

In 1968, he decided to seek his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, taking on the venerable incumbent Frank J. Lausche. Earning the state Democratic Executive Committee's endorsement, he went on to defeat Lausche in the primary in a major political upset, and was narrowly defeated by Republican William B. Saxbe in the 1968 general election.

On May 5, 1970, he won the Democratic nomination for Governor of Ohio, garnering more votes than any Democratic nominee in Ohio history.

On Nov. 3, 1970, he was elected the 62nd Governor of Ohio. He was inaugurated on Jan. 11, 1971.

Jack and Katie Gilligan have four children: Donald, 24, a teacher at Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus; Kathleen, 23, a recent graduate of Trinity College in Washington, D.C.; John P., 22, currently serving in the U.S. Army and Ellen, 18, a student at Boston College.

However, because of family circumstances, they cannot get enough money for their passage.

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, they will be safe here in the United States. The Pottsville Division, with assistance from members of the other Divisions in the County, expects to be able to send them their plane fare and have them reunited with their sister as soon as possible.

Division Gives Help To Irish Family

J. F. K. Division No. 2, Pottsville, Pa., is currently conducting a fund raising drive for the purpose of bringing to the United States, four young people who have become victims of the trouble in Northern Ireland. They are members of the same family and range in age from 12 to 18. Their entire family has been forcibly evicted from four different homes in the last two and one

half years, and are in danger of having it happen again.

As a result of this harassment, the father has suffered a stroke and is barely able to work. At most, he can manage a day or two each week.

The United States Consulate has agreed to allow the children to enter this country and live with a sister in Schuylkill County, Pa.



NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS -

Shown above are six of the 11 recently installed officers of the St. Clare Division IV, Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Indiana. Seated from left are: Alma Whisler, financial secretary; Mary F. Barton, president; and Mary Lally, recording secretary.

Standing from left are: Ita Moriarty, parliamentarian and chairman of Catholic missions; Ella McHugh, sentinel; and Therese LaRochelle, chairman of

standing committees. Other new officers include: Mary McGovern, vice president; Lucille Grimm, treasurer; Kathryn Kidwell, chairman of Irish history; Mary E. Rohman, chairman of Catholic Action; and Catherine Mertz, mistress-at-arms; Christine Furfaro, publicity; Mary J. Farren, newsletter, and Betty McGlooin, telephone. Chaplain of the group is Father Charles Burkhardt, associate pastor of Little Flower parish. The auxiliary is presently conducting a membership campaign.



HIS EMINENCE TIMOTHY J. CARDINAL MANNING

ALL LOS ANGELES HIBERNIANS were elated over the elevation of Archbishop Timothy Manning to the post of Cardinal. The new Cardinal has been a member of Division No. 1 of Los Angeles for many years. The retired Cardinal McIntyre is also a member of the Order, having joined many years ago while in New York.

Auxiliary Bishop John J. Ward is another member of the local division, having joined while his father was a member at the time he was serving as a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

The new Cardinal made his first public appearance at the Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day observance at the High Mass in the Cathedral and later at the banquet, as guest of honor in the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET BURKE DIVISION 5

Margaret M. Burke of 485 East Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., died recently in Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, N.Y., after a brief illness. Mrs. Burke is survived by her husband, Patrick; three sons, Patrick of Mount Vernon, Daniel of Salisbury Mills, N.Y., and Edmund of Elmhurst, N.Y.; two brothers, John Garrity of Valhalla, N.Y. and Daniel Garrity of Linden, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Joseph (Susan) Phillips of Elizabeth, N.J.; and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Burke was an insurance broker for C.S. McClellan Co., Mt. Vernon. An active member of Saint Ursula's R. C. Church, she served as publicity director of Mt. Vernon Irish American Association, county vice-president Bronx Co. A.O.H. and president of Division No. 5 Ladies Auxiliary.

MARY MEDERLE DIVISION 18

Mary E. Mederle, past county president of Queens County was buried on January 19 in St. Charles Cemetery. She was a member of Auxiliary 18 in Ridgewood for over 25 years, and was also a very active member of Queens County Board Ladies Auxiliary and held all offices. She attended all county, state and national conventions for many years and also chaired many functions both in her own Auxiliary and on the County Board.

Mary was loved by all who knew her and enjoyed her very beautiful voice. She

Celtic Chair At University

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literature could see both how Celtic literature influenced medieval literature in general and how it differed from more familiar forms of that literature. Dr. Meyer says, there has been a definite upsurge in interest in Celtic studies over the past few years, stimulated in part by the fact that the present conflict in Northern Ireland has called attention to all things Irish. It would seem that scholars are looking for ways to understand the roots of this conflict, and an understanding of Irish culture and history would be among them.

Dr. Meyer would like to see provision for a full-time professor, a secretary, and scholarships, which he claims attract top students. But there is one major drawback -- money. In today's economy, the present endowment would have to be increased tenfold to \$500,000.

At present, no one knows where this money may come from. But those in the field are confident that, as in the past, once the need is recognized, those who share this concern will see that the need is met.

sang at all affairs at both Auxiliary county and state levels. She is survived by one son and two daughters, Freddie, Rita and Eleanor.

Queens County Board Ladies Auxiliary extend deepest sympathy to the family and realize what an outstanding person Queens County has lost.

John F. Sullivan Named Hibernian Of The Year

Escorted to the rostrum by the two previous recipients of the award, "Glens Falls Hibernian of the Year" John F. Sullivan, 106 Bay St., Glens Falls, N.Y., was presented with a plaque on behalf of the members of Glens Falls Division One, Ancient Order of Hibernians, by New York State Board President of the A.O.H., George E. Foley Sr. of Troy, New York.

The presentation took place during the testimonial for Brother Sullivan by the Glens Falls Hibernians on Saturday evening, January 20, at the Parish Hall of the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, where members of the Division were joined by friends and relatives of the guest of honor in paying him tribute.

State President Foley declared that he was delighted to be present to honor such a distinguished Hibernian, noting the accomplishments of the three-year-old Glens Falls organization and remarking upon Sullivan's contribution to the group's development.

Toastmaster William F. Condon also cited the "Hibernian of the Year" for his dedication to Hibernianism and the affairs of the Glens Falls Division in particular. He then introduced Brother John P. Higgins, last year's recipient of the award, Jeremiah J. Kelly, past president of the Division, and the current President, James L. Nichols. Mrs. Sullivan was presented with a bouquet of roses by the members of the Division.

Prior to the festivities surrounding the "Hibernian of the Year" award, the State President presided over the ceremony of officially installing the officers of the Glens Falls Division for the coming year. Installed were President James L. Nichols, Vice President John M. Minogue, Treasurer Richard T.

Linehan, Recording Secretary Joseph R. Sullivan, Financial Secretary Cornelius J. Keane, Chairman of the Standing Committee Paul F. Fish, Sentinel A. David Bartholomew and Marshal Martin C. Bethel.

Assisting the State President during the solemn ceremony were Temporary Marshal C. Wm. McCarthy and Robert E. Grace, Temporary Sentinel Kenneth L. Hayward and aides Thomas J. Spellacy and Thomas J. Wade.

The Division Chaplain, Rev. Daniel J. Herlihy, read the opening and closing prayers and the Rev. John French, Pastor of the Church of the Annunciation gave the Benediction.

The oath-taking ceremony concluded with all assembled standing to sing the American and Irish National Anthems led by Brother Michael Boyle.

A unique gift was accepted for the Division by President Nichols from Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Manuele of Whitehall, N.Y. It was an antique green parade sash upon which are inscribed in metal letters "S.P.A.T.B.S." No one present seemed to know the significance of these letters, but it is known that the sash was worn as early as 1862 by Mrs. Manuele's grandfather, James Flannery. The Division President noted that the artifact would be carefully stored until the projected Hibernian Hall was completed and then would be suitably displayed. He expressed the thanks of the Division members for such a thoughtful gift.

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left, John P. Higgins, last year's Hibernian of the Year; State A.O.H. President George Foley Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, and Michael J. Kelly.



AUBURN, N.Y. HIBERNIANS turned out in full force for the installation of their newly elected President Bruce D. Fennessey. State Vice President Thomas McNabb was the installing officer. In-

cluded in photo from L to R are: Joseph Rice, outgoing President; State Vice President McNabb, Bruce Fennessey, president, and Chaplain the Rev. Edward A. Shannon.

Ernie Hieder Is New President Of Ohio Division

Officers for the Mark Heffernan Division of Summit County, Akron, Ohio, and its Auxiliary were installed following a roast beef dinner at their new Paul Jeffers Hibernian Hall on January 20. Following the installation music was provided for dancing.

Installing officer was State Vice-President Dave McGuire of Youngstown Division. He was assisted by John Hoswell, Dayton Division, National Chairman of Catholic Action, and Dave Clark, Heffernan Division, Past State President. Alexander Hamilton, Division and State Historian, led the opening and closing prayers.

Officers taking the oath of office were President Ernie Hieder, Vice-President Jack Dettling, Recording Secretary Bud Nellis, Financial Secretary Chuck McDonald, Treasurer Jim Gardner, Marshal Jim McDonald, Sentinel Jerry Doherty and

Chairman of Standing Committee, Bill Ashley.

Mrs. Dorothy Purdy, Heffernan Division, State President of the Ladies Auxiliary installed the following officers, assisted by State Chairman of Missions, Doris Carmody of Akron; Dee Scofield, Cleveland, Past President Ladies Auxiliary and Mary Reynolds, Cleveland, State Secretary.

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Other officers and guests present were Steve Donnelly, Dayton, state secretary;

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Monica Cox, out-going president of the Ladies Auxiliary, lauded Sister Margaret M. Judge and cited her for her contributions as an active Hibernian for many years, holding various offices on the local, state and National Boards. Monica proudly presented to her a lifetime membership in the Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H. Margaret is currently serving her second term as National secretary of the L. A. A. O. H. and was very honored to receive this award.

Dave Clark was chairman of this event and Jeremiah Carroll acted as Master of Ceremonies. Members of the Division's Irish Dancers, and Junior Division served the dinner.

John Curry 'Pride Of 35'

The testimonial dinner held in January to honor Brooklyn's Number One Hibernian and the "Pride of 35" was both a long deserved tribute to John Curry and an outstanding social success.

From far and near Jack Curry's friends came, including State President George Foley from Troy, Judge James Comerford, National Secretary Bill Bartnett, past State President of New Jersey, Gene Byrne, and representatives from many distinguished Irish organizations, such as the Irish Immigration Committee and Kildare Association.

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Brother Caffrey was a member of Division 5 of Brockton for over 50 years and was very active in the work of his division. He served as president of his division for four years, also was president of the Plymouth County Board for four years. Later he was elected to the office of secretary of the Massachusetts State Board, A.O.H. and served two terms.

Representatives of the Brockton Divisions and Ladies' Auxiliary attended the Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Brockton, on Monday, May 7. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brockton. Brother Caffrey is survived by a sister, Annie Caffrey, and several nieces and nephews.

MICHAEL C. QUINN

Michael C. Quinn, 68, county secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 7, died unexpectedly June 10 of natural causes. He was the husband of Mrs. Corinne (Moreau) Quinn and resided at 113 Allen St., New Bedford, Mass.

Mike always extended himself by supporting and attending all Hibernian functions, and was a past county president of the Order.

Born in New Bedford, he was a resident of that area all of his life. He was a communicant of St. James Church and was proprietor of the E and M Electric.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by three sons, Michael C. Quinn of New York, and Charles M. and Robert J. Quinn, both of New Bedford; a daughter, Miss Mary Quinn of New Bedford, a brother, Francis Quinn of New Bedford, and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held for Brother Quinn at St. James Church.

JOHN E. STRATFORD Division One

John E. Stratford died on Sunday afternoon, June 17, while marching with the Staten Island Piper's Band in the Annual Staten Island Flag Day parade.

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As a Hibernian from Division One in Bay Shore, Long Island, N.Y., I am calling on all Hibernians for some help.

My brother, Fr. Oliver O'Connor, is a Divine Word Missionary in New Guinea. In order to buy him a 16mm projector, which he needs for his work, I am collecting Betty Crocker coupons. For each of these coupons, General Mills will allow us one half cent. The projector will cost \$400. Consequently we will require a total of 80,000 coupons. To date I have approximately 6,500.

Should any readers of the Digest, or their wives, use the products of General Mills and do not have use for the

coupons, perhaps they would be good enough to send them to me at 39 Second Avenue, Bay Shore, N.Y., 11706.

I will be very grateful, as I know my brother will also, for whatever help you can give me. - Sincerely, Mrs. Ronald Allen, Ladies Auxiliary, Suffolk County.

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The recent and sudden death of John Dunne, 74, of Mullinahone, County Tipperary, Ireland, brought sadness and fond memories to those who knew him. He was the father of Martin Dunne, a prominent member of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

I had the opportunity of meeting the late Mr. Dunne after the National Convention in Dublin in 1972, when I visited his home at Paulacapple, Mullinahone, with his son, Martin, as we traveled from Dublin to Cork.

Mr. Dunne joined us and continued the trip on to Cork for a week's vacation with his daughter-in-law.

He described the beautiful area of his home at the foot of Slievenamon. As he talked, one knew that this was a man who dearly loved Ireland. His kindness I will always remember, and that of his wife, Mary Dunne. Such kindness is not easily forgotten.

Our deepest sympathy to Martin and his family.

- Jack Reynolds

FEIS DATES ANNOUNCED

July 14 - Feis Rochester
July 21 - Pittsburgh Irish Center
Aug. 4 - Fordham Irish Club
Aug. 12 - Council of Gaelic Societies Feis at Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Aug. 25 - Catskill Feis
Sept. 9 - AOH Nassau Cty.
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OBITUARIES

JOHN FITZGERALD

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division Five, A.O.H., Albany, N.Y., mourns the death of Brother John Fitzgerald, whose unexpected passing has taken from the division its oldest, most active and friendliest of members. He was a great Hibernian.

All members of the Division will miss him, and ask that he be remembered in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

WILLIAM F. HICKEY

A good friend and Brother, William F. Hickey, passed away recently after a long illness. Brother Bill was known and liked by all members of his Division and was a dedicated member of the Order.

He will be missed for his congenial company and his wise counsel, and his friends all join in extending deepest sympathy to his family as they share their grief.

"Eternal rest grant unto Bill, Oh Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

JOHN J. CURRAN

John J. Curran, Vice President of J.F.K. Division No. 2, Pottsville, Pa., passed away Sunday, June 17. Jack was one of the most active members in the Division, serving as chairman of the social activities committee in addition to performing his vice presidential duties.

He could always be found at all Hibernian functions, promoting Irish culture and traditions. His loss will be felt not only by his Division, but by the entire Order.

William J. Doran, Treasurer of Division No. 2, acted as a pall bearer and officially represented the Division at the Requiem Mass celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church, Mt. Carbon, Pa.

The prayers of all his brother and sister Hibernians are asked for the repose of his soul.

AUGUSTINE X. CLEARY

Augustine X. Cleary, 73, past vice president of the James T. O'Reilly Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Lawrence, Mass., died recently after a long illness.

Brother Cleary was a native of Lawrence, attended St. Laurence's Church and was a member of the Holy Name Society of that parish. He served as a sexton for 22 years at the church.

He was founder and president of the Lawrence Taxi Association, and former owner and operator of Cleary's Taxi Company.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn N. (O'Connell) Cleary, a daughter, Dorothea E., wife of Kenneth Morrison of Burlington; a son, Augustine X. Cleary Jr. of Methuen; two brothers, Thomas Cleary of Lawrence and Cornelius Cleary of East Hartford, Conn., and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered in St. Laurence Church, with interment in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.



CARDINAL TIMOTHY MANNING concelebrates his first Public Mass in Los Angeles after his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals, March 17. Mass

is annually sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Los Angeles, California.

At St. Vibiana's Cathedral

Los Angeles' New Cardinal Celebrates 95th Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass

Los Angeles is blessed with a new Cardinal—a Hibernian. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Manning, Archbishop of Los Angeles, flew back from Rome and his native Ireland just in time to celebrate the 95th Annual Ancient Order of Hibernians Mass on St. Patrick's Day in St. Vibiana's Cathedral, in Los Angeles.

St. Patrick's Day 1973 proved to be the grandest day for the Irish in Southern California. At 5 p.m. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Manning offered his first public Mass since his formal elevation to the Sacred College. This Mass was the annual Sole Mass sponsored by the Los Angeles Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians on St. Patrick's Day.

St. Vibiana's Cathedral was crowded with the faithful of the diocese who shared this very proud and holy moment with the new Cardinal. Msgr. John V. Sheridan, A.O.H. Chaplain, delivered a timely sermon which related the strength and determination of faith possessed by the

Apostle of Ireland as qualities which contemporary man would do well to follow. The Mass was a jubilant affair and the Irish and Irish-Americans of Southern California came by the hundreds to do homage to their God, honor their patron saint of Ireland, and express tribute to their beloved Cardinal Manning.

Grand Ball and Banquet

The pride of the Irish then turned to the Los Angeles Statler-Hilton Hotel where the Ancient Order hosted its 98th Annual St. Patrick's Day Grand Ball and Banquet.

A record-breaking crowd showed up to share in the evening's festivities which opened with Brother Pat O'Neill singing the American and Irish National Anthems. Glistening chandeliers illuminated an artistically decorated ballroom colored with green, gold, and white.

Candle-lit tables were decorated with fresh flowers arranged by the Ladies Auxiliary under the direction of President Mathilda Murphy.

Cardinal Receives Award
Master of Ceremonies Mike Farrell turned the program over to Commander Peter F. Hagan, Los Angeles President, who presented the St. Patrick statue, annually awarded to the most outstanding Irish-American of Southern California, to His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Manning.

President Hagan noted that the Cardinal was selected by unanimous decision—a rarity for this division.

In his acceptance address the Cardinal, only hours returned from a stay in Ireland, likened the border between Northern and Southern Ireland to a "crown of thorns" bringing agony to Irish men and women everywhere.

During his stay in Ireland, Cardinal Manning was feted by Eamon De Valera, President of the Republic of Ireland.

Gala Entertainment

The Grand Ball turned into a gala cabaret of Irish entertainment with the sweet and lovely bird-like voice of Marilyn Savage opening with

"Did Your Mother Come From Ireland?" Max Parsley, renown Irish balladeer, broke the house wide open with "James Connelly" and many other traditional Irish ballads.

The graceful movements of Adriene Murphy equal her beauty and received stunning applause for her award winning step dancing. The Don Barry Irish Showband provided music for the dancers until one in the morning.

It was a grand affair for the Irish and though we may be small by comparison—one thing is certain—the Irish were heard loud and clear in Los Angeles on St. Patrick's Day, 1973.

Future Events

The Los Angeles Division of the Ancient Order is now busying itself with preparations for the 1974 A.O.H. National Convention, and looks forward to entertaining brothers and sisters from across America in the same gala style. The 1973 California State Convention is scheduled for San Jose, California, on August 5, 6, 7, 1973.



PRESIDENT PETER HAGAN - Past President John Conlin, and Mrs. Frank O'Neill offer sacrifices to Cardinal Manning at the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass held in St. Vibiana's Cathedral. It was the 95th

annual Mass sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. At the right of the Cardinal is Msgr. John Sheridan, Chaplain of A.O.H., Division 1, Los Angeles.

Children of Irish Family Reunited by Pottsville Div.

Noreen, Patricia and Damien O'Connor of Belfast, Ireland, stepped off an airplane in Hazleton, Pa., March 21, and were reunited with their sister Deirdre O'Connor McGowan, who had been anxiously awaiting their arrival for several weeks. Deirdre is the wife of John McGowan, Shenandoah Heights, Pa.

With the situation in Northern Ireland becoming more unbearable by the day, she actually feared for the lives of her brother and sisters, therefore, it was with a great feeling of relief that she watched them leave the plane and run across the runway to meet her. The only thing marring the reunion was the fact that another sister, Oonagh 16, chose to remain behind in Belfast with their parents.

As they traveled from the airport to their new home, they passed through the city of Hazleton, and nine-year-old Damien suddenly turned to his brother-in-law and asked, "Where are all the soldiers?" Having just left Belfast, a city that resembles an armed camp, it must have seemed strange to travel through a city where there was no sign of the military.

For several weeks, J.F.K. Division No. 2 of Pottsville had been conducting a fund raising drive to help defray the expenses involved in bringing the children to this country. The first major contribution, a check in the amount of \$100, was presented to the Division by the Pottsville L.A.A.O.H. In a relatively short time the goal

was reached and the children were on their way.

The O'Connors were introduced to the members of the Division at their April meeting, and Patricia, age 11, entertained with an exhibition of Irish dancing. Leo F. Haley, president of the Division said that seeing these fine young people safe here in the United States was in itself the greatest reward the Pottsville Hibernians could possibly receive.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAM

The J.F.K. Division in Pottsville has embarked on a rather ambitious program to promote Irish culture in the Schuylkill County area. Weekly classes in Irish dancing are held at the Division Headquarters, free of charge, and all children five years of age and over are eligible to attend. Deirdre McGowan and Patricia O'Connor are the instructors.

At the same time, using records and books as teaching aids, there are instructions for interested adults in the Gaelic Language.

Starting in the fall, the division plans to hold a monthly "Round Table Discussion" on Irish history. Particular emphasis will be placed on that period leading up to the establishment of the Republic.

The members of the Pottsville Division feel that many Irish-Americans have lost sight of their heritage. As true Hibernians they are doing their part to awaken interest in Irish culture and traditions.

Father Donal O'Callaghan

Irish Catholics Mourn Death Of Noted Carmelite Priest

By John Concannon
New York A.O.H.

NEW YORK: This city's Irish community, with bowed head and moist eyes, mourned the sudden passing of its beloved friend and saggarth -- "priestly leader" -- the Very Reverend Donal O'Callaghan of the Irish Carmelite Fathers. Father O'Callaghan, a former Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Order, died recently at his residence in the rectory of Our Lady of the Scapular Church on East 28th Street.

The 57-year-old man of God was born in New York city of Irish-American parents. His father, the late Michael O'Callaghan, a native of Inchmay, Banteer, County Cork, Ireland, was a former Captain in the New York City Police Department. His mother, the late Anna Cassidy, was born in Torrington, Conn.

Father O'Callaghan was a former National Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and had been New York State Chaplain of the Order since 1951. In that same year, he was given the highest honor that can be bestowed on an American of Irish birth or ancestry and elected Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In his three-score years in the priesthood, Father Donal earned a wide and deep repu-

tation as a friend of Irish men and women in need of advice, guidance and help. He was kind and witty and warm-hearted, a tireless worker for the people of his ancestral land -- his kith and kin, as he called them.

He was also noted for his fiery eloquence, his courageous espousal of Irish causes, his pointed exposures of British tyranny, hypocrisy and mistreatment of Ireland and its people, his scholarly knowledge of Ireland, and of Irish and American-Irish history, both ancient and modern. His long and faithful advocacy of justice and full freedom for Ireland and her people earned Father Donal O'Callaghan, Order of Carmelites, the respect and affection of Irish and Irish Americans, their friends and supporters, throughout the United States.

Some of the many Irish community leaders who have noted with sorrow their group's irreplaceable, personal loss at the passing of Father Donal O'Callaghan are: Judge James J. Comerford, Chairman, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; Kevin Morrissey, President, United Irish Counties Association; John P. Collins, National Chairman, American-Irish Immigration Committee; Peter McManus, President, Irish Institute; John Kerry O'Donnell, Pres-



FATHER O'CALLAGHAN

ident, Gaelic Athletic Association; John W. Duffy, Chairman, United Irish Counties Feis; Paul O'Dwyer, Director, American Committee for Ulster Justice; Michael Flannery, Director, Irish Northern Aid Committee; and, from the Ancient Order of Hibernians -- National President Edward Fay; New York State President George Foley, and New York County President Joseph Sullivan.

With a unity intensified by sorrow, those he served so well and so generously pray, "God Rest the Noble Soul of Father Donal O'Callaghan."



A.O.H. HEARS TALK on newly elected Irish Government. -- Dr. Sean O h Eideain, counselor, Embassy of Ireland, Washington, D.C. spoke on the newly-elected Irish Government to the members of the A.O.H. Emerald Isle Division No. 3, Washington, D.C., and friends at the Kenwood Golf and Country Club, Kenwood, Md. Dr. O h Eideain is a scholar of note and a very experienced and outstanding diplomat. His talk was most informative, educational and entertaining. The great number of questions asked and the thorough answers of Dr. O h Eideain manifested the

enormous interest, enthusiasm and enjoyment of the audience. Front row from left are: Thomas P. Heery, Financial Secretary; Dr. Sean O h Eideain, John W. Ruddy, Recording Secretary. Back row from left are: James G. Hollywood, President, A.O.H. District Board, Washington, D.C.; Edward P. Keefe, Treasurer; Joseph M. Callaghan, Marshal, and James J. O'Connor, Chairman, Catholic Action. Brothers Heery, Ruddy, Keefe, Callaghan and O'Connor are office holders of the A.O.H. Emerald Isle Division No. 3, Washington, D.C.

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give permission to the National Secretary to carry out this important work immediately.

National Vice President John M. Keane was unable to attend but forwarded his report in writing to the National President and board.

The National Treasurer presented a lengthy report and also remarked on the state of the Order in Chicago.

J. Robert Tweedy, National Director, reported on the National Award, the John F. Kennedy Medal. He later presented this award to Gov. John J. Gilligan at the President's Banquet.

William Kinane Reports

William Kinane, National Director and Chairman of the National Raffle reported on the results of the raffle as follows:

At a meeting held in the Hotel Burlington on Saturday following the Convention in Dublin, I was appointed by our President as Chairman of the Awards Committee. The officers present discussed the 1971 awards and it was decided that we mail material for the 1972 awards, only to those who subscribed in 1971. It was decided to have same prizes, first to fifth, two round-trips by plane to Ireland or \$400 cash. Drawing to be held on December 16.

Tickets were mailed to 1971 subscribers and the following to the Ladies Auxiliary - one book to each National Officer, two to State Presidents and five to each County President.

I also mailed two books to each Men's Division with a response of \$621. Highest subscriber was Brother Thomas Conroy with \$100.

The drawing was held on December 16 at Division 14, Nassau County, Christmas party and the winners were:

James C. Nugent, 2323 Avenue "D", Brooklyn, N.Y.; 2 - J. F. Collins, 5834 Liebig Avenue, Riverdale, N.Y.; 3 - William J. Lahey, 20 Linden St., No. Easton, Mass.; 4 - E & W Saba, 22 Woodland St., Lawrence, Mass., and 5 - Pat Murrihy, 1439 Wood Rd., New York.

The awards were drawn by: first, National President, Edward J. Fay; second, Eileen Waters, President, Nassau County L.A.; third, Jack Irwin, President Div. 14, Nassau County; fourth, Rosalie Rairden, President Div. 14, Nassau County, L.A., and fifth, Peter Tierney, Past Kings County President.

STATEMENT 1972 AWARDS RECEIPTS - Men, \$5,747 and Ladies, \$996 for a total of \$6,743.

EXPENDITURES - Awards, \$2,000; Printing tickets, envelopes, \$452; Ladies share 40%, \$398.40; Mailing expenses, \$328; Donation to Div. 14 Nassau, \$75, and Chairman's expenses, \$60, for a total of \$3,312.40.

PROFIT realized, \$3,429.60.

Bernard J. McCreesh was excused.

Thomas Gavin, National Director reported on progress to date in the Chicago, Ill., area.

John J. Buckley reported for his area and the State of Massachusetts.

Frank M. Keogh, National Director, reported the state of the Order for Indiana.

John R. Conley, National Organizer, reported the improvements in membership and Divisions pending to be organized in all areas of the country.

The Hon. Aloysius Melia, National Historian, reported on the National essay contest and suggested changes for the future. He said that he was disappointed with the amount of entries received as the contest was given every publicity, and plenty of time was allowed. After much discussion, and the Board realizing the National Historian had given the contest every effort on his behalf, including full coverage in the National Digest, it was felt that an effort is also expected by the State, County and Division Historians to promote the contest within their respective areas, and so doing the success of same would be achieved. (See previous issues of Digest for Articles on Irish History by National Historian.)

HIBERNIAN DIGEST

Jack Reynolds, Editor of Digest, reported on the success of the Digest and the proposed increase in the size of the paper. He thanked all areas for news received, but said that the size would have to increase so that we can give greater coverage to all areas of the Order and the work of the Hibernians, and guidelines set at Dublin regarding **The Fort Worth five, United Ireland, the Prisoners of Long Kesh and Abortion**. In short, we do not and cannot expect to represent the Order with an eight-page paper.

The last issue was increased to 12 pages because in late 1972 some issues were missed. News is presently being given to the membership with increased size of the paper.

Presented also were new advertising rates to cover the cost of increased size of the Digest starting with the present issue. There will be two types of advertising, National and Local at different rates.

Continuing, the Editor said that a lot of important news had not gone into the Digest on an issue requested but every effort was being done to present all news received. This will take place with the increased size from the usual eight pages to 16 to 20 pages in future. We have the advertising for the present issue coming out.

All proposals from The



THE HON. JAMES F. CLARKE, Judge of Common Pleas Court, Pittsburgh, was a guest speaker at the National Board Banquet, held at Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, on June 16.

National and Assistant Editor (Dave Burke, Mass.) were accepted. Therefore the Digest in the future will increase in size to give greater coverage to all areas of the order.

(Advertising rates are now printed in this issue.)

CATHOLIC ACTION

An excellent report was received from John J. Hoswell, Chairman of Catholic Action, which was accepted and voted on by the National Board.

ISSUE NO. 1 - ABORTION

This resolution was passed by the National Board, June 16.

After careful study of various groups in their efforts in seeking a reversal of the recent Supreme Court's ruling on Abortion and in the protection of Human Life.

The National Society of the Right to Life being a non-profit, non-denominational and non-political organization, which was founded on the belief that Human Life at any stage of development is sacred, and as such is deserving of respect and protection under the law.

Therefore let it go on record that:

1. The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. fully support the National Right to Life Society on the Abortion Issue.

2. That all Division Presidents make a concentrated effort in registering their Division's support to their local Chapter of the Right to Life Society.

3. All Division Chairmen of Catholic Action seek to have a speaker from the Right to Life Society address their membership, and keep them informed of any changes or progress to date.

4. Division Chairmen of Catholic Action should see that up to date copies of their local Diocesan Catholic Newspapers are available to their members at all regular meetings.

5. Each member can help, by writing to their State Representatives and Congressmen seeking their support on the Abortion question by briefly stating their convictions and by encouraging others to write too.

Do this now - remember. The deformed, the aged, the unborn, the unwanted, each is a human being. No one of us may choose to end the life of another!

This directive on Issue No. 1 is to be read by all Division Presidents to their members at their next regular monthly meeting and ACTED UPON within 30-DAYS of said meeting as approved by the National Board in Session.

ISSUE NO. 2 - AID TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

After the rising cost of education each year and with little or no state financial assistance available to Catholic schools, more and more of our children are being forced for economic reasons to attend Public schools.

While still pressing for Federal and State Aid, we must not sit around awaiting the proverbial goose to lay the golden egg.

The time to act is now, the following Guidelines should be put into effect immediately:

1. All divisions create an Education Fund where none exist.

2. An educational Committee be formed in each division to administer said fund.

3. Division Chairmen of Catholic Action to chair Educational Committees.

4. Educational Committees be responsible for all fund-raising, one suggestion being an Annual Catholic Charities Dance or similar activities.

5. Committee chairmen to make an Annual progress report in writing to the State Chairman of Catholic Action before April 25.

6. State Chairmen of Catholic Action forward in writing their respective State's progress to the Na-

tional Chairman of Catholic Action on or before May 16, for recording and publication in the Hibernian Digest.

Why a fund?

It is a fact that, within our Order, considerable sums of money are raised and donated to various charities each year. It is NOT our intention to eliminate or reduce by one cent these worthwhile and worthy acts of charity. But rather to increase them in such a way that the children of our members will not lack a Catholic education because of financial reasons. By taking care of our children today we will be aiding the Hibernians of tomorrow.

But let's not let it stop there, at a later date each State, District, and Province could follow through with assistance for our member's children (where needed) in Catholic High Schools. To complete the picture, when such funds are firmly established, our National Board could create a fund to assist members in good standing to attend Catholic Universities or Catholic Colleges.

Obviously the above guidelines are not offered as great overnight winners but rather a long-term plan, which if handled properly can create more activities on all levels of our Order and hopefully will prove an attractive incentive for potential new members.

With the Immigration Laws as they now stand, we are looking more and more within our own families to inherit and carry on our Order's Noble Traditions. Let's see that our children attending grade schools are not deprived of a Catholic Education in their crucial years because we stood by and did nothing.

The need is there, the cause is just, the time is now, it is the moral duty of every Hibernian to push for the success of such a plan, as long as it does not cause an undue burden or hardship on a Division. -John J. Hoswell, National Chairman, Catholic Action.

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William J. Collins, Chairman, Constitution, Ritual and Progress, gave a lengthy report but added that there was no request at this time but to carry on the business as passed at Dublin.

Edward F. Callanan, Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland, asked that the resolutions as passed at Dublin regarding Full Freedom for All Ireland be implemented in all Division, County and State Boards.

He presented the following resolutions to be accepted and renewed and asked that they be carried out in all areas of the Order, also a telegram to be sent to the Attorney General and Mr. Richard Nixon immediately regarding the case of the Fort Worth Five.

Text is as follows:

The following resolutions, submitted by Edward F. Callanan, Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland, were passed by the National Board, June 16:

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GOVERNOR JOHN J. GILLIGAN proudly displays the John F. Kennedy Medal to a group of admiring friends.

The presentation was made at a banquet following the National Board meeting in June.

Governor J.J. Gilligan Receives Kennedy Medal

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the things he wanted to do. Last week, while I was at a Governor's convention, I returned and was handed a \$100 million budget.

"I was on my way to my 25th class reunion at Notre Dame and was stopped in Cleveland and asked to come to the funeral of Robert Kennedy. Last week it was five years since Bobby was murdered and this November it will be ten years since John died and I cannot help recall these men and the services they gave this country.

"The first recipient of this award was the first one to send me a note of congratulations when this was announced. It was James J. Farley, a friend of Father's, who is with me to make sure I don't say anything I should not. Father is known in Ohio as the "Governor's governor". He and I had breakfast with Jim Farley in New York in January. Jim is 85 years old. He is as erect as an arrow. He is in fine fettle. I hope I am as good as he is now when I am sixty.

"I hope this award can bring me some of the real fidelity, integrity, honor, service and the other fine attributes of Jim Farley.

"Let me refer to Eddie Leonard, who referred to the Bishop as his "cousin". I found that when I came here tonight, my cousin Jim Gilligan and his wife were here from Ohio. I have a story about him. I first ran in a state-wide election eleven years ago. I did not do very well, but when I began checking the election returns I found I carried Jefferson County in Steubenville and I thought I only made one speech there and—I really must have awed them, but Jimmy Gilligan was on the slate and they thought they

were voting for him and that is what gave me my start.

IRISH GRANDFATHER

"It is a real pleasure to be here - not to make a political speech about taxes, etc. as I must do in Ohio, but to recall this Ancient Order of Hibernians. My Grandfather, Pat, came to this country with four brothers from Sligo before the Civil War and as my Father explains it, he became a funeral director as was his son and as my Dad explains it, they did not know much about anything except horses and taking care of hack drivers. It was as high as an Irishman could attempt to reach on a professional level with a vested right even at an Irish wake in the old country and they have been doing it ever since. Last week at Lake Tahoe, Danny Thomas was the Master of Ceremonies. He is one of my favorite and famous persons. He was telling about himself - his being a Lebanese married to a Sicilian - he said he might as well be Irish. He told about going to an Irish wake in Toledo, where as was the custom, he went to many Irish wakes. One of his stories was about an old Irishman named Maloney. He was always the first one in at the kitchen table reaching for everything. At one particular wake he was there for three days. Everybody was gone except the Widow Walsh and Danny Maloney. Mrs. Walsh said, "I don't know what to do - whether to bury Pat in St. Joseph's or go for cremation". "Well", Maloney said, reaching for the last dram in the bottle, "Why don't we just stuff him and keep the party going"? The reason I am repeating it - most of you heard it before, but Danny Thomas told it. My wife said, "I heard your

Grandmother told that story forty years ago".

"Danny Thomas also told a story about an Irish priest in an Irish parish where the priest was a strict disciplinarian who had fifty steps going up to a grotto on the church grounds. When he wanted to be hard on the parishioners, for penance he would send them up the steps. One of the ladies was sent up the steps. Behind her was an elderly gentleman. On the way up, the hem of her dress caught on the heel of his shoe. She turned and said, "Would you be good enough to lift my skirt?" and he said, "I would not!" "It was for doing that that I am doing this."

OLD TIMES - OLD STORIES

"It is fun to tell old stories and to think of old times and I am mindful of our Bishop's words in which he talked about the necessity of bringing the young people into organizations such as this. One thing strikes me with force about the young generation (we have four). I think they are the finest young people this nation has produced. They are idealistic, devoted to making the world a better place. In the words which they professed or proclaimed about peace, etc., which they proclaimed so loudly they think nobody before them was devoted to this. I think they should learn what a society like this has meant. The AOH was founded here in 1836. Some can trace its activities back to an earlier date and some back to 1595, but whatever the date is, for many hundreds of years under the most excruciating oppressive conditions that the mind of man can conjure up, under the most terrible kinds of persecution, the A.O.H. kept faith in church, their ideals, faith in each other and faith in God and faith that in God's good time there would be a free and united Ireland, yet carnage and blood-shed still go on in Ireland. They have not abandoned their faith and

I do not think they ever will. I think our children should learn this about earlier generations and it might give them strength in days to come when they face tribulations.

THE SOCIETY WE DREAM ABOUT

"Some think the A.O.H. does not concern itself with anything that occurs in that little island of Ireland, but nothing could be further from the truth. Those in coal fields of Pennsylvania must have difficulty overlooking the fact that when thousands of penniless Irish immigrants came to Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia working on road gangs and mills and mines and were treated like cattle and dray horses, having left oppression in Ireland, found conditions more oppressive than those they fled and then it was the A.O.H. that organized the people and organized their resistance to owners of mine workers before labor organizations demanded they be treated as human beings and given their fair share. It has not only been in Ireland, but this nation, and all over the face of the earth where the dignity of man is pursued that you will find the A.O.H. concerned.

Celtic Chair At University Needs Money

Representatives of the Catholic University of Washington addressed the National Board recently regarding the A.O.H. Celtic Chair at the University. It was a lengthy address and the matter was later brought before the Board for discussion.

It was decided that a committee be set up for the purpose of raising finances for the Chair of Celtic Studies at Washington. (See last issue of Digest.) Further particulars will follow in the next issue of the Digest.

The committee appointed by the National President includes the Hon. Aloysius Melia, National Historian; Edward Callanan, Chairman of Freedom for All Ireland, and Jack Reynolds, Editor, National Hibernian Digest.

Dr. R.T. Meyer Discusses Celtic Studies

The Ancient Order of Hibernians founded the Chair of Celtic Studies at the Catholic University of America in 1896. Since that time provision has been made for the teaching of and research in Irish language, literature, history, law, institutions, and civilization.

The fourth holder of the Chair, Dr. Robert T. Meyer, recently took part in a panel discussion at the Irish Fortnight at Georgetown University. The subject that evening was the State of Celtic Studies in America.

Also present on the panel were Dr. Joseph Williman of the Catholic University Department of Modern Languages who showed how Celtic can be used in Comparative Literature, and Dr. Joan Radner of the American University, Washington, D.C.

"Therefore, I am deeply honored, not only because of the award given me, but for the kind of society we have, the kind we dream about and all of our dedication to the AOH. Thank you."

Ireland 1975 - Start Now - Plan Ahead

The Convention in Dublin last year is always a topic of conversation around the Hibernian Hall Club Rooms. The many members and friends who made the trip agree it was a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Actually there are numerous requests to organize another trip. We think it is a wonderful idea. To get things rolling the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division Five Albany is now announcing plans for a TWO WEEK TRIP in July of 1975. Of course this is two years in the future, but remember time flies. It also enables interested parties to decide with their families and plan ahead.

We expect to organize special functions at prominent and historic locations during our stay in Ireland. We hope it will add a real touch of Irish culture and provide an opportunity for added enjoyment.

For information contact: John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division Five, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc., 91 Quail Street, Hibernian Center, Albany, New York, 12206.



JOHN J. KING was honored as "Hibernian of the Year" by the Bridgeport, Conn., John F. Kennedy Division at its annual spring dinner dance held recently. A plaque was presented to Mr. King on this occasion. Shown above, from the left, are Jerry O'Donnel, Awards Chairman; Albert Murphy, President of the Kennedy Division; Sean O'Donnel, dinner dance chairman, and Mr. King.

John King Honored In Bridgeport

At the annual spring dinner dance of the Bridgeport, Connecticut John F. Kennedy Division, John J. King was honored as the "Hibernian of the Year" and was presented with a plaque in recognition of his efforts for the division during the past year.

Mr. King who at the present time serves on the Finance Committee of the division has been a most active and dedicated member, and in the past has served on many committees in the Bridgeport Hibern-

ian's social and fraternal programs. His promotional efforts and activities as chairman of the division's 1972 fall dinner dance resulted in the largest attendance and the most successful financial dinner dance to take place in the past several years.

Inaugurated four years ago as a means to pay tribute to outstanding Hibernians in the Bridgeport organization, the award has in the past been presented to Lawrence Neary, Daniel Lapman, and James Kerr.

Irish Man of the Year Awards



JERRY O'KEEFE, center, State Secretary of the California State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, presents "Man of the Year" award to veteran actor, Pat O'Brien. County Cork born O'Keefe stated "Pat O'Brien was cited by the Orange County Division for de-

picting the Irish people in a favorable light on stage and screen for more than 40 years." Shown above, from the left, are Father Thomas J. Ledwith, O'Brien, O'Keefe, Ernie Sullivan and Dr. Francis V. Macaulay.



DIVISION 11 OF PEABODY, MASS., gave its "Irish Man of the Year" award to Brother James Waldron at the St. Patrick's Day festivities held at the division home. Looking on are, left to right, Deputy National Organizer

Thomas Nolan, Deputy Chief of Police Robert Costello, State President John Riordan, James Waldron, Irish Consulate Cornelius Howard, and President of Division 11, Frank Connors.



DIVISION 8 OF LAWRENCE, MASS., gave its "Irish Man of the Year" award to the past State President and present Commissioner of Essex County, William Donovan; National Director and Mayor

of the city of Lawrence, John J. Buckley; Martin M. Fitzgerald, Chairman, and former Congressman and past President of Division 8 Attorney Thomas Lane.

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FORT WORTH FIVE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is the Supreme law of the land and

WHEREAS, that Constitution guarantees all citizens the right to due process of the law and

WHEREAS, due process has been interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States to relate to a system of ordered justice and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States is bound to observe the constitutional guarantee of due process and

WHEREAS, in June, 1972 five men of Irish extraction have been subjected to a violent abuse of the aforementioned constitutional guarantees because of their refusal to respond to questions of a Grand Jury in Texas and

WHEREAS, such refusal has resulted in their imprisonment in both County and Federal prisons without charge or trial, contrary to the rule of ordered justice and

WHEREAS, according to the New York Times the hearings related to alleged gun smuggling to Northern Ireland was prompted by requests from the British Government and

WHEREAS, this same British Government is now directly ruling Ireland's six north eastern counties by direct violation of international law and

WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians desires to see justice at home in conformance with the Constitution, our most cherished document, and desires to gain the freedom for Matthias Reilly, Ken Tierney, Tom Laffey, Pascal Morahan and Danny Crawford as stated in our resolution passed in Dublin, Ireland in August, 1972.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gathered at Pittsburgh, Pa. does again hereby join Senator Edward M. Kennedy and other prominent Irish Americans in demanding the immediate release of the Fort Worth Five and further demand that no further harassment be perpetrated upon these individuals.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to achieve prompt action that the National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians dispatch a telegram to Attorney General Elliott Richardson advising him of this action with a request that he respond as to anticipated government action in this matter; and urge all divisions of the Order to join financially and otherwise to seek the freedom of the Fort Worth Five.

Telegram from Edward Fay read as follows:

Telegram from National Board in session at Pittsburgh, June 16, 1973 to Hon. Elliott Richardson, U.S. Attorney General.

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The Fort Worth Five have suffered enough humiliation in being deprived of their constitutional rights.

Their detention has created adverse international publicity for our beloved country, and only through their immediate release can we regain some of the respect for justice that is rightfully America's.

Please advise me of your decision. - Edward J. Fay, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, 1416 Powers Run Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15238.

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LONG KESH

WHEREAS, there exists in the northern-eastern section of Ireland a concentration camp named Long Kesh maintained by British troops and

WHEREAS, the internees of Long Kesh are being held without charge in many cases and without the hope of a just and equitable trial in all cases and

WHEREAS, in contravention to international law and all accepted morals of humanity the internees are suffering deprivation of liberty and subjected to inhuman treatment and

WHEREAS, such concentration camps should be exposed to the world as an example of British justice in dealing with those who seek a return to the natural unification of Ireland.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians does hereby decry the conditions existing in Long Kesh and demands an immediate investigation of such conditions by a committee set up and acting under the auspices of the United Nations and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Board directs the National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to communicate the above cited feelings to the Hon. Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

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President Edward J. Fay Hosted At Pittsburgh Banquet

Following the close of the National Board meeting on Saturday, June 16, a large gathering of National, State, County and Division officers, members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and their friends attended a banquet in the ballroom of the Chatham Motor Lodge, Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., to honor National President Edward J. Fay.

In an address to the company, President Fay spoke of the two-day session of the National Board, and what was accomplished. He told the large gathering that "this evening" he had sent telegrams to the Attorney General and to the President of the United States demanding the release of the Fort Worth Five. The telegrams were sent on behalf of all members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

He also asked that we renew the resolutions that were

passed at the 1972 National Convention in Dublin, and give complete financial and moral support to the Fort Worth Five and their dependents.

The banquet also honored Governor John J. Gilligan of Ohio, who was present to receive the Order's highest award, the John F. Kennedy Medal.

Mrs. Dorothy Fay, wife of the President, was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

President Fay, who was introduced by the Honorable John E. McGrady, Master of Ceremonies, said:

"Thank you very much John, Your Excellency Bishop Leonard, Your Excellency Governor Gilligan, Very Reverend Clergy, Our National, State, County and Division Officers of the A.O.H., Brothers, Sisters, and Friends: I think after listening to Governor Gilligan tonight I can see why the people of Ohio considered electing him their Governor. We are very proud of course to have him as one of our members.

"It was a pleasure to have Hugh Devore, former Notre Dame coach come all the way from Houston, Texas for our dinner. I would like to say thanks to everyone. I would like to thank my wife, Dorothy, the greatest girl in the world, my family and all my friends. Now I would like to introduce the National Board of the A.O.H. You can be very proud of each and every one of them:

William Bartnett, National Secretary, his wife, Mary; Steven O'Malley, National Treasurer of Chicago, Ill.; J. Robert Tweedy, National Director of Towson, Maryland; William Kinane of Brooklyn, New York; Thomas Gavin of Chicago; Frank Kehoe and his wife of Indianapolis, Indiana; Hugh Devore, Chairman, Sports Activities of Houston, Texas; Edward Callanan of San Francisco, Chairman, Catholic Action, and General Chairman of National Convention to be held in California in 1974; Jack Reynolds of Long Island, N.Y. - Editor; David Burke of Lawrence, Mass. - Assistant Editor; Thomas Conroy of Harrison, New Jersey; John Conley of Pittsburgh; John Hoswell and his wife of Dayton, Ohio; William J. Collins of Pittsburgh and his wife, Janey, and George Waters of Long Island, Legal Counsel.

"Two things I would like to leave with you. 1. We were privileged to have people from all over the country come and meet here in Pittsburgh. 2. Mike O'Neil from Florida, of the General Tire and Rubber Company, asked if we would allow him or his representative to address us.

"Patrick Burke addressed our Board and asked if we would consider lending our name (A.O.H.) and resources to sponsor a conference in Washington to handle the true story of Ireland here in America. Among those willing to serve are many prominent Americans of Irish descent who are really concerned about a just peace and a United Ireland.

"We have been looking for years for new purpose. This will give us means to unite other Irish in America in a common cause. This conference will take place in February.

"Today I have sent a telegram to the new United States Attorney General dealing with the Fort Worth Five. One was denied citizenship. Four others, who are citizens, have been taken to Seagoville Federal Incarceration Center, Fort Worth, Texas, because they took the Fifth Amendment. They have not been charged, just held in jail. The telegram was sent by the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in behalf of all members and reads as follows:

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"I honestly believe that with the program we are now involved in, we will again be the most sought after Irish organization in the United States. Thank you."

Mr. McGrady thanked the President saying, "You are a wonderful man as well as President and we are very proud and happy to have you as head of our organization."

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CHAMPION IRISH STEP DANCERS from New Hyde Park, Long Island, receive honors from North Hempstead Town Supervisor Michael J. Tully, Jr. Eleven-year-old Daniel P. Callaghan and 13-year-old Eileen Conway display champion Irish smiles as they receive a special proclamation from Supervisor Tully designating a day in their honor, May 11, 1973. The two youngsters were among those representing North America at the Championship Irish Step Dancing Competition in Ireland on April 22. A celebration was held in honor of the two by Division 6, Ancient Order of Hibernians, on May 11.

Four Green Fields

By Tommy Makem



What did I have, said the fine old woman,
What did I have, this proud old woman did say;
I had Four Green Fields each one was a jewel,
But the strangers came and tried to take them from me.
I had fine strong sons they fought to keep my jewels
They fought and died and that was my grief said she.

'Long time ago, said the fine old woman,
'Long time ago, this proud old woman did say;
There was war and death, plundering and pillage,
My children starved by mountain, valley and stream,
And their wailing cries they shook the very heavens,
And my Four Green Fields ran red with their blood
said she.

What have I now, said the fine old woman,
What have I now, this proud old woman did say;
I have Four Green Fields, one of them's in bondage,
In stranger's hands who tried to take it from me,
But my sons have sons, as brave as were their fathers,
And my Fourth Green Field will bloom once again
said she.

Jack Curry Named Hibernian Of Year



DIVISION 35 of Flatbush recently tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of Jack Curry, Deputy National Organizer naming him "Hibernian of the Year." Over three hundred of his fellow Hibernians, friends, and neighbors gathered to pay tribute to "The Big Man From Kildare" who was presented National Life Membership in the Order.

Among those pictured are (seated) Helen Fazio, president of the Kings County Ladies' Auxiliary; N.Y.C. Fire Chief George Kelly, Ret.; Fr. Donal O'Hanlon; Past National President

James J. Comerford, and Jack Curry. Standing are Eugene Byrne, New Jersey State Board President; William Bartnett, Jr., national secretary; Thomas Feeney, national vice-chairman of the American-Irish Immigration Committee; Margaret McAlister, past president of the New York State Board Ladies' Auxiliary; George Foley, New York State Board President; Lillian Wilkening, chairlady and president of Division 17 Ladies' Auxiliary, and Michael J. O'Connor, chairman and president of the Kings County Board.



DIVISION 8 RECENTLY HONORED its 50-year members at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance with over 1,000 in attendance. The 50-year members were presented with plaques and 50-year pins. Shown above, from the left, are Former Councilman and Past President of Division 8, the Honorable Thomas J. Lane; Past National President and

Chairman of the Board of Suffolk University, the Honorable Judge John E. Fenton; John F. Cronin, formerly of Rathmore County Kerry; Patrick O'Sullivan, formerly of County Cork; Mrs. John Lavin, accepting on behalf of her father, James Minahan, and James J. Howlett who made the presentations.



VISITING BROTHERS are always welcome to stop at the home of Division 11 in Peabody, Mass., in historical Essex County. The home is open Monday

through Friday from 3 p.m. to midnight. Brothers in Peabody have just completed \$25,000 worth of renovations in their home.



LADIES of the Reverend Harold J. Flynn Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Auxiliary were recently installed at the V.F.W. Hall in Fulton, N.Y. Installing officer was Mrs. Dottie Foy of Schenectady, N.Y. Some of the ladies present were, from the left, Alice Sullivan, Janet Dann, Flora Callen, Betty Callen, Marge Moore, Mary Moon, Ann

Otis, Rita Larkin, Bridgett Brett and Peg Duciaume. The ladies celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Mass in the V.F.W. Hall, and later a public corned beef and cabbage dinner. The next day, the Fulton Division 2 and Auxiliary went to Oswego and joined Hibernians there for a concelebrated Mass.

Mrs. Madelyn Cashman Heads Essex County L. A.

At the Essex County convention held recently in Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Madelyn Cashman of Auxiliary 10, Lynn, was elected as County President for a two-year term.

Her board of officers will be comprised of Vice President Mrs. Helen T. Mullane, Auxiliary 8, Lawrence; Secretary, Mrs. Leita McKinnon, Auxiliary 11, Peabody; Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Fitzgerald, Auxiliary 14, Haverhill, and Irish Historian, Mrs. Arlene Tweed, Auxiliary 18, Salem, Mass.

Essex County has the largest membership in the state of Massachusetts, and also boasts of some of the most active auxiliaries. We look forward to very active years under the guidance of Sister Cashman and her board.



NATIONAL ORGANIZER of the Ladies Auxiliary Betty Donovan, asks that all members of the Ladies Auxiliary keep in touch with her with regards to increased membership. If any queries write her at 9738 Old Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, Illinois, 62208.

Hampden County

Many of the members from Auxiliary 8, Springfield, served on the committee at the concert held for the benefit of the Columban Missionary Fathers. The sum of \$4,700 given to the Columbans testifies to the work and effort put out by the Sisters of Auxiliary 8.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians State Board of Massachusetts and the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians State Board, jointly sponsored a St. Patrick's party at the 57 Restaurant in Boston recently. Guests included Monsignor John J. Grant, State Chaplain; Cornelius Howard, Consul General of Ireland and Mrs. Howard; National Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Miss Margaret M. Webb; National Director of the A.O.H., the Honorable John J. Buckley; Past National President Miss Mary Hurley, and representatives from the Irish African Mission Society and the Columban Missionary order. The large gathering enjoyed the banquet followed by entertainment and music for dancing by Tommy Barton and his band. State Presidents John Reardon and Miss Mary E. Hughes were the co-chairmen for the very successful affair.

Auxiliary 8, Lawrence, celebrated the 69th anniversary of the founding of their auxiliary with a party held at Harris Inn, Pelham, N.H. Mrs. Lawrence J. Mullane, President, welcomed the members and their guests, and introduced the chairlady and toastmistress, Mrs. F. Joseph O'Neill. Speakers of the evening were Monsignor Joseph P. Burke, Auxiliary Chaplain and the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Division 8 President. Entertainment was provided by Joseph

Joyce of Boston.

The death of Past National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, has left a void in our ranks that will be hard to fill. The high esteem in which she was held, not only in Hibernian circles, but also in the Catholic Church and its societies bore mute testimony when 14 priests concelebrated her funeral Mass. Delegations of Hibernians from throughout the state and nearby states attended her wake and funeral in large numbers. May God in His mercy grant her eternal rest.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its Ladies Auxiliary of Massachusetts met in convention on June 8, 9 and 10 at Howard Johnson Motor Hotel, 200 Stuart Street, Boston. New officers to serve for the next two years were chosen. One of their primary objectives was to start plans for next year's National Convention in California, so that as in the past, the State of Massachusetts will be well represented among the delegates.

Officers elected at the recent convention, where over 150 delegates were in attendance: President Mrs. Lena Haskell, Brockton, Plymouth County; Vice President Mrs. Rose Conroy, Lawrence, Essex County; Secretary Mrs. Grace Finnegan, Braintree, Norfolk County; Treasurer Mrs. Eleanor Wilder, Clinton, Worcester County; Historian Mrs. Kathleen McCabe, Dedham, Suffolk County, and Jr. Past President Miss Mary E. Hughes, Wellesley Hills, Middlesex County.

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Columban Fathers Express Thanks For Generous Gift

At Massachusetts Luncheon National Ladies Auxiliary Gives \$20,000 To Columbans

The following is a copy of a letter from the Rev. Hugh O'Rourke, director of Columban Fathers, Nebraska, to Mrs. Rita Murphy, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary:

"It is with a heart full of warm gratitude and appreciation that I wish to acknowledge the magnificent gift of \$20,000 from the National Board of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We are deeply indebted to you and all the other members of the National Auxiliary.

"We have very much to thank God for over the past year, for the many successes and achievements which we have made throughout our various missions. True, there have been many difficulties and problems but it is through the acceptance and overcoming of these difficulties that many graces are gained for our work.

"The gifts received from our friends at home are a vital factor in our work and in supporting our priests on the missions. Without that our work could not continue.

"All our good friends are united with us in spreading Christ's message and in making Him known to the people entrusted to our care. You are co-workers in this apostolic work which Our Divine Lord has entrusted to all of us. Only in the next life will we realize how much is due to all our good friends in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Rest assured that your reward in Heaven will be very great.

"To you, as to all the members, I wish to extend my grateful appreciation of all that you have done and are doing for us. May Our Divine Lord return it to you even in this life. -Sincerely and Gratefully yours, Father Hugh"

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Miss Margaret Webb, National Treasurer, received the following letter from the Rev. Owen McGrath:

"Thank the Lord, I got back here safe and sound last Sunday evening - since then I have been recovering a bit from the 'shock' of your \$20,000 gift. May the good Lord increase your store. It sure was a most pleasant surprise when I rested my eyes on your princely check.

"Thanks are difficult to express at times, and this is surely one of those times. My hope is that you realize all the effort I'm trying to put into this expression of gratitude on my own behalf and on behalf of my confreres in the Columban Family. Your present gift is so great a thing in our eyes that all the superlatives I could muster, to describe the gratitude that fills our hearts, would fall very short indeed. I'll just have to leave it in the hands of my superiors who are more capable of rendering thanks. In the final analysis we'll just have to ask the

Eternal Father Himself to do the thanking and to do the rewarding for us. That duty the Columbans fulfill daily at the altar. Please be assured of our constant concern for the members of the National Board who made this extraordinary gift possible, and of our fervent prayers for their health and happiness.

"Ever since our founder, Bishop Galvin of happy memory, spoke at the National Convention, almost 40 years ago, the Ladies Auxiliary members have been very stalwart Columban fans; you have responded to many a plea for help; you have been alive to the needs of our missionaries and most ingenious in finding ways of helping us; your gifts have been put into the hands of our missionaries in Korea, Japan, Burma, the Philippines, Fiji and Latin America and your prayers continue to uphold them. Our heartfelt thanks are yours for the good things you have enabled them to do for the peoples whom they are privileged to serve.

"The blessings of Saints Patrick, Brigid and Columban be with you all, always. -Ever devotedly yours, Owen McGrath"

The Massachusetts State Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliary 8 of Lawrence were hostesses at a smorgasbord luncheon held recently at Maison De-Binette's, Lawrence, Mass.

Highlighting the affair was the presentation of a check for \$20,000 by Miss Margaret Webb, National Treasurer, to Reverend Owen McGrath of the Columban Missionary Order, Milton, Mass. This money was given throughout the United States by members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, A.O.H. during Sister Webb's term in office as National Chairman of Missions.

With the presentation of this check, it raised to over \$75,000 the amount donated through the National Board in the last ten years, without counting money given to the Columban Fathers on a personal basis.

Mrs. Joseph M. Conroy welcomed over three hundred guests at the luncheon in behalf of Mrs. Lawrence J. Mullane, President of Auxiliary 8, and introduced to the gathering Miss Webb, who

acted as chairman of the activities and toastmistress for the party.

The principal speaker was John J. Buckley, Mayor of the City of Lawrence and National Director of the A.O.H. He gave a stirring address on the heritage of the Irish people, citing the immigrants who came to this country and contributed so much to the growth of the United States. He urged that we, as Irish Americans, carry on the good works of our forefathers.

Father McGrath, whose ancestral home is in Killarney, Co. Kerry, Republic of Ireland, was visibly moved by the size of the check and promised it would be put to good use. He told of the hardships endured, and also of the good works of the mission priests in practically every corner of the globe. He promised the prayers of all Columban missionaries for the members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, A.O.H., whom he felt had sacrificed so many of their own comforts in order to aid such a noble cause.

Miss Mary E. Hughes, State President, brought

greetings from the State Board of Massachusetts, and also congratulated Auxiliary 8 for the part they contributed in making the party such a success. Irish step dancers from the Mary Walsh Richards school of dancing and solos by Mrs. Monica Collins McComiskey accompanied by Mrs. Mary Claire Maloof rounded out the program.

Guests were present from throughout the State of Massachusetts, and it was the hope of all present that members would continue to aid the Columban missions through the present National Chairman, Miss Sally Murphy of Baltimore, Maryland.



MRS. MARY E. REYNOLDS

Mrs. Reynolds 'Irish Mother' In Cleveland

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Division No. 5 of Cleveland, Ohio, are proud to have Sister Mary E. Reynolds as one of their group. The United Irish Societies of Cleveland recently elected her their "Irish Mother" of the year.

Mrs. Reynolds, a registered nurse and mother of five children, has long been active in Irish activities in Cleveland. Besides serving as Division and County Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary, she is presently Ohio State Secretary.

On St. Patrick's Day she rode in the Irish Parade as a guest of honor, and in the evening was honored again at the A.O.H. banquet at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Sister Reynolds was presented with a silver charm bracelet by the United Irish Societies, and received certificates from the City of Cleveland and the Ohio House of Representatives.

She resides with her husband, James P., and two children at 10223 Jean Ave., Cleveland. The other three children are married. Her husband and all of her children are members of the Ancient Order.

MISSION ACTIVITIES OF LADIES AUXILIARY

Donated to the Catholic Church Extension Society	\$ 10,000.00
Donated to the Irish Relief Fund in 1925	2,777.95
Donated a Chapel in honor of St. Brigid in the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington	10,000.00
In addition to the above the members of the order whose name was Mary donated funds for a "Mary Altar" the Central Altar in the Crypt	600.00
The marble for the altar was imported from Ireland - all the necessary linens were made of Irish Linen. All of the necessary requirements to equip the altar were furnished by donations of gold and precious stones contributed by the members. The Crucifix over the tabernacle was a replica of the Cross of Cong.	
A memorial monument in honor of the Nuns who served as nurses on the battlefields during the Civil War was erected by the Auxiliary. It is located at the junction of Connecticut and Rhode Island Avenues in Washington. The bronze tablet on the face of the monuments is a replica of the nuns from the various orders. On Memorial Day each year a wreath is placed there with formal ceremonies by members of the Order in Washington.	50,000.00
When the Immaculate Conception Shrine was being erected a Statue of Our Lady of the Universe was placed over the main entrance. This is supported by four granite carvings - two Abbots and two Abbesses, one of whom is St. Brigid. This was donated by the Auxiliary.	3,500.00
A donation was made to Canon Duggan toward a new church which he was erecting in Ireland.	866.00
A donation was given to Our National Chaplain Archbishop Boland to be sent to Ireland for the Relief of Sufferers in Northern Ireland.	10,000.00
Established a Scholarship at Trinity College, Wash., D.C.	
At the National Convention in 1935 Bishop Griffin our National Chaplain recommended that we support the Missionaries in China. From 1935 to 1972 we have contributed to the Missionaries of St. Columban. (Many of our Auxiliaries have sponsored fund-raising programs which netted considerable money which was sent directly to the Order. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of these funds since they were not sent through the National Treasury.)	\$126,983.00

EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

National Board Meets

In attending the National Board meeting held at Pittsburgh June 15-16 one can only then fully realize the great responsibility of the National Board officers. One also hears reports from across the nation, and you come to realize that your National Officers are doing an excellent job. It is not enough that the National Board officers fulfill their obligations but they expect that those representing them in State, County and Division levels would all carry out their own particular jobs. An example of this is the work of the National Historian who worked tirelessly on the National Essay contest, but did all Historians in Division County and State really make the effort to promote this contest in their own areas? -- Apparently not! A great expense to the National Board -- The number of entries tells the story.

Convention Delegates

We all know that convention delegates represent their own areas, whether it be at a County, State or National Convention. While we are at these conventions our members back home expect so very much from us and rightfully so. We are the chosen ones to represent them. We are the ones who are responsible for bringing home reports to the membership, the resolutions, and the guidelines set for our Order until the next convention.

Too many of our members are completely unaware of the resolutions passed at the last National Convention. Was it that we as delegates campaigned too much and spent too much time away from the proceedings of the conventions to be able to tell our Brothers back home what really took place? And what resolutions were passed! To mention a few of importance -- our commitment to The Fort Worth Five -- Our Stand on a free and United Ireland -- Our Stand on Abortion -- The new Immigration Laws, and what we are to do about them.

Conventions are a great expense to our Divisions, Our Counties, Our State Boards -- but they are well worth while, if those delegated to attend bring the message back to where it belongs -- to the membership.

When we do our jobs, then, and only then, shall we have the right to criticize those who hold higher office.

Exit - Eamon De Valera at 91

The Grand old man of Irish politics, Mr. De Valera has left the office of President of Ireland. We wish him well, also his wife, Mrs. De Valera.

He has given a life to the cause of Ireland and is much admired as a Statesman by all countries of the world.

Though he will go into semi-retirement, he will continue to be at his office each day. We pray God that in his closing years he will use the great influence he has in devoting his time to a cause he many years ago deeply desired -- A United Ireland.

Young Brian Patrick Laffey

The birth took place on June 17 to Thomas and Eileen Laffey. Brian Patrick is the newborn son of Thomas Laffey, one of the Fort Worth Five. Congratulations are extended from the National President and all Hibernians on this occasion. We pray that justice will soon prevail, and hope, with the release of the Fort Worth Five, that Thomas Laffey will meet his newborn son soon.

We Lost a Friend

We are all saddened by the untimely death of the late Father Donal M. O'Callaghan, O'Carm., State Chaplain of New York and Past National Chaplain. A great man of sincere dedication and a friend of the Irish, and everything Irish.

He will be sadly missed by all of us who knew him.

Some Questions - Some Answers

By Edward F. Callanan, Chairman,
Freedom for All Ireland Committee

Five Irish-Americans were summoned to appear before a federal grand jury in Fort Worth, Texas, to answer questions regarding the alleged smuggling of arms to nationalists in Northern Ireland. The five New Yorkers are Kenneth Tierney, Thomas Laffey, Pascal Morahan, Daniel Crawford and Matt Reilly.

Why are New Yorkers hailed before a Texas grand jury?

Texas court proceedings do not normally generate public attention in the metropolitan area. Quiet is good -- perhaps.

Are these men criminals?

Absolutely not. They have not been charged with any criminal offense and all enjoy long standing reputations as upright and law abiding citizens.

How did this probe begin?

The British Foreign Office has admitted to requesting the U.S. to initiate the inquiry.

Were these New Yorkers granted immunity?

Not entirely. They could be extradited to Great Britain and prosecuted under English law although they are American citizens. Nor does the quasi-immunity protect relatives who may now reside within British jurisdiction.

Why did they refuse to answer the questions of the Texas grand jury?

They simply invoked their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Does refusal to answer questions imply guilt?

Absolutely not. The men have not even been charged with a crime and they are simply protecting their rights -- and yours -- under the constitution, as well as the welfare and safety of relatives in Northern Ireland.

Why are they incarcerated?

For insisting on their innocence of wrong doing and their right to remain silent, they have been jailed for contempt of court.

Can they be released on bail pending appeal?

To jail men a thousand miles removed from family and friends is cruel and inhuman punishment for civil contempt. Their wives and children cannot visit them in Texas. Even criminals are granted bail. These men are not criminals. Bail is possible only if there is a public outcry against this injustice. You can be part of that outcry.

Questions for which we have no answers:

Is the sovereignty of the U.S. as an independent nation what it ought to be if Americans can be jailed at the behest of a foreign government?

Questions only you can answer:

Do you uphold equal justice for all Americans? Do you abhor the needless cruelty of a distant incarceration? Do you believe non-criminals should be granted bail pending final resolution in the law courts?

How can you help?

Contact your Senators, Congressmen, Atty. General Richardson and President Nixon asking for the immediate release of the Fort Worth Five.

You can contribute \$1.00 (or more) to the Dallas Defense Fund, 326 West 48th Street, New York, N.Y., 10036.

TIME IS VITAL DO IT TODAY!!

Send a letter or a telegram to the following members of the House Judiciary Committee in support of H. Res. 220, H. Res. 281, and Similar Resolutions of Inquiry.

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BORN TO BE FREE Young Brian Laffey



YOUNG BRIAN LAFFEY rests in the arms of his mother.
--Photo by Newsday, Long Island

As he grows from boy to man, Brian Patrick Laffey will not go unnoticed. No doubt he will follow in the footsteps of his father, having a great love for America and for Ireland, the land of his forebears.

Baby Brian was born on June 18 to Eileen and Thomas Laffey. He is the newborn son of one of the five men held in a Texas Jail for the last five months (see March - April issue Digest) for refusing to answer a grand jury's questions about supposed gun-running to Ireland.

Brian's father, Thomas, had hoped to get word that he would be coming home, but what the Fort Worth Five heard instead was that they were denied an emergency application for bail, pending a final decision on an application for a writ of habeas corpus to decide the legality of their imprisonment. The denial was in the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals before U.S. Circuit Judge James Godbold.

Attorney for the Fort

Worth Five said that he would ask the judge to reconsider the petition for bail, because the judge had denied it on the grounds that there was to be an early hearing on the case on Wednesday, June 27.

The birth of Brian Patrick brought much coverage of the case of the Fort Worth Five before more of the American people, and we hope that through this coverage, more will come, and the people of this country will one day soon ask why five men are in Texas Jail with as yet no charges preferred against them?

We hope that justice will prevail once again in this great land and it will soon see the Fort Worth Five returned to freedom and the ones they dearly love.

Our congratulations to Thomas and Eileen Laffey and welcome to Brian Patrick. Telegrams of congratulations were sent to National President of the A.O.H. in America, Mr. Edward Fay.

President Fay Wires President Nixon

The following is the wording of a telegram sent by National President Edward J. Fay from the National Board while in session in Pittsburgh, June 16, 1973, to the Hon. Elliott Richardson, U.S. Attorney General, and to Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States:

"The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc., convened in Pittsburgh, Penn. voted unanimously on behalf of all its members throughout the United States to strongly demand release of Thomas Laffey, Kevin Tierney, Matthias Reilly, Paschall

Morahan and Danny Crawford, from the Federal Correction Institution in Seago, Texas.

"The Fort Worth Five have suffered enough humiliation in being deprived of their constitutional rights.

"Their detention has created adverse international publicity for our beloved country, and only through their immediate release can we regain some of the respect for justice that is rightfully America's.

"Please advise me of your decision. -- Edward J. Fay, National President, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America."

UND THE FORT WORTH FIVE

Fort Worth Five ... 'Silence is Deafening'

Hibernians Write President For Release Of Prisoners

THE ANCIENT Order of Hibernians does not support violence and we cannot condone the killing of innocent men, women and children, be they Catholic or Protestant, as has been the situation in Northeast Ireland where more than 750 people have lost their lives violently in the last three and one half years.

We have repeatedly petitioned President Nixon to intervene in a peaceful way with all parties to bring to a conclusion the violence in Northeast Ireland. The silence from our President is deafening, although many of our senators and congressmen see fit to endorse this plan. Some representatives of our government take the position that it is none of our business and we should not get involved. We disagree. We believe that our government is involved and the purpose of the message is to bring the truth to the average American who believes in liberty and justice for all people.

THE SO-CALLED "Fort Worth Five," five Irish-born residents of the New York Metropolitan area, were subpoenaed by the U.S. Justice Department to appear before a federal grand jury that convened in Texas for the purpose of investigating alleged gun-smuggling to Ireland.

We believe that they are victims of a British-inspired fishing expedition designed to put fear in the hearts of all who would voice concern for the freedom of Ireland. They must remain in jail until the grand jury adjourns in November simply because they refused to answer questions on what we believe are strong constitutional grounds. We have not had a satisfactory explanation from our Justice Department as to how supporting and sympathizing with the cause of Irish freedom can be equated with organized criminal activity.

THE AVERAGE American does not know that the British Government withdrew troops from West Germany for active duty in Northeast Ireland. This could not have been accomplished without the approval of all NATO countries, and the United States is a member and a signatory. These troops were replaced by other NATO countries including the United States.

The average American does not know that 800 troops of the 40th Royal Marine Commandos, after serving in Northeast Ireland from June until October arrived in this country to receive special training at the United States Marine Corps base in Camp LeJeune, N.C. All these activities, incidentally, are at the expense of the American Taxpayer.

The average American does not know that the seven-inch-long solid rubber pellets the British Army has been using to blind and maim countless civilians are manufactured in the United States. We call all these things involvement.

We are asking all freedom loving Americans to write to President Nixon and their own senators and congressmen, stating their views on the strife in Northeast Ireland. A post card will do, or clip this letter and mail it after including your name and address. **Charles M. Smith, President, Westchester Board A.O.H., White Plains.**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter appeared in all Westchester papers. Circulation 180,000 -- This is bringing the case of the 'Fort Worth Five' to the people.

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June 18, 1973

Dear Mr. Bownes: I thought you would be interested in the enclosed tearsheet from the Congressional Record. Hopefully, this added publicity will prod the White House to answer your letter.

I hope you will continue to keep me up to date on the Hibernians' activities. Feel free to let me know if there is any way I can be of help in your efforts in behalf of the Fort Worth Five. --Sincerely, **Lester L. Wolff, Member of Congress.**

THE FORT WORTH FIVE ARE STILL IN JAIL
HON. LESTER L. WOLFF

of New York
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 12, 1973

MR. WOLFF, Mr. Speaker, Mr. John Bownes, public relations chairman of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, has written to the President in behalf of the Hibernians about Irish-American relations. The Hibernians are particularly concerned about the Fort Worth Five and the President's failure to see bail set for these men and obtain their release.

The letter to the President is dated May 11 and as yet Mr. Bownes has received no reply.

Five men, **Thomas Laffey, Kenneth Tierney, Mathias Reilly, Paschal Morahan, and Daniel Crawford,** have been in jail almost without break since last fall. They stand accused of no crime; they have been repeatedly been denied bail.

Their continued imprisonment makes little sense, but the President's failure to involve himself in any way to help these men and their family makes less sense.

I insert Mr. Bownes' letter in the RECORD:
June 7, 1973

HON. LESTER L. WOLFF,
Member of Congress,
Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: First let me thank you for your continued help in the Irish problem. Your voice has been raised in support of the Fort Worth Five, and the innocent victims in Northern Ireland. We, of the A.O.H. in Nassau County, also support this neglected cause.

We mailed the enclosed letter to President Nixon several weeks ago, but to date have not received a reply. If you can help bring our request to the attention of the American public, it might help our cause, and would be deeply appreciate. --Respectfully, **John Bownes, Public Relations Chairman.**

HON. RICHARD M. NIXON,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In your statement on the Watergate situation on Monday night, April 30, 1973, you stated you wanted justice for the American people at any price--and you talked of your goals for this country in the coming years.

We, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, heartily agree with your objectives. We are especially interested in getting back to the work of government and in that connection--for example--what justice have The Fort Worth Five received from this government? We think it is a disgrace to hold men in jail without bail two thousand miles away from their families. Have you ever received or even requested a report on this grave injustice from any of your staff, present or past? If not, why not? This might be one project for Mr. Connally.

While you mention securing peace in the Middle East and Asia, you fail to consider Ireland, of which you and your wife are descendants. Indeed, Mrs. Nixon received the American Irish Historical Society Award last year and you have sought --before election--to discover the roots of your Irish ancestry. Because the Irish were polite about this question during that period does not mean that they were not and are not now very concerned. For our part, we have written many letters to you in the past requesting your help in this cause. We received answers from your subordinates stating that this is an internal matter and you would not intervene. Yet there were newspaper accounts of British troops being relieved in Europe by U.S. troops to allow them to garrison Northern Ireland and other British troops trained here for the same purpose by our own Marines. These British troops have taken the lives of innocent Irish civilians.

Even worse, taxpayers' money was spent to train British troops in the United States while
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Rally Round The Fort Worth Five

YES

Charity is me

- in '73

As A Hibernian I Will Support The Cause of The Fort Worth Five And Their Dependents.

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Checks should be made payable to:

Dallas Defense Fund Committee, (at its headquarters,)

326 West 48th St., New York, N. Y.

Checks should indicate Ancient Order of Hibernians, giving Division, County and State.

Send copy of contribution to:

**National Chairman A.O.H. Freedom for All Ireland Committee
Edward F. Callanan**

162 Idora Avenue, San Francisco, California 94127

Who Were The Fenians?

In the year 1858 John O'Mahony and James Stephens, two Irishmen living "on the run" in Paris, formed a plan for the creation of a new movement to achieve the independence of Ireland. Both had been "Young Irelanders" - Stephens had been wounded in the abortive rising led by William Smith O'Brien in 1848. It was decided that Stephens should undertake the organization of the new movement in Ireland while O'Mahony did the same in U.S.A. In America the new organization was given the name of "Fenians;" in Ireland it was known as "the Brotherhood" or the "Revolutionary Brotherhood" and finally as the "Irish Republican Brotherhood," the I.R.B., but more generally simply as "The Fenians."

In some important ways the Fenians differed from earlier freedom movements. When the Society of United Irishmen was founded by Wolfe Tone in 1791, whatever may have been Tone's private intentions, it did not proclaim itself as a military organization. Similarly the Young Ireland movement of 1848 arose out of O'Connell's repeal Association which was purely "constitutional."

But from the beginning the Fenians had only one objective, the establishment of an Irish Republic, and they thought of only one way to achieve it, by force of arms. For the first time also an effort was made to organize the Irish in America and for the first time also an effort was made to infiltrate the British army and enlist the help of Irishmen who had been forced by hunger and poverty to "take the Saxon Shilling." Though led by intellectuals the Fenians were essentially a movement of plain people, "the people of no property."

The Fenians in America had gone there to settle in a free country, a land of opportunity. They had nothing to gain and everything to lose by pledging themselves to fight for Irish freedom, but the Fenians were actuated not by any desire to improve their economic conditions but by the pure spirit of patriotism.

When civil war broke out in U.S.A. in 1860 large numbers of Irish joined in the struggle, indeed, on both sides, though mainly on the side of the victorious North. Fenianism spread rapidly among the soldiers in camp and field and when the war ended in 1865 there were thousands of trained veterans ready to strike a blow for Ireland. Scores of officers were sent to Ireland in the next two years to train the Fenians in arms and to lead them when the time came.

Stephens and his associates behaved with an extraordinary lack of caution. Belonging to an oath-bound secret society they nevertheless published a paper, "The Irish People," in which threats or promises of armed insurrection were openly made. The British Government was alerted, learned through its spies of the rapid growth of the Fenian organization and in September 1865 the police swooped on the leaders, some of whom were surprised in the offices of the "Irish People." Stephens escaped the net for two months but was captured in November. A few weeks later the Fenians organized his escape from the Richmond Bridewell (situated where Griffith Barracks now stands) and he was got away to France and from there proceeded to U.S.A.

An absentee commander-in-chief could not inspire confidence and the Fenians were, in fact, left leaderless all through 1866, the year which Stephens had proclaimed was to be the "year of action." It was the inactivity of 1866 which led to the Fenian downfall; it was in 1866 that 1867 was lost.

In America too there was a division in the ranks. O'Mahony's policy was for the American Fenians to devote themselves to supplying money, arms, and picked officers for an insurrection in Ireland. The officers were sent but no arms, and money was frittered away in useless schemes of organization. A section of the Fenians under Colonel John O'Neill demanded action in America and proposed that the British Empire should be disrupted by attacking Canada. Two attempts to invade Canada were made, and if either had met with any initial success the British Empire might well have been shaken. The United States Government, then bitterly hostile to England, might be expected to turn a blind eye to Fenian preparations on American soil. But the chance of an initial success depended on the element of surprise and surprise was made impossible by the activities of a spy. The spy was an English adventurer named Beach who had lived for some time in France. When civil war broke out in America he went to New York and enlisted as a mercenary in the Northern forces under the name of "Le Caron" passing himself off as a Frenchman. In his autobiography (1892) he does not explain why he adopted a disguise. It seems likely that he was trying to escape from a criminal past. He came to know many Fenians and to learn something of their aims. By his own



MRS. PATRICK TRAINOR, sister of Mathias Reilly, one of the Fort Worth Five, reviews mailing material for release of the five men incarcerated in a Texas prison, with Fred O'Brien, chairman of the Essex County Freedom for All Ireland Committee and a member of Division 8, Lawrence, Mass.

account he, as a patriotic Englishman, was horrified to hear of the Fenian plots against his beloved country and made up his mind to foil them. But English interests were bound up with the Southern States and the idea of a patriotic Englishman fighting, under a false name, against England's interests, is not convincing. It is probable that Le Caron simply saw that the situation could be turned to his financial advantage. With astonishing cunning he wormed his way into the confidence of the Fenian leaders - he even developed an imaginary Irish mother - and every detail of the Fenian organization and plans were transmitted regularly to the British Government. The two invasions of Canada, in 1866 and 1870, were inevitably abortive.

In Ireland in 1866 the Fenians are said to have numbered 60,000 men, including 15,000 Irishmen serving in English regiments who had taken the Fenian oath, but by 1867 most of the "disaffected" regiments had been sent overseas by the British Government. There were men, but no arms. Pikes were being forged everywhere but there were not more than 2,000 rifles in the country. To challenge the British Empire with this pitiful armament was more than Stephens dared and 1866 passed without a blow being struck. The hesitations and vacillations of their leader were driving the Fenians to despair but towards the end of 1866 at a conference of Fenian centres in New York, Stephens was forced to order a rising for early in 1867. Shortly after doing so he was deposed and his place as head of the Fenians taken by Colonel Kelly. The date fixed for the rising was February 11, 1867, but this was postponed, at the last moment, to March 5.

In Ireland as in America every move of the Fenians was reported to the British Government by a master spy. John Corydon had been in the American army and had there come in contact with Fenianism. He was absolutely trusted by Stephens and all the leaders in Ireland. He knew all and he told all.

A desperate plan had been devised to secure arms for the rising. The Fenians were well organized in English cities and they had discovered that there were 2,000 rifles stored in Chester Castle. Captain John McCafferty, a resolute Irish veteran of the American civil war, planned the operation. Chester Castle was to be seized, the arms rushed to Holyhead where the mail steamer was to be captured, loaded with rifles, and brought to Dublin. McCafferty was not informed of the postponement and on February 10th hundreds of Fenians converged on Chester. But, warned by Corydon, the British Government was well prepared. Thousands of troops were drafted into Chester. The train in which McCafferty was traveling to take command of the operation was actually shunted into a siding to allow the troop trains to pass. The attempt to raid Chester was abandoned. Among the Fenians who arrived in Chester that day was a young one-armed man who was later to become famous. His name was Michael Davitt.

In Ireland word of the postponement did not reach West Kerry in time and a few Fenians assembled at Cahirciveen. They took a coastguard station and a police barracks but a document found on a captured policeman told them of the postponement and also, of course, warned them that the Government was aware of their plans. It was following on this incident that Dr. Moriarty,

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Postcards Ask Release Of Fort Worth Five

The Essex County Freedom for All Ireland Committee, chairman of which is Brother Fred O'Brien, member of Division 8 A.O.H., Lawrence, Mass., met with Mrs. Patrick Trainor of nearby Billerica Mass., to plan postal parties for the Fort Worth Five.

Mrs. Trainor is the sister of Mathias Reilly, one of the Fort Worth Five.

Over 2,000 postcards were sent out by members of Division 8, Division 10 of Lynn, Division 11 of Peabody and Division 18 of Salem, Essex County, to Senators Kennedy and Brooke, Congressmen Cronin and Harrington, Assistant Majority Leader of the House, Tip O'Neill, and Attorney General Richardson, with the following message:

"I am concerned with the treatment accorded the five Irishmen commonly known as the Fort Worth Five, incarcerated in a Texas prison 1,400 miles from their homes. I fully support an investigation of the Justice Department, and the Grand Jury in their handling of this case. These men are being denied the Civil Rights which I have always believed were clearly outlined in our Constitution.

"Your prompt action in calling for a full and speedy investigation of this matter will be greatly appreciated by your constituents, and by Irish Americans everywhere."

Some Questions

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the Bishop of Kerry, preached his famous sermon in Killarney Cathedral and proclaimed that hell was not hot enough nor eternity long enough to punish the Fenians.

On March 5th the Fenians attempted to light the torch. In Dublin, Louth, and all over Munster police-barracks were attacked and skirmishes with military occurred but the Fenians were defeated before they took the field though one flying column in Cork under the command of the gallant Captain Lomasney (Mackay) continued in action until the end of the year.

Nearly three months later the arms so eagerly expected from America arrived. The O'Mahony group of the Fenians had purchased a sailing ship, the Jackmel. Loaded with 8,000 rifles and 6,000,000 rounds of ammunition it left New York with 40 officers on board, under the command of Captain Kavanagh. Dodging the English navy successfully they arrived off the coast of Sligo, renamed the vessel the "Erin's Hope" and ran up the Fenian flag. But it was too late. They moved along the coast but were unable to make contact with any body of Fenians. A party sent ashore near Dungarvan was captured and the "Erin's Hope" was forced to return to U.S.A. Despite the efforts of the British navy (three British vessels were wrecked in the attempt to intercept him) Captain Kavanagh brought his cargo safely back to New York.

That the Fenians were not yet defeated or demoralized was proved by the manner in which they carried out a daring exploit in September 1867. Colonel Kelly and another Irish-American officer, Deasy, had been arrested in Manchester. On their way from the court where they were charged to the jail where they were to be lodged, guarded by twelve police in a prison van, they were rescued by thirty Fenians in broad daylight, in the heart of Manchester, and got safely away. A policeman was accidentally shot in the course of the action and four of the rescue party who stayed to cover the retreat of their comrades were taken prisoner. They were tried for murder and three of them, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, were hanged publicly in Manchester. They have ever since been honored as the Manchester Martyrs. The last words of all three as they stood on the scaffold facing the mob yelling for their blood were "God save Ireland" and these words T. D. Sullivan made the refrain of a song which was for long regarded as Ireland's national anthem. Let no one think the Fenians failed. They are to be measured not by their failure in the field but by their success in recreating the Irish nation. Had the Fenians everywhere followed the example set by Captain Mackay in Cork they might have discovered the virtues of the guerilla tactics which brought the I.R.A. to victory fifty years later. But the Fenians, whose military advisers were all veterans of the American war, could think only in terms of pitched battles and large forces and with their meager resources in arms and money warfare on that scale could only be a dream.

What the poets said of the men of '98 was true too of the men of '67. "Is iad a d'adhain an tine beo." They rose in dark and evil days and kindled a living flame that has never been extinguished.

"We may have great men, but we'll never have better - - 'Glory O! Glory O to the bold Fenian men!'"

States Ask Investigation Of Fort Worth Five Case

The states of New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts have passed resolutions in their legislative branches to petition Congress for an investigation of the Justice Department in its handling of the Fort Worth Five.

Representative James F. Mahoney, on the Committee on Special Legislation and a brother member of the Division 1, A.O.H., Newport, Rhode Island, will introduce a similar resolution to the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

The A.O.H. National Board

and members are also planning to introduce resolutions in the following states: California, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, New Jersey, Maryland, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Brother Hibernians in other states are requested to take similar action.

For sample copies of resolutions to give to your area legislators contact Fred O'Brien, Chairman, Massachusetts Freedom for All Ireland Committee, P. O. Box 1407, Lawrence, Mass. 01840.



THE CATHOLIC ACTION COMMITTEE of the Essex County Board A.O.H. marched recently in Boston in support of the Massachusetts For Life Committee. Brother William J. Eagan, Division 11, Peabody, chairman of the committee, recently appeared in Boston at the State Legislature in opposition to several

bills favoring abortion. Left to right are David R. Burke, Essex County President; Dennis Cassidy, Essex County Vice President; Massachusetts State President John Riordan; James Howlett, Essex County Secretary, and Joseph Cronin, Vice President of Division 8 and Essex County Financial Secretary.

Bernard J. McGovern Is New President Of J. F. Kennedy Division, Dayton, Ohio

A large crowd was in attendance to witness the installation of Bernard J. McGovern as new President of the J.F.K. Division No. 1, of Dayton, Ohio.

Brother McGovern is a highly popular member, who has attained the position of president after years of dedication, having chaired or worked on every major Hibernian project in Dayton for many years. After thanking his audience, President McGovern stated that cooperation would be the key to a

successful new year.

Following a delicious meal, supplied by members of the Ladies Auxiliary, the new officers of both the men's and ladies' division were installed by State Secretary Steve Donnelly and Ladies Auxiliary State Vice President Carol Kilgallen.

Ladies Auxiliary President Vera Hoswell was elected to a second term, and indicated that 1973 will be another very active year.

Other new officers are as follows:

MEN - Vice President Thomas Lynch, Financial Secretary George Daly, Recording Secretary Thomas O'Brien, Treasurer James Combs, Marshal John Padgett, and Sentinel Tony Stoudt.

WOMEN - Vice President Pat McGovern, Financial Secretary Margaret Kelley, Recording Secretary Joanne O'Brien, Treasurer Betty Ivan, Chairman - Catholic Action Tess Donnelly, and Chairman - Missions Teresa Waters.

The Case of the Fort Worth Five

When a grand-jury proceeding is highly publicized, the reluctant witnesses are usually treated with some care. But many cases have been relatively unpublicized, and they've had a profound effect on the lives of people who lack the resources to withstand their financial and emotional cost. For example, in 1972, the Treasury Department began to investigate the shipment of illegal arms to Northern Ireland. In March, they turned the information they had developed over to the Justice Department. That month, Justice ordered witnesses from the New York area (including a male nurse, a real-estate salesman, a bus driver, a carpenter and a house painter) to be in Fort Worth, Tex., within 48 hours of receiving their subpoenas.

None of them had ever been in trouble with the law before. None had ever been in Texas. The nature of the gun-smuggling plot under investigation was never clearly established - - nor was their relationship to it. The men barely had time to find themselves attorneys, let alone prepare their families and their employers for their absences.

One of them, James McKeon (a transit worker), had been suffering from a heart condition for years. His lawyers asked the Government to recognize his frail health and void the subpoena. One the second day he was there, while waiting to testify, he collapsed and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. He was then allowed to return to New York without facing the jury, but five of the subpoenas who remained behind chose to defy the legal procedure.

They were jailed for four months. They

were freed pending appeal, but only after strenuous lobbying by their lawyers, Paul O'Dwyer and Frank Durkan, and after Congressmen Mario Biaggi, Lester Wolff and Peter Peyser intervened in their behalf.

During their first six weeks in jail they weren't allowed to telephone their families. Two of them lost their jobs. The bus driver's wife had a miscarriage. One of the male nurse's sons, a 7-year-old, suffered severe anxiety because he thought his father was dead.

In Jan., 1973, a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the men were required to testify, and after six months of nervous freedom they were jailed again. This time they were forbidden to contact their families. Some of their wives had become so financially distressed during the year-long ordeal that they were forced to move in with relatives or accept money from friends in the Irish-American community as the only feasible alternative to welfare.

In March, 1973, Representative Bella Abzug sponsored a hearing into the Justice Department's choice of venue, at which Senator Edward Kennedy pointed out that a grand jury in New York City is now investigating gun smuggling, while the panel in Fort Worth seems to be moribund. A. William Olson, then head of the Justice Department's Internal Security Division, conceded that New York was an appropriate place for the investigation. But the five prisoners have not been transferred or released. They are now being held at a Federal correctional facility in Seagoville, near Dallas, which was used to detain resident aliens during World War II. - - P.C.

Fort Worth Five ... Silence is Deafening

(Continued from Page Thirteen)

England had her ships delivering supplies to North Vietnam even as our soldiers were fighting and dying in that war.

In addition, it was also reported that you were touted off visiting Ireland last year by a personal call to our State Department from Prime Minister Heath.

Whatever the full facts of these matters, your administration has studiously ignored the Irish question and we feel it is because British policy has such an impact on our internal affairs, almost as strong as it does on those of Northern Ireland. How else could five men be held prisoners in a Texas jail because they refused to testify about a matter affecting the internal policy of a foreign power, albeit the British Government? We feel you could help allay, if not actually solve, the problem.

The justice of Ireland's demands for a complete freedom from a foreign power is convincing to any informed person. The conduct of the British there for over 800 years remains one of the saddest commentaries on that country's generally sound colonial policy.

If we fail to bend all our efforts for the liberation of Ireland at this time, generations of Irish yet unborn will condemn us as cowards and cravens who lived in a day of opportunity but thought too much of our own worldly and selfish ends to

use the power and influence that God has given us to secure freedom with justice for this small nation, which has done more per capita for American freedom in our 200 years than any single nation.

In that connection, our present immigration policies leave much to be desired with reference to Irish nationals anxious to come to this country. Indeed, those laws are frankly discriminatory against a people who have contributed more than their share to the strength, vitality and integrity of this country.

In the years remaining to your administration you have an opportunity to do justice where it is so long lacking.

Let us start anew on this and all our problems.
- Respectfully, JOHN BOWNES, Public Relations Chairman, State of New York.

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Pope Pius VI Contacted

His Holiness Pope Pius, VI June 21, 1973
Vatican City, Rome, Italy

My Dear Holiness:

Your pleas for peace and reconciliation in Ulster on June 10, 1973, are most gratifying. We, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New York, particularly applaud your choice of Cardinal Krol as an emissary of peace and justice to help reconcile the troubled people of Ulster. It will take

time but at least a start has been made by your good example.

Too long have we been shocked by reports of men being interned, and tortured, without trial in Northern Ireland. These tortures, both psychological and physical, have been carried out by the British Army and local Police, and have included some of the crudest ever devised. They will leave scars that may not heal for years to come.

The issues of self-determination, withdrawal of British troops, and amnesty for the political prisoners in the north, must be resolved as soon as possible - if we are to avoid further bloodshed.

Sadly, some Catholic observers have distorted the situation in Ulster beyond recognition in some of our Catholic journals. This only does a disservice to all sides. Your action in expressing constructive concern for the situation is a welcome relief to the extremes on all sides.

As you may recall, we also called upon President Nixon to evaluate this problem, but as yet there is no significant response from the Administration. Perhaps on his return Cardinal Krol could prove helpful in making his report on the Ulster situation available through diplomatic channels, if not directly, to the President.

In the interim, it is gratifying to see the response of the U.S. Congressman Lester Wolff who included our letter to him and to the President in the Congressional Record. (See attached copy).

With every good wish and asking you to remember us in your prayers, I am - Sincerely, John Bownes, Public Relations Chairman, A.O.H. Nassau County, N.Y.

The Hospitality of Ireland

By Edward F. Callanan, Chairman

Freedom for All Ireland Committee

Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

Hospitality is not just another word in the Irish vocabulary. It occupies a unique place in Irish history. This arises from the fact that as a characteristic of the Irish people, hospitality found its place in Irish law.

Under ancient Irish custom, everyone's door was open to all, at any time. Every person of every rank was required to entertain any stranger, without inquiry as to who he was, whence he came, or where he was going. Indeed the duration of his stay might not be asked lest the stranger be led to believe that he was not expected to stay too long.

Princess O'Malley returned from a state visit to Queen Elizabeth and landed at Howth. Lord Howth's child was playing outside the castle gate, which the Princess found secured because the family was at dinner. Princess O'Malley became so enraged at the Saxon's breach of Irish etiquette that she had the child seized from its nurse and carried to her home in Connaught. Lord Howth had to pay a handsome ransom for the return of his child and for his lesson in the standard of hospitality expected to be maintained in Ireland. Thereafter it is said that his gates and doors always remained ajar.

No matter how many guests came to stay nor how long their sojourn, none would be so boorish as to offer any kind of gift in compensation for his visit.

A Munster man returned home after a visit to England. The most incredible story that he had to tell concerned an Englishman who charged a stranger for the food, liquor and bed which he provided.

A man's wealth was measured not by how much he had but by how much he gave away. The right hand of a generous man was always said to be longer than his left.

King Breas was deposed because he was lacking in the most essential ingredient of a king, hospitality. It was said, "In vain they came to visit Breas. Their breath did not smell of ale at the banquet."

Centuries ago, in those districts where the people were too poor to properly entertain visiting strangers, public houses were erected for the entertainment and hospitable treatment of strangers passing through. These public houses, num-

bering about 400, were placed at strategic locations throughout the land. An official and staff were entrusted with each one's operation. The Bruidean, as it was called, was usually placed at the junction of many roads with open doors facing on each. A man was stationed on each road to make certain that no stranger would pass without receiving the benefit of local hospitality. It was required that a full cauldron always be boiling on the fire; ready for instant use. For the purpose of attracting wayfarers, a light burned in front of the house all through the night.

In referring to the official in charge of a hospitality house, the Brehon laws provided, "He warns off no individual of whatever shape, he refuses not any company, he keeps no account against a person though often he come." This was the inviolate law of the land.

As late as the 19th century, the McSweeney's of Cork had a stone placed on the highway near their home, advising all travelers that they were expected to call at McSweeney's home for nourishment and entertainment.

Irish monks and missionaries, who brought the faith to the continent, also brought along with them the idea of the Irish house of hospitality. They established many such houses in France and Germany where they hosted crusaders enroute to Rome and Jerusalem.

The native characteristic of hospitality flourished and was preeminent in Ireland even in the pre-Christian era. The leavening hand of Christianity added another dimension to this exercise of brotherly love. This was best expressed in the concept, "Christ is in the person of every guest."

An ancient poem of the old land states

Oh King of Stars!

Whether my house be dark or bright,
Never shall it be closed against anyone,
Lest Christ close His house against me.

If there be a guest in your house
And you conceal aught from him,
'Tis not the guest that will be without it,
But Jesus, Mary's Son.

- Aloysius J. Melia,
National Historian

State Auxiliary Presents Essay Contest Awards

Miss Margaret E. O'Brien, Maryland Ladies Auxiliary State Historian, presented awards for the Irish History Essay Contest at the State Convention of the Order, held on June 10 at the Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, Md.

Winners were as follows: Susan Epstein, student at St. Mary's School, Govans, second national prize of \$50, and first state prize - engraved plaque.

Emily Sokoll, student at St. Mary's, Govans, fourth national prize of \$15 and second state prize - engraved plaque. (In her absence, awards were accepted by Sister Annina of St. Mary's)

Robert Cramblitt, student at Immaculate Conception School, Towson, third state prize - engraved plaque.

Subject of the essay was "The Ring of Kerry" and was open to all school students in the state in grades six through eight.

New British Riot Gas Produced

Britain has authorized production of a new riot-control gas that makes its victims feel as though they are on fire, the British Defense Ministry announced yesterday.

There was immediate speculation that the gas was intended for Northern Ireland, but a government spokesman said the army has not requested it.

The chemical, known as CR, was developed by ministry scientists. It can be sprayed on a crowd and within a minute cause a fiercely painful burning sensation of the skin and temporary blindness if it touches eyes, the ministry said. It claimed that the gas causes no permanent damage.

Also in attendance were teachers of the winners - Sister Annina of St. Mary's, Govans; Sister Nancy of Immaculate Conception, Towson; and Sister Marguerite, of St. Stanislaus, Baltimore, as well as parents of Susan Epstein and Robert Cramblitt. Emily Sokoll and her parents were unable to attend.

In addition, eleven certificates of Honorable Mention were mailed to the schools concerned.

Judges for the state were Mrs. Margaret C. McCormley, associate professor at the Essex Community College, at present in Dublin, Ireland, studying Irish History, under a Fellowship grant, and Miss Roseanne Walsh, teacher at Mercy High School, Baltimore.

Long Island Feis

Set For August 12

The annual Long Island Feis of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 8 of Suffolk County will be held on Sunday, August 12. Starting at 9 a.m., the Feis will have 130 competitions and it is the aim of the committee that the Feis will be concluded at approximately 6 p.m. as in other years.

Division No. 8 was the first to bring to Long Island competition dancing, in the name of the Long Island Feis which was started some six years ago. Competitors come to this event from all parts of the United States.

The Feis will be held in the Estonian Educational Society Grounds, Middle Island, Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y.

For further information and entry forms write now to: Ancient Order of Hibernians, Long Island Feis, P.O. Box 53, Ceterach, N.Y.

Joseph Hastedt Receives Conn. A.O.H. Award

Joseph M. Hastedt, Vice President of Daniel O'Connell Branch, Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Norwich, Conn., received his organization's "Hibernian of the Year" award on Friday evening, April 27, at The Ramada Inn in Mystic, as part of a dinner meeting and a ladies' night program. He was honored for his 33 years of dedicated, loyal service to Hibernianism as a division, county and state officer, as well as for his civic contributions.

Mr. Hastedt has held every division and New London County office and also served two terms as Connecticut State Secretary (1948-52) during which he represented the Nutmeg state at the National Convention in Montreal (PQ) Canada.

He is a former Norwich City Alderman, a past President of the Holy Name Society of Norwich's Cathedral of St. Patrick Parish, a charter member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, a former Boy Scout Committeeman, and has been active in coaching Little League baseball and Church League basketball teams. He is married and has a son and daughter and one granddaughter. Presently, he is serving on the Norwich Zoning Board of Appeals and is also a volunteer fireman.

DeValera Retires After Life of Public Service

President Eamon de Valera, at 91, and virtually blind, ended a lifetime of public service June 20 when he retired to the Linden Nursing Home on the outskirts of Dublin.

"I just wanted to slip away quietly," he told the nuns, when he moved from the splendors of his official residence into the one operated by the Sisters of Charity.

"I came a bit early so as not to upset the patients," the New York-born De Valera told the nursing staff, who gathered to greet him.

"I am very happy with this reception."

Childers, a 68-year-old Protestant was elected May 30 with a 50,000-vote majority over his Catholic opponent, 56-year-old Tom

O'Higgins, the coalition government candidate.

De Valera, the last surviving leader of the 1916 uprising against British rule, ended his 14-year stay in the presidential residence without fuss or ceremony.

De Valera's wife, Sinead, a writer of children's books, is two years older than the president and has been bedridden for several months.

Two nursing nuns - Sister Clare Fitzgerald and Sister Dolores Benson - will care for the De Valeras during their stay in the home.

"We will see that his life is peaceful and undisturbed as far as possible," Sister Benson said.

She said the De Valeras would occupy a couple of rooms on the ground floor.

Newly-elected President Anthony G. Kirker presented Mr. Hastedt with a plaque to note the occasion. Past President Richard J. Marks, Norwich Postmaster, installed the new slate of officers which included the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph V. King, Chancellor, Norwich Diocese, as Chaplain; Theodore M. Shea, Financial Secretary; Phillip J. Shannon, Recording Secretary; John J. Winters, Treasurer, and Kirker and Hastedt. Monsignor King was the principal after dinner speaker.

Officers Elected For Pennsylvania State From Indiana

At the recent Pennsylvania State Convention held June 13 through 16, at the Chatham Center in Pittsburgh, new officers were elected for a period of two years. They are President John R. Conley, Vice President Leo Haley, Secretary William Collins, and Treasurer David Fleming. The convention was the largest held in a long time.

The Allegheny County Board conducts a weekly Irish Hour, every Sunday afternoon on Pittsburgh radio.

Division 23 is conducting their 9th annual Golf Tournament in mid-July.

The Officers and members of Division 15 are planning for their annual outing to be held in August.

Indiana State President Giff Prendergast recently announced that the 1973 State Convention will be held in Indianapolis on August 11. The Kevin Barry Division of Indianapolis was selected to be host Division of the Convention.

Division 34 had their annual Communion Breakfast, one of the most successful in several years.

Division 21 is making preparations for its 100th Anniversary to be held March 17, 1974. The Division was organized, March, 1874.

Division 2, of Pottsville, is sponsoring dancers to enter the annual Feis. The Feis is sponsored by the United Irish Societies of Eastern Pennsylvania.



PLANS FOR THE PROMOTION and distribution of tickets for the third annual Irish Festival to be held at the Garden State Arts Center on Sunday, July 8, are discussed by, left to right, James Casey, Garden State Arts Center Coordinator; James Tierney, New Jersey State President, A.O.H.; John O'Brien, Chairman of Irish Festival, and Thomas M. Conroy, New Jersey State Secretary and

National Director. The photo was taken at the Woodbridge offices of the New Jersey Highway Authority, which operates the Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.; just off Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway. The festival will aid the Arts Center Cultural Fund, which provides free shows for New Jersey senior citizens, young people, disabled veterans and the blind.



A.O.H. CELEBRATES 125 YEARS IN Brooklyn. On Friday evening, March 30, over a thousand Hibernians and friends celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Brooklyn, N.Y. at their Grand Ball held at The Carlyle in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. Borough President "Sam" Sebastian Leone proclaimed March 30 "Hibernian Day in Brooklyn" and was present with a host of other civic dignitaries to participate in the

celebration. Among those pictured above are Stephen Brown, City Council President Sanford Garelik, Ball Chairman Bill Bellard, New York City Comptroller Abraham Beame, General Chairman and A.O.H. County Vice-President Al O'Hagan, County President Helen Fazio, Ladies' Auxiliary, County President Michael J. O'Connor, and Borough President Sam Leone during the proclamation ceremony.

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California Div. Marks Its Diamond Anniversary

Members of Division No. 17 of California and their wives were guests at a dinner held Saturday evening, May 12, celebrating the 75th or Diamond Anniversary of the Division.

Preceding dinner, all attended a Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Division at St. Finnbar's Church. Father John Kavanaugh, Pastor, in his sermon, related to the history and aims of the Order.

Timothy Curtin, Chairman and Toastmaster, presented those at the speakers' table, including National Board Officer, Edward F. Callanan, Chairman Catholic Action, a member of Division No. 17 for many years and currently President of the County Board, and Alice Curtin, Past National Organizer of the Ladies Auxiliary. Also presented by Brother Curtin were, Dan Keohane, Division President Kevin Downey, President of the United Societies, Father John Kavanaugh, Father John J. Cloherty of St. Michael's Church

and Ed McCrudden Division Treasurer.

Speaker of the evening was the distinguished Thomas J. Cahill, a long time member of Division No. 17 and former Chief of the San Francisco Police Department, where he received national recognition for his leadership. He is now Chief of Security for the Pacific Telephone Company. Brother Cahill spoke eloquently on the "need for carrying out our heritage."

Dinner was followed by dancing to the music of Dan Sullivan and his band. Outstanding entertainment was furnished by those in attendance including the talented Shelia Lucey, a mother of ten, who delighted all with her singing.

The committee, under the capable direction of Chairman Curtin, and very ably assisted by President Dan Keohane, extended every effort to make this a most joyous and gala occasion. It was a great evening for the members of Division No. 17 and their many friends.

Gaelic Language Course Begins In Long Island

A Gaelic Language Course has been organized by Division 1, Long Island, N.Y., and enrolled are 35 students from Port Washington, Roosevelt, Bethpage, Levittown, Massapequa and Patchogue.

Initiation of the course began with a suggestion to this effect by Alan Lawrence during the division's June meeting last year. During the summer, Edward Fitzpatrick, the division's recording secretary, did some research on various organizations, discovering in the meantime various other Irish groups, but none

of these were able to conduct classes in the language.

It was not until the end of the year that a place was found to accommodate the students. Brother Fitzpatrick applied to the Bay Shore School District and was given permission for the course to be held in the auditorium of the Memorial Building.

Gerry Tobin was named as teacher.

The division accomplished much through free publicity by seven radio stations and 12 newspapers, as well as a spot on Teleprompter Cable TV.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said, "We are pleased that this has worked and hope that there is a lesson to be learned for all future programs that are going to be held."

Judge Ryan Jr. Guest Speaker At L.A. Banquet

Associate Judge Joseph M. F. Ryan Jr. of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia was guest speaker at the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of the Emerald Isle Division No. 3, Ladies Auxiliary, held at the Sheraton Hotel in Silver Springs, Md., on March 17.

The theme of Judge Ryan's speech was "The Irish and St. Patrick."

Through the efforts of Mrs. William K. Redwing, President of the Emerald Isle Division Ladies Auxiliary, and Vice President of the District Board, Judge Ryan's speech was included in the Congressional Record in the April issue by Congressman Harold D. Donohue of Massachusetts.

Mass. Division 10 Remodels Image

Division 10, A.O.H., 105 Federal Street, Lynn, Mass., has recently gone through a \$13,000 remodeling job. President Dennis Cassidy says that the Division is sponsoring a Little League baseball team, and that the uniforms have emblems on their backs. The Division is also sponsoring a softball team. It recently held a Communion Breakfast, June 24, and is planning a family outing for September.

Division 11, Peabody, 58 Lowell St., Peabody, Mass., is planning a family outing for August 11 at Canobie Lake Park, Salem, New Hampshire. A fishing trip

was held in June at Plum Island, Newburyport, Mass., and a Ceili Dance at the Division home is being planned for September.

Division 18, 104 Boston St., Salem, Mass., recently held its Annual Communion Breakfast. The Division spent \$35,000 renovating its present home.

Division 36, Worcester, Mass., is planning a night with Paddy Noonan. It is also planning a family outing to be held in July.

Division 14, Watertown, Mass., is planning a fall dance and family outing, according to President Jim McDermott.

The Massachusetts State A.O.H. Convention was held in Boston June 9 and 10. The following individuals were elected to office for the next two years: John J. Buckley, President, Division 8, Lawrence; John Connolly, Vice President, Division 14, Watertown; Ed Wallace, Secretary, Division 14, Watertown; Fred Coakly, Treasurer, Division 12, Malden.

At National Board Banquet



JACK REYNOLDS, National Editor, standing at rear, takes time to chat with some of his friends at the National Banquet.



JOE DOYLE, President of Division No. 9, enjoys the laughter and fellowship of friends during the Banquet in Pittsburgh.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT Ed Fay presents a check to Mike Folan for the A.O.H. Irish Hour which is heard over radio station WPSL in Monroeville, Pa. The presentation was made during the National Board Banquet held in Pittsburgh, June 16.

Moves to Nursing Home

'Dev's' Retirement Marks End Of An Era In Ireland

DUBLIN: A vulnerable limousine trundled through Dublin's Phoenix Park one Sunday and an era was over.

Brooklyn-born Eamon de Valera, president for 14 years and the focus of Irish affairs for more than half a century, is at last retired.

The bands were out and the flags were flying, but the old revolutionary did not see them. De Valera, still ramrod straight and quick of mind, is at 91 almost totally sightless.

The eyes that once held a vision of a pastoral Ireland, devoted to the ancient Irish language and scornful of material acquisition, now are dimmed behind thick glasses.

The battledress and bandolier of the revolutionary have given way to the formal clothes and black homburg of the old-fashioned statesman.

The pastoral dream lies shattered beneath Ireland's growing involvement with industrial Europe. The nationalist ideal of a united Ireland, free from British sway, has yet to be achieved.

Thus De Valera quit the political stage as in some ways a failure. Yet he re-

mains the man who perhaps more than any other broke the might of the British Empire and showed scores of colonial territories the road to independence.

He is the prototype of nationalist leaders who have progressed from agitation and guerrilla war through imprisonment to eventual political power.

Old comrades of the fight for Irish independence still call him "The Chief." To the rest of the nation he is "Dev" and, whether loved or hated, an acknowledged giant.

Even before his official retirement, De Valera quietly slipped out of the presidential palace in Phoenix Park and moved into a nursing home run by Roman Catholic nuns.

De Valera and his poetess wife, Senead, 95, drove out of the palace without ceremony, in a dark blue Rolls Royce five days before they were officially scheduled to quit.

De Valera told the nuns at the place that will be his home from now on, "I didn't want to upset the patients. I just wanted to slip in quietly."

A spokesman at the palace said De Valera still came to work every day to clear up his office, but was driven to the Linden Nursing Home in Suburban Blackrock every night.

His successor as president, is Erskine Childers.

Sixty years ago De Valera, an unknown mathematics teacher from the Dublin suburbs, joined the Irish Volunteers, then the militant arm of Irish nationalism.

Three years later he was a leader of the Easter Uprising against the British crown. The British, feeling stabbed in the back during the first war with Germany, executed his comrades. Dev, son of an Irish mother and a Spanish emigrant to New York, was saved by his American birth.

He fought on through 1919 and 1920 and then, when the nationalist movement split over a treaty with Britain, he fought his former comrades in the Civil War of 1922-24.

His career since then has, according to the assessor, proved either the personification of Irish idealism or, in the stinging pun of a former comrade, "The devil era."

Childers Sworn In As Eire's Fourth President

DUBLIN: Ireland has inaugurated English-born Erskine Childers as the fourth president of the country his father died for in a civil war.

Childers, 68, was sworn in at Dublin Castle, once the symbol of British rule in Ireland, amid a marked display of religious conciliation.

As Protestants and Roman Catholics battled in Northern Ireland, the leaders of both faiths conducted a service at the 12th century St. Patrick's Cathedral before the inauguration.

Dr. George Simms, archbishop of Armagh and primate of the Protestant Church of Ireland, and William Cardinal Conway, Roman Catholic primate of Dublin, headed a team of churchmen including Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans and Quakers.

Childers is the second Protestant to hold the presidency of this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic nation but is the first to have won it by election. Dr. Douglas Hyde, the Protestant scholar who was the first president under the 1937 constitution, was appointed unopposed.

Childers, a former deputy prime minister, was the candidate of the opposition Fianna Fail party in last month's presidential election. He defeated Tom O'Higgins, candidate of the governing National Coalition.

Childers has promised to promote reconciliation with Northern Ireland, where the Protestant majority is intent on keeping its links with Britain.

ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT A DIVISION 9 SUCCESS

Members of Division No. 9 and its Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Irish Night on June 16 in Port Jefferson, Long Island, with music by Paddy Noonan and his band.

It was a successful night for all who attended.

The Division and Ladies Auxiliary were formed just a few years ago, but have already made great progress toward becoming a prominent group in Suffolk County.

Chairman of the affair was Robert Frazier and Chair-lady was Tena McCormack.



MASS WAS CELEBRATED on St. Patrick's Day by New Jersey State Chaplain, Father Joseph McLaughlin of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Trenton, assisted by Father Brendan Williams, Associate Pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Trenton. Shown, follow-

ing the Mass, from the left, are James Tierney, State President; Father McLaughlin, Mrs. Catherine Glendon, President of Division 5 Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H., and Father Brendan Williams.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, recently honored Mrs. Mary E. Murphy and Appellate Judge Joseph W. O'Neill as Hibernians of the Year. Shown above are Mrs. Murphy, David McGuire, Ohio State Vice President, center, and Judge O'Neill.



OVER 200,000 PEOPLE witnessed the Massachusetts State A.O.H. St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by Division 8 of Lawrence, Mass. The Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade was Captain James Mulligan, a recently returned P.O.W. after seven years, whose brother, John, is a member of Division 8. Special guest of honor was the Lord Mayor of Cork City, the Honorable Sean P. O'Leary, who flew in from Ireland especially for the parade. The New York Fire Department's Emerald Society Pipe Band, and the County Cork Pipe

Band were two of the many outstanding bands (47 in all) which participated in the parade. While visiting in Essex County, the Lord Mayor and Captain Mulligan attended, and spoke, at the communion breakfast sponsored by Division 11 of Peabody, Mass. Shown from the left are, Assistant National Editor of the National Hibernian Digest, David R. Burke; National Director John J. Buckley, Captain Mulligan, Lord Mayor O'Leary, and Division 11 President Frank Connors.



DURING ST. PATRICK'S DAY festivities in Lawrence, Mass., distinguished visitor, the Lord Mayor of Cork, Sean O'Leary, gave several books on Irish Literature and History to Librarian John F. Griffin. The books were for the new two and a half million dollar library which opened in Lawrence this past June. Division 8 of Lawrence makes an annual

donation of two books and two records every year during National Library Week. Looking on with approval are, from the left, Library Trustee and Past Division 8 President, Attorney Thomas Lane, Lord Mayor O'Leary, Librarian John Griffin, and President of Division 8, John J. Buckley.

Youngstown, Ohio Honors Hibernians of the Year

Hibernians of Youngstown, Ohio, recently honored Appellate Judge Joseph W. O'Neill and Mrs. Mary E. Murphy by naming them Irishman-Hibernian and Irishwoman-Hibernian of the year.

More than 400 persons witnessed the ceremony at the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon, held in Youngstown. The Rev. Thomas Kelly, A.O.H. Chaplain and pastor of St. Brendan Church, offered a Mass in St. Columba Cathedral for members of the organization.

Judge O'Neill, son of the late Mayor Ralph W. O'Neill, is a graduate of Rayen School, John Carroll University, and Youngstown State University Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, and in the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1952.

He was assistant law director in Youngstown from 1956 to 1958, president of the City Council from 1964 to 1967 after which he went on the seventh District Court of Appeals bench.

In addition to his work with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Judge O'Neill is a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Elks Lodge 55, the VFW, American Bar Association and Old-timers Baseball Town, USA.

He and his wife have seven children and reside at 265 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown.

MRS. MARY E. MURPHY

Mrs. Murphy, a native of Newtonarghe, Ireland, is a graduate of Ursuline High School and Youngstown College Secretarial School. Her husband, Edward, to whom she was married in 1940, died in 1950. She has worked for Mahoning County Board of Elections since 1950.

She has been a Democrat precinct committeewoman since she attained voting age. She is a member of the Jackson-Roosevelt Federated Democratic Women's Club, secretary to the Democratic Central and Executive Committee and an at-large member of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Mrs. Murphy is a past president of the Austintown Federated Democrat Women's Club, a member of the Mahoning County Federated Presidents Club, Mahoning County Federated Democratic women, and Federated Democratic Women of Ohio.

She also belongs to the American Business Women's Association and the AOH Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Murphy has a son Michael and a daughter, Mary Ann, and two grandchildren.

New London Hibernians To Hold Annual Festival

NEW LONDON: For the seventh straight year, the Ancient Order of Hibernians of New London will have the Paddy Noonan Band of New York as the feature of their annual Irish Festival this summer.

The festival, jointly produced with Ocean Beach, will draw visitors again from four states - Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York.

Martin Cournane of the Bronx, N.Y., is again expected to lead a New York contingent to the dance. Cournane, a native of Ireland, has been one of the biggest boosters of the New London event.

Other features of the festival will include a Gaelic pipe band, which will give an outdoor concert on the boardwalk, presentation by the New London Hibernians of their annual Distinguished Service Award to an individual who has shown outstanding public service, and a demonstration of traditional Irish dancing and related events.

The winner of the Distinguished Service Award will be named prior to the festival. Last year's winner was Edward D. Sullivan of Waterford, Conn., state chairman of the Cancer Society Fund Drive and prominent Catholic layman. The first recipient of the award

was former Gov. John N. Dempsey of New London, who was born in Tipperary.

The dance, featuring the Noonan band, has been one of the most successful yearly ventures of the New London Hibernians, who were reorganized in 1963 after a period of dormancy.

John Foley of 15 Laurel St., Waterford, is general chairman of the festival, and can be contacted for tickets or information concerning the dance. He will accept collect telephone calls.

Edward J. Fitzgerald is president of the New London Hibernians this year, succeeding Raymond P. Huard. Other officers are John Shine, vice president; August G. Nunes Jr., financial secretary; Richard Shine, treasurer; Jack Madden, recording secretary; Ronald Cavanagh, marshal; Michael O'Connell, sentinel, and Joseph Coleman, chairman of the standing committee.

Jack Madden is chairman of the first Feis ever sponsored by the New London Hibernians. It was conducted May 20 at Ocean Beach Park, and drew hundreds of participants.

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ROSS McMAHON

Ross McMahon Serves A.O.H. For 50 Years

Division No. 2, A.O.H., of Rochester, N.Y., will hold a dinner dance honoring Brother Ross McMahon, marking his 50 years of membership in the Order.

Brother McMahon joined Division No. 2 on February 22, 1922, after arriving in this country from Scotland, where he was born. He served as Division President and County President. During his term of office, the Division celebrated the burning of the mortgage for its club house. Ross also acted as club manager and Financial Secretary for the division for 17 years.

At one time, his late father and brothers were all members, including his living brother, Patrick McMahon.

The Division has had four 50-year members, the late Brother John Fogarty, Patrick J. O'Hara, John Joyce and Ross.

A highlight of the dinner dance will be Irish music

4 Hibernian Policemen Become Pals To The Blind

Four members of the Orange County Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, all police officers, played host to 40 Californian blind children during an off-duty day and introduced them to the Anaheim, California, Police Department.

The police officers were Jerry O'Keefe, detective bureau; Ken Brott, training; Bill Donoghue, traffic, and Fred Mills, patrol officer. All are very active in their Hibernian Division.

A local Orange County newspaper, The Anaheimer, cited the event as follows:

"The visit was arranged by O'Keefe and Steve Hudson, an official from the Orange County offices of the Braille Institute.

"We had several blind youngsters tour the department last year, and their response was terrific," Jerry said. "So, with the opportunity to take the 40 youngsters on a tour, we all responded with enthusiasm."

"The students listened intently as the officers went through a mock-arrest, explaining the procedures

by the Harps Orchestra and entertainment. It will be held in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall. Rector Auxiliary Bishop John McCafferty will be present, along with many other members of the clergy and civic leaders. A special presentation will be made to Ross for his many years of service.

The Division's new President Thomas McGuigan, a young man from Cavan, will be chairman, assisted by County President and State Director Francis McDonough.

and cautions used while searching and handcuffing suspects. "They were all delighted when permitted to examine our unloaded handguns," Ken said.

"After a picnic lunch, the young people inspected one of the two helicopters then spent the remaining afternoon hours riding along as passengers in squad cars.

"Student and police reactions to the day-long adventure were mutual. "We enjoyed the opportunity to provide a first hand look at our jobs," Ken said. The youngsters, on the other hand, were in full agreement that the tour helped them "see" the police department in a new light."

Bill Donoghue was chairman of the Orange County Division's third annual Charity Bike Rally for the Braille Institute, held on June 2. The Division has raised several hundred dollars in the past at this annual event, and all money collected is given to the blind.

Jerry O'Keefe, Past President and founder of the Orange County Division, was the man who went to Dublin, Ireland, and made a bid for the 1974 convention, on behalf of the Orange County Division, and got it!

Brother O'Keefe, now California State Secretary, has also been nominated by the California State Board as Chairman of the National Convention, which will be held at Disneyland in August, 1974.

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BROTHER JAMES MADDEN who has held every office during his 43 years in San Francisco's Marian Division No. 5 was the guest of honor at a dinner dance given recently by the division to welcome 15 new members. His wife, Margaret, Past State President of the Ladies, and daughter, Eileen, secretary of the Ladies Division No. 2, shared the honor with him, as a distinguished Hibernian family and an outstanding example to the new Hibernians.

Officers Named In Baltimore

The Rev. Sean McManus of Farnama, a redemptus stationed in Baltimore, Md., was guest speaker at a recent monthly meeting of the Commodore John Barry Division No. 4 of Baltimore.

New officers for the year are: President R. Emmitt Guerih, Vice President John Dempsey, Financial Secretary Robert Farrell, Treasurer Thomas Fitzpatrick, and Recording Secretary Charles Wolf.



A TESTIMONIAL DINNER in honor of Past President Joseph E. Rice was held on April 7 at the John F. Kennedy Division Clubrooms in Auburn, N.Y. Over 150 people attended. Shown seated above, from the left, are Donald H. Fordham, local radio announcer and master of ceremonies; Mr. Rice, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Bruce D. Fennessy, wife of the

Auburn Division President. Standing are Thomas D. McNabb, New York State Vice President; Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, A.O.H. member and Pastor of Mr. Rice's parish; the Rev. Edward A. Shannon, Chaplain of the A.O.H., and Bruce D. Fennessy, President of the Auburn Division.

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News From Ireland

Comhaltas Ready For 1973 Irish Concert Tour In U.S.

By Labhras O. Murchu, National Director, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and Bill McEvoy, U.S. Coordinator

The itinerary for the United States Concert Tour, 1973, October 8 to 29, sponsored by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (see Jan-Feb. issue) is as follows:

The group will arrive October 8 and will attend a reception at the Irish American Center, Willis Avenue, Mineola. After two free days, they will perform in 16 concerts, beginning October 11, at Lawrence and Brighton, Mass.; October 12, Boston, Mass.; Oct. 13, Cleveland, Ohio; Oct. 14, Detroit, Mich.; Oct. 15, St. Paul, Minn.; Oct. 16, St. Louis, Mo.; Oct. 17, free day; Oct. 18, Chicago, Ill.; Oct. 20, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Oct. 21, Mineola Irish Center; Oct. 22, Washington, D.C.; Oct. 23, free day; October 24, Rockaway, N.Y.; Oct. 25, Staten Island, N.Y.; October 26, Hunter College, N.Y.; October 27, Trenton, N.J., and October 28, Monfort Fathers Farewell Concert. They will fly back to Ireland on Monday, Oct. 29.

The artists invited to participate in this Concert Tour are as follows:

Burke, Joe (Galway, and formerly New York) As an accordion player needs no introduction to audiences anywhere.

Collis, Deirdre (Sligo) A most versatile performer, has won Under 18 All-Ireland honors on accordion, tin whistle and C flute.

Glacken, Pat (Donegal and Dublin) All-Ireland Champion and Fiddler of Dooney, was a big hit with audiences on the U.S.A. tour 1972.

Hanly, Patsy (Roscommon) All-Ireland Champion Concert Flute player. A brilliant young musician.

Mac Mathuna, Seamus (Clare and Cork) National Music Organizer and brilliant exponent on tin whistle and concert flute.

Nolan, Eugene (Kildare) Another brilliant concert flute exponent, and a great favorite with U.S.A. audiences in 1972.

O'Brien, Paddy (Tipperary, and formerly New York) The man who revolutionized accordion playing, and an All-Ireland Champion.

Ryan, Paddy (Roscommon and Birmingham) Brilliant fiddler, and dedicated Comhaltas Official.

Smyth, Tony (Cavan and Dublin) Twice All-Ireland Champion and reigning Fiddler of Oriel.

SINGERS

Brolly, Ann (Derry) From the famous Bogside, the reigning All-Ireland Champion Ballad Singer.

Butler, Nora (Tipperary) Three times All-Ireland Champion, needs no introduction to U.S.A. audiences, following 1972 tour.

Hipkiss, Michael (Cork and

Birmingham) Twice All-Ireland Champion Ballad singer.

DANCERS

Hanafin, Patricia (Kerry), Member of world-renowned 'Siamsa.'

Hession, Celine (Galway) Star of 1972 U.S.A. tour.

Massey, Kevin (Dublin) One of the best known dancers in Ireland.

O'Carroll, Michael (Kerry) 'Traditional' star of 1972 U.S.A. tour.

O'Muineachain, Donncha (Cork and Dublin) Ireland's most popular male dancer. A great favorite on the U.S.A. tour 1972.

McCarty, Tom (Clare and London) - Uileann pipes.

FLEADH CHEOIL NA h-EIREANN - 1973

We are happy to announce the most outstanding festival held annually in Ireland, the Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann, which will be staged in Listowel.

Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann will be staged in Listowel, Co. Kerry, from Friday, August 24, to Monday, August 27 inclusive.

The program includes competitions for Solo Instrumental Music, Duets, Trios, Ceili Bands, Marching Bands, Traditional Singing - Irish and English in the following age groups:

Under 11 years, on January 1, 1973; 11 to 14, 14 to 16, 16 to 18, and over 18 years.

Excepting competitions for Slow Airs, all competitions in grades under 11, 11-14 and 14-16 will be held on Sunday, August 26. All competitions for Slow Airs (all grades) will be held on Monday, August 27.

Apart from competitors from the U.S.A., all competitions are confined to those who qualified at the Provincial Fleadhanna.

Competitors from the U.S.A. are asked to note the following:

1. All entries, giving full name and address, name of competition, age group, and if under 18 - the DATE OF BIRTH, must be sent to our liaison officer - **Bill McEvoy**, 928 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, Long Island, New York, 11755, to reach him not later than August 1, 1973. Mr. McEvoy's telephone number is 516-588-3709.

2. A competition entry fee is not required, but all competitors will be required to purchase an admission badge, on the occasion of the Fleadh.

3. Competitors are advised to contact Mr. McEvoy for details of proposed charter flights to the Fleadh.

Finally, you are asked to note that no late entries can be accepted after August 1.

Maurice Walsh in "The Quiet Man" describes Listowel as standing on a cliff overlooking "the great vale of North Kerry, verdant with pastures, shining with ribbons of running water and over there beyond are the smoky tall ramparts of mountains and the gleam of Shannon mouth."

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August '70 saw the launching of Seachtain Cheoil in Listowel. From the moment of its inauguration it was a spectacular triumph as musicians, singers and dancers descended on Listowel in their hundreds. They talked, laughed, sang, listened, drank and made music. They loved it all because they were made to feel at home. Listowel is a musician's town and extends a Cead Mile Failte to all lovers of our traditional Irish heritage.

Testimonial Dinner Held To Honor Al O'Hagan Sr.

A Testimonial Dinner to an outstanding Hibernian was held in Kings County, N.Y., on May 4, and a very large attendance was present to honor Al O'Hagan.

Since the turn of the century the name O'Hagan and Hibernian has been synonymous in Brooklyn. The late John O'Hagan, from County Derry, had often been referred to as "the Dean of Hibernians." A great Irish leader in his day, Mr. O'Hagan held in Kings County, N.Y., on May 4, and a very large of Irishmen in this country.

"Mr. Hibernian," as he was called, enlisted his children into the ranks of our Order at the earliest possible age and whether their names were O'Hagan, Anchor, Tims, or Cook they all followed his footsteps and remained faithful to our organization over the years. Al O'Hagan Sr., honored on May 4, was one of his children.

Al joined Division No. 12 in 1926. He held every office in that Division and was soon to become one of their youngest Presidents. In 1932, after serving the Major Degree Team for six years as a guard, Al tried out for and won the role of Brehon and has acted in that capacity to this day. He helped organize the "Round Tower Club" in 1939 and was twice elected its President.

He is now the only surviving Charter Member of the club! In 1949 shortly after it was founded by John Naughton, Al O'Hagan transferred to Division No. 19, and has held every office in that Division including President.

N.Y. State Ladies Aux. Honors Miss Guilfoyle

The New York State Officers, Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, attended a Testimonial Champagne Luncheon in honor of Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, New York State President on April 28, at the Hotel Commodore. The event was hosted by the New York County Board, Ladies' Auxiliary, the President's County in the Order.

Mrs. Monica Burke was Chairlady, Mrs. Marie J. McArdle, Past National Treasurer, was Honorary Chairlady, and Miss Margaret Callaghan is New York County President.

Hibernians from 12 counties of the State of New York, as well as a representative group from New Jersey and Maryland attended. Among the distinguished members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance were Mrs. Rita M. Murphy, National President; Mrs. Margaret Rust, National Vice President; Miss Sarah E. Murphy, National Chairman of Missions; Miss Rita A. McDonough, Last Past

National President; and Miss Kathleen J. Smith, Past National President.

All State Officers attended the luncheon. They were Mrs. Vera Calnan, Monroe County, Vice President; Mrs. Dorothy Foy, Schenectady County, Secretary; Mrs. Josephine Lynch, Bronx County, Treasurer; Miss Catherine B. Hanly, Queens County, Historian; Mrs. Marian Cuff, Onondaga County, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Josephine Aherne, Suffolk County, Chairman of Catholic Action; and Mrs. Margaret McAllister, Kings County, Immediate Past State President and Chairman of Fund Raising. Also, Mrs. Mollie Barrett, Nassau County, Chairman of Publicity and Mrs. Mary Collins, Nassau County, Past State President and Chairman of the Scrap Book Committee.

Following the luncheon a State Officers meeting was held at the Hotel Commodore. Miss Guilfoyle presided. The New York State Chaplain, the Very Rev. Donal M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm., and State President George E. Foley addressed the officers.

Preliminary discussions were held concerning the 38th convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to be held in Syracuse, New York, June 28 through June 30. The Official Call, credential cards and committee sheets were distributed to the County Presidents. The State Officers will present their reports at the State Convention, which will reflect the administrative and financial work of the New York State Board, as well as its Juniors, Irish History, Missions, Catholic Action and Publicity programs for the June 1972 - June 1973 period.

The State Officers have been busy during the past few months attending functions in honor of St. Brigid and St. Patrick, Corporate Mass and Communion Breakfasts and dinners throughout the State.

President Guilfoyle, together with George E. Foley, New York State President, A.O.H., led the New York State Hibernian units in the St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue. They were honored to receive the greetings of Terence Cardinal Cooke, at the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Recommended Reading

THE SECRET ARMY - THE I.R.A. - 1916-1970 by J. Bowyer Bell - John Day Co., N.Y.

THE STORY OF CORK by Sean Beecher - The Mercer Press, 4 Bridge St., Cork

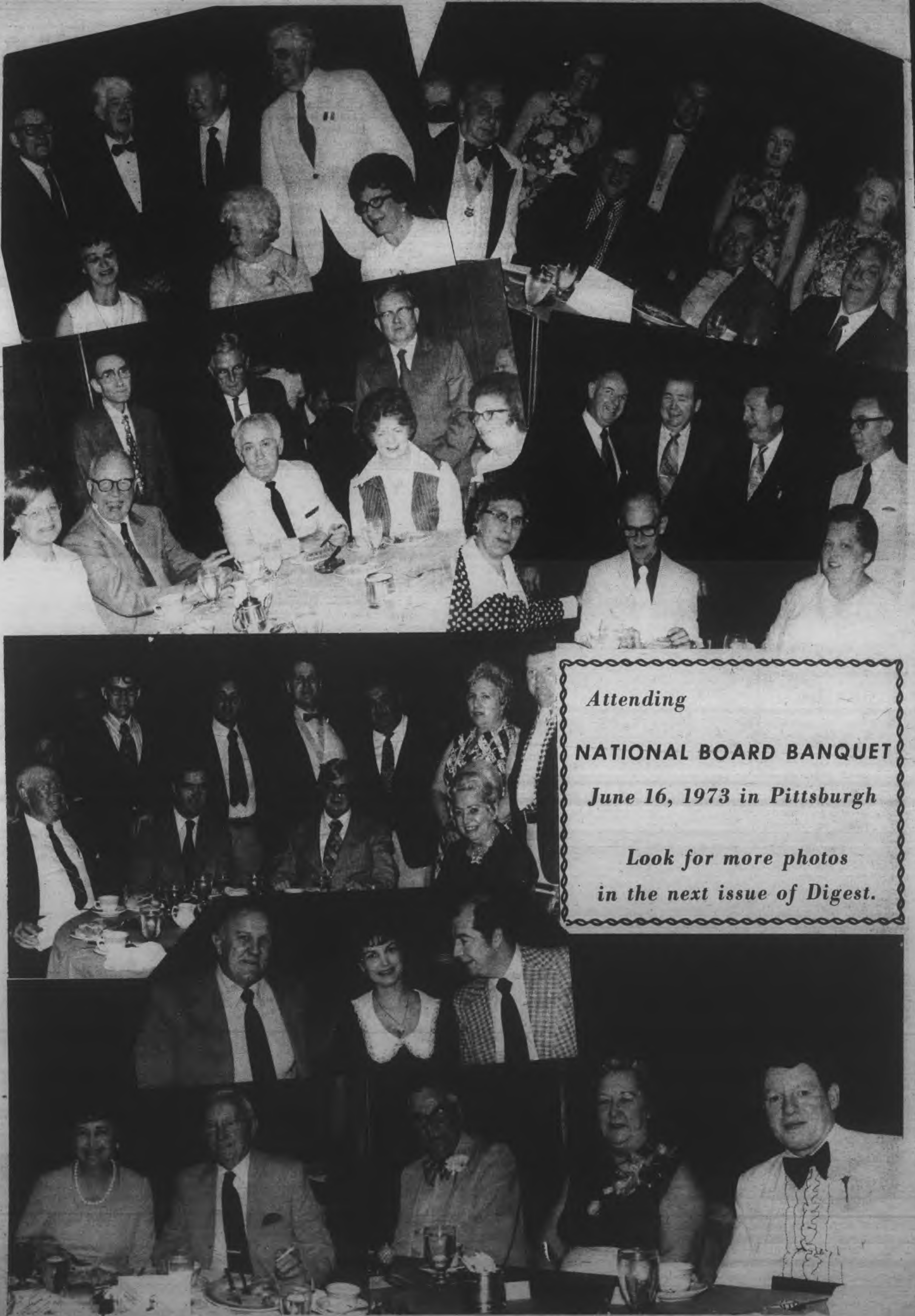
EAMON DE VALERA by The Earl of Longford and Thomas P. O'Neill - Gill and Macmillan

IRELAND YESTERDAY by Maurice Gorham - Avenel Books, N.Y.

A TASTE OF IRELAND by Theodora Fitzgibbon - Avenel Books

"JOHNNY WE HARDLY KNEW YE" by Kenneth P. O'Donnell and David F. Powers - Little, Brown and Company, Boston

I.R.S. by Tim Pat Coogan - Fontana-Collins



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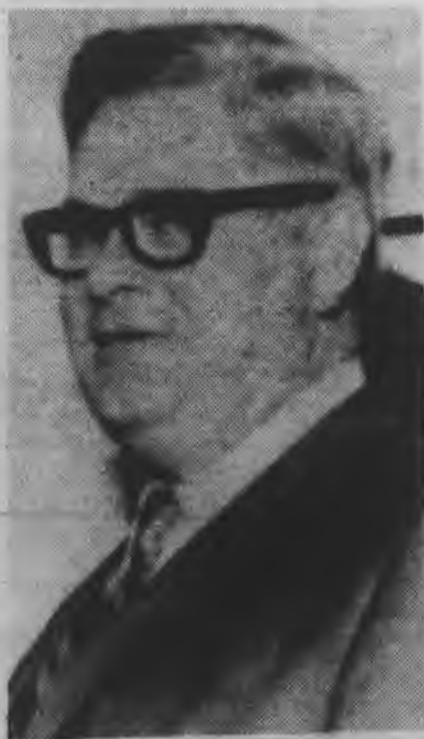
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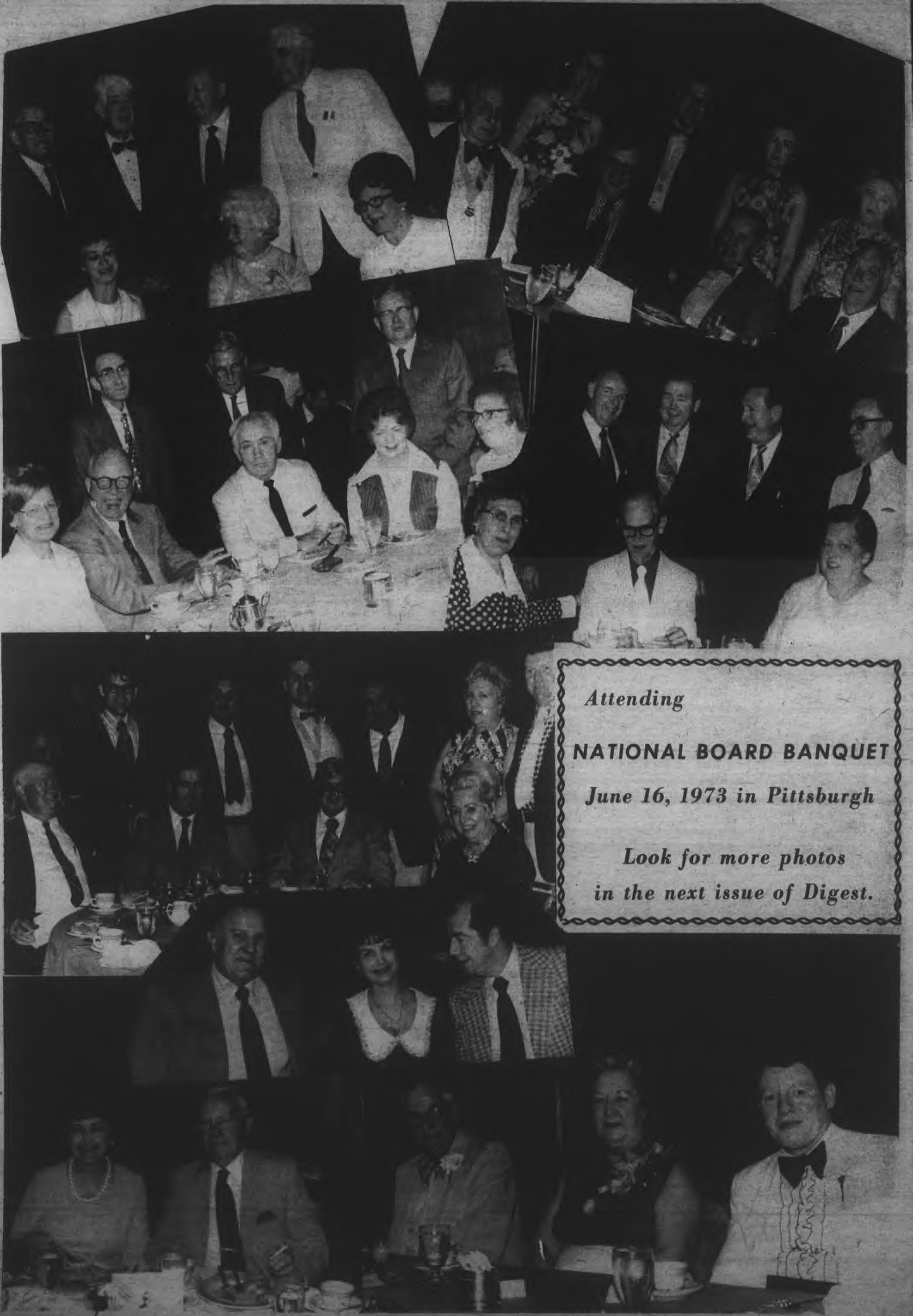
A 45-minute coach ride from the city of Boston, through beautiful New England countryside, brings one to the city of Lawrence. Here in the spacious confines of the Catholic High School Auditorium, on Friday, October 12th, the Comhaltas Concert Group will give the second of their eagerly awaited 16 concerts. Lawrence is by any standard a modern city. Its population of 65,000 includes a considerable number of first and second generation Irish, most of whom swell the ranks of the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The driving force behind all Irish activities in Lawrence is David R. Burke, whose only Irish ancestor left County Galway in 1841. Yet, David, who is the city's Housing Officer, lives and thinks Ireland 18 hours per day for 365 days per year. It is

scarcely necessary to say that he and his able lieutenants in the A.O.H. constitute the organizing committee for the forthcoming Comhaltas Concert in that fair city.

On my recent visit to the U.S.A., organizing the itinerary for the tour, together with Louis Quinn from New York, I spent 24 hours in Lawrence. On a conducted tour of the city, we were received by Mayor John J. Buckley, whose late father was a native of Millstreet, County Cork, and his mother, happily still alive at the age of 93, was formerly Julia Cronin of Kiskeam, Mallow. Chief Librarian in the city is another first generation Irishman -- John Griffin, whose father -- Patrick Griffin was a native of Dingle, and whose mother was the former Hannah O'Riordan of Kiskeam. Then it was time for an interview on a local

radio program, and again it was an Irishman -- Denis Burke, whose parents came from Kerry. Evidently, this Irish Program has a big audience, for subsequently I received telephone calls, offering full support as well as invitations to dinner, from such as Mrs. McCarthy, formerly of Castlereagh, and Richard Culhane from Ballylongford. However, we did manage to pay a visit to garage proprietor -- Bill Tynan, from Castlecomer, and his charming wife -- the former Deirdre Reid, daughter of the popular Sean Reid of Ennis; and to John F. Cronin and his wife Molly (nee Williams, Newmarket). John is looking forward to his planned holiday with his family in Gneeveguilla, Co. Kerry, after an absence of 53 years.

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By D. O. Cathain (Jerry Keane), National Organizer, CCE, Ireland

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A 45-minute coach ride from the city of Boston, through beautiful New England countryside, brings one to the city of Lawrence. Here in the spacious confines of the Catholic High School Auditorium, on Friday, October 12th, the Comhaltas Concert Group will give the second of their eagerly awaited 16 concerts. Lawrence is by any standard a modern city. Its population of 65,000 includes a considerable number of first and second generation Irish, most of whom swell the ranks of the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The driving force behind all Irish activities in Lawrence is David R. Burke, whose only Irish ancestor left County Galway in 1841. Yet, David, who is the city's Housing Officer, lives and thinks Ireland 18 hours per day for 365 days per year. It is

scarcely necessary to say that he and his able lieutenants in the A.O.H. constitute the organizing committee for the forthcoming Comhaltas Concert in that fair city.

On my recent visit to the U.S.A., organizing the itinerary for the tour, together with Louis Quinn from New York, I spent 24 hours in Lawrence. On a conducted tour of the city, we were received by Mayor John J. Buckley, whose late father was a native of Millstreet, County Cork, and his mother, happily still alive at the age of 93, was formerly Julia Cronin of Kiskeam, Mallow. Chief Librarian in the city is another first generation Irishman -- John Griffin, whose father -- Patrick Griffin was a native of Dingle, and whose mother was the former Hannah O'Riordan of Kiskeam. Then it was time for an interview on a local

radio program, and again it was an Irishman -- Denis Burke, whose parents came from Kerry. Evidently, this Irish Program has a big audience, for subsequently I received telephone calls, offering full support as well as invitations to dinner, from such as Mrs. McCarthy, formerly of Castlereagh, and Richard Culhane from Ballylongford. However, we did manage to pay a visit to garage proprietor -- Bill Tynan, from Castlecomer, and his charming wife -- the former Deirdre Reid, daughter of the popular Sean Reid of Ennis; and to John F. Cronin and his wife Molly (nee Williams, Newmarket). John is looking forward to his planned holiday with his family in Gneeveguilla, Co. Kerry, after an absence of 53 years.

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Conn. Division Has Full Calendar Of Activities

During the present year, President Albert Murphy and his officers of the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport, Conn. have redoubled their efforts to promote an expanded program of spiritual, social, and recreational activities for the membership of the division.

The highlight of the year and the most important event on the division's program was the 23rd annual Communion Breakfast, the largest of its kind in the Connecticut state area. Brother Robert Curley, past division president, was chairman of the affair with some 400 men receiving Communion and attending the breakfast which followed and enjoying an inspiring address by a foremost Hibernian leader in the country, former Justice James Comerford.

Another popular social event of the Bridgeport division was the annual spring dinner dance with Brother Sean O'Donnel as general chairman.

Summer is the time for outings and picnics and the Bridgeport organization following along the pattern of past successful family outings held their 9th annual family picnic on July 18. General Chairman Brother Michael English and Co-Chairman Brother Patrick Boland and their working committee were instrumental in the mammoth task, not only of ordering all the food, etc., but also the follow-up of transporting, cooking and serving the eatables during the course of the day.

All the ingredients--family groups, the outdoors, plenty of food and refreshments, competitive games and sports for the children of various age groups--added up to another successful Bridgeport Hibernian function.

In the fall, future plans of President Murphy and his officers involve a trip to New Haven, Conn. to see the New York Giants professional football team in action against a league opponent at their new game locale in Yale Bowl.

Arrangements have also been completed for a weekend

bus trip in October to Washington, D.C. for a sightseeing tour of the historic and other various sights of the nation's Capitol.

Other events in the formative planning stages insure the membership of the Bridgeport John F. Kennedy Division that the 1973 year will produce a full program of varied and interesting activities.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE PLANS DINNER DANCE

The American Irish National Immigration Committee has announced plans to hold its Third Annual Dinner-Dance on Friday, October 19, at the Tower View, Woodside, New York.

John P. Collins, National Chairman, has appointed Michael Keane as Dinner Chairman. Mr. Keane is Secretary of the National Committee, also Vice President of the Kerry-men's Association of the Third Vice President of the United Irish Counties Association.



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Watch For Important Mail

FROM

William Kinane
Awards Chairman

Irish Organizations To Pay Tribute To Commodore Barry

Ad Hoc Committee Formed For Irish Human Rights

By Nellie Naughton

The Irish visitor to Philadelphia need never feel lonely. A visit to the Commodore John Barry Club at Emerald Street and Carpenter's Lane, will make him feel right at home.

Whether it's a quiet night with a few members on hand, or a festive time with hundreds of guests, a real Irish welcome awaits the visitor. Phil Grimes, the host and manager of the club, is never too busy to make you welcome and see you are made comfortable.

No matter how busy Mr. Grimes may be with meetings and other chores, he delights in showing off his Commodore Barry mementoes. These include rare and previous pic-

tures of John Barry at different times in his illustrious career. The collection includes a rare copy of the No. 1 Commission in the U.S. Navy, awarded to Commodore John Barry by his old comrade-in-arms President George Washington.

John Barry is accepted as "Father of the U.S. Navy" but many of the exploits of this Irishman from County Wexford are relatively unknown.

Captain of his own ship, the Black Prince, he voyaged to London in 1774 and was astounded to hear high officials and members of Parliament talk of sending a punitive expedition to teach the Colonies a lesson.

Risking his life, he stayed

in London and collected speeches and newspaper clippings of officials in Parliament and public office, advocating punishment for the Colonies. Having experienced the horrors of English "punitive measures" in Ireland, Barry delivered a trunk filled with incriminating English documents to the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia. Many historians believe, this first Naval Intelligence report swayed the vote of the delegates for complete Independence.

Another little known fact about John Barry is that he served as Aide-de-Camp to General Washington during the bitter days of Valley Forge. He, with his brave sailors, fought with the General against the English at Trenton and Princeton.

When the United States Navy honors Commodore John Barry this September at Independence Hall, it is their wish that all Irish organizations in the Philadelphia district will join them in paying homage to this giant of an Irishman, truly a thinker and doer in the Irish tradition.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Human Rights is a committee set up on request of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA) and the Association for Legal Justice (ALJ).

The purpose of the Committee is to finance the case of Northern Ireland before the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Strasbourg.

Specifically, it is proposed to petition the U.N. Commission on Human Rights to receive complaints concerning the past and current practices in Northern Ireland of successive United Kingdom governments, and to examine these complaints. The petition would seek to show that Northern Ireland is a situation which displays "a pattern of gross and reliably attested violations of human and fundamental freedoms", particularly affecting the minority community, and that this situation is one for which the British Government is responsible.

The Ad Hoc Committee is made up of a broad section of the Irish Community including:

Division 9 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (N.Y. County), The Bartenders and Waitresses Association, Bayridge Irish & American Action Association, Bronx Irish & American Action Association, Derrymen's Association, Flatbush Irish & American Action Association; Galywaymen's Association, National Association for Irish Freedom, Queens Occupied Ireland Relief Association, and Saor Eire Cumain (Free Ireland Assn.)

As well as having broad community support the committee has the support of the trade union movement which includes:

Local 608 Carpenters & Joiners of America (AFL-CIO), District 37 of the State County & Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO) and Phil Brennan, President, Local 33 Laborers Union.

The first function of this committee will be a dinner dance with a cocktail hour at the Tower View Ballroom at 61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue in Queens. This will be held on September 21, commencing at 8 p.m. Music will be by The Pete Kelly Orchestra and by Nancy Ryan and her band. Donation is \$15.00. Guests of honor are: Edward Maher, Associate Director of District 37; State County & Municipal Employees of America (AFL-CIO); John O'Connor, President, Local 33 Laborers Union.

The success of the Strasbourg cases presented by NICRA and the ALJ points the way to greater success in the presentation of the U.N. cases. However, if the cases in Strasbourg, and those that are to be presented to the U.N. in the near future are to be pursued to their ultimate

conclusion money will be needed.

The Ad Hoc Committee feels that it is the duty of all freedom loving people to support this effort now being made on behalf of the oppressed minority in Northern Ireland. By bringing the plight of the minority in Northern Ireland before the above mentioned international bodies we can demonstrate to the world that the major cause of violence in Northern Ireland has in the past, and continues to be the lack of fundamental Human rights. For the reasons given, we call on you to support the September 21, dinner dance.

For information contact: Nellie Naughton, 529 East 43rd St., Brooklyn, New York 11203. (Phone 629-9051). Donations can be sent to: Thomas McNamara, Treasurer, 1607 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Committee includes: Co-Chairmen Dan Charles and Maurice Boyle. Treasurer Tom McNamara. Secretary Edna Zimmerman. Publicity Chairmen Pat Cahalin and Seamas Naughton, and Dance Chairpeople Nellie Naughton and Mary Tierney.

Letters To The Editor

Sister Allen Asks Continued Help

To the Editor, Thank you for putting my letter in the Digest. Already I have had very favorable response, but continued help from my Brother and Sister Hibernians would be appreciated. - Sincerely and God Bless, Elizabeth Allen.

Ed. Note: Mrs. Allen appealed to Hibernians in the last issue of the Digest for Betty Crocker coupons with which she plans to order a 16mm projector for her brother, Father Oliver O'Connor, a Divine Word Missionary in New Guinea. In order to buy him the \$400 projector, which he needs for his work, Mrs. Allen will require a total of 80,000 coupons. Anyone who has any to spare is asked to send them to her at 39 Second Avenue, Bay Shore, N.Y., 11706.

Dear Jack, Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon the magnificent job you are doing with the National Digest. The May-June issue is a monument to your dedication and stands, in my opinion, as the greatest contribution to the good and welfare of the Order that we have had in a long time. - Fraternally, Francis M. McDonough, N.Y. Country Pres.

Dear Mr. Reynolds: I have enjoyed the increase to 12 pages of the National Hibernian Digest and the welcome news that our publication would further increase so that greater coverage can be given to all areas of our Hibernian Order, I enclose article on activities of the Bridgeport, Conn. Division, John F. Kennedy and hope that you may be able to publish same. - Joseph P. Conroy, J.F.K. Div., Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir: Congratulations on the May-June, 1973 issue of The National Hibernian Digest. It is perhaps the best

all-around issue ever published.

I would greatly appreciate an additional copy of the May-June issue as I wish to present it to Dr. Sean O h Eideain, Counselor of the Embassy of Ireland. As you know, Dr. O h Eideain's picture is in that issue.

With best wishes for a continuing better Digest, I am - Appreciatively, James J. O'Connor.

Hibernianism Today

Those of us who are vitally interested in Irish culture are searching out a way to preserve and develop our rich Heritage. This is a major undertaking since the Irish are by their very nature strong individuals. We are extremely proud of the Ol' Sod, but for some reason we do not support (in relation to our members) Irish orientated functions.

Other nationalities have been more successful in developing clubs and associations to preserve their culture. Why?

There seems to be a trend developing at this time toward going back in time. The young people are asking more and more who we are. I believe that if this trend continues it could offer a great opportunity for us to organize Irish clubs in California and all over the U.S.

If this surge of old world inquiry by our young is to be fulfilled, as far as Irish culture is concerned, there should be places for people to go and activities to attend which represent the best that Ireland has to offer.

We can claim the greatest school of writers, the most respected playwrights, and Irish football and hurling games are among the most exciting in the world. But where can you go to see a first-rate Irish play in California or where can you go to see an Irish sport?

I believe if these things

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COLLEEN MARIE GRIF-FITH, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Griffith of Connecticut, became the first American girl to ever place in the "ALL WORLD" Irish Dance competitions held in Dublin, Ireland, over the Easter weekend. Colleen placed second in the 15 to 17 age group. She has won many awards and championships here in the United States and in Canada, and is an honor student at South Catholic High School in Hartford, Conn. Her father is a member of the A.O.H. Colleen is also a member of the Griffith Academy of Music and Dance, of which her mother, Mrs. Maryann Griffith, is teacher.



PETE TIERNEY of Kings County, N.Y. has been appointed by the National President Edward Fay as Deputy Organizer on the National Board. He has been a member of the order since 1936, and is a past president of Division No. 5, Kings County N.Y., past president Kings County Board, and past state chairman Catholic Action. He is a very active member of the order, played a large part in Hibernian activities in Kings County, and has attended most all conventions over the years. Most recently, he attended the National Convention in Dublin and State Convention in Syracuse. Pete is an active member of the Commodore Barry Club and the Round Tower Club of Kings County, New York.

California - Here We Come!!!

By Edward F. Callanan, National Convention Chairman

Hibernians from every part of the United States and Canada are now planning to converge on the Golden State of California to participate in what promises to be the greatest national convention in the history of our great Order.

The convention to be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim will open on Tuesday, July 30, 1974, with the traditional Mass, breakfast and business sessions.

Disneyland Hotel, situated at the entrance to Disneyland and its myriad of attractions, has a policy of not quoting rates until a year before a convention; hence the unavoidable delay in advertising our convention, for which apology is hereby made.

At the recently concluded California State Convention, Jerry O'Keefe of Anaheim, newly elected State President, accepted a vice-chairmanship of the national convention along with Michael J. Farrell of Los Angeles, past State President, and Zoe Foley of San Jose, a member of the National Board of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Matilda Murphy, a State officer from Los Angeles.

The State convention delegates, both men and women, voted to make this convention a real joint effort and so both State Boards will join with the Anaheim Division to co-host the convention.

The management of the Disneyland Hotel has agreed to block out 600 rooms for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations may be made immediately. One night's deposit must be forwarded at the time the reservation is made.

The convention committee will be advised by the Disneyland Hotel of all reservations made with the hotel and arrangements for a speedy check-in upon arrival will be the order of the day.

The hotel rates are as follows: Standard - Single, \$22-\$26; Twin or Dbl., \$26-\$32;

Triple or Quad, \$32. Deluxe - Single, \$30-\$33; Twin or Double, \$33-\$38; Triple or Quad, \$38; Studio Suite, \$65; One bedroom suite, \$75-\$85; Two bedroom suite, \$100-\$110; Royal suites, \$125-\$175.

While other hotels and motels are situated in the area it is recommended that all Hibernians stay at the Disneyland Hotel since all activities are planned for the Headquarters Hotel, and since public transportation is virtually non-existent, those staying at a distance from the Disneyland Hotel would have to commute by taxi and therefore would not substantially benefit economically by staying elsewhere.

The registration fee has been set at \$55, the same as in Dublin and will include breakfast the first day, the banquet the final day, a cabaret, and a night in Disneyland.

Those coming to California for the first time should be aware that Southern California, where Disneyland is located is hot, but not muggy in July and August, but those planning to venture to San Francisco and other areas of Northern California should be warned that warm coats may be needed at night to ward off the "cool grey intriguing fog" that may be present. (Another remedy, of course, is to indulge in the excellent Irish Coffee available in abundance.)

Disney's magic kingdom will be the gateway to the California adventure for Hibernians in 1974. Here, under the warm summer sun on the rim of the Pacific Ocean, young and old alike will thrill to rides on steamboats like those that used to tread the Mississippi in a bygone era, dance to a Dixieland band on a recreation of of an old New Orleans street and ride down the Matterhorn.

All will share the excitement of children as they see the ageless Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and all their friends in the daily parade.

These are but a few of the hundreds of unforgettable



EDWARD F. CALLANAN Jr.,

adventures that await delegates, family and friends of Hibernians at our national convention.

Before or after the convention, delegates may wish to discover other areas of this vast and fabulous State we call California. If you have a car you may wish to visit the historic missions of California founded by Father Junipero Serra that are strung out along the coast, each situated one day journey by horse from the other. The most famous of these missions is San Juan Capistrano in Southern California.

Others may prefer to venture to the fabled homes of the stars in nearby Hollywood and view the names of the silver screen's illuminaries embedded in bronze on Hollywood Boulevard near Vine Street, or visit the studios where so many famous motion pictures have been made, or watch television shows being shot, or dance at the Hollywood Palladium.

It would be a wise idea to talk to your travel agent about travelling on to San Francisco, the cost may be quite nominal, and discover why it is said that everyone has two favorite cities, their own and San Francisco.

Small cable cars challenge exceedingly steep hills and at the top of each is a spectacular view of one of the two great bays in all the world, Naples being the other.

Visit Chinatown, which is like a visit to the Orient since San Francisco has the largest Chinese population outside the Orient, and enjoy the exotic dishes of far-off Canton and Mandarin cuisine.

Beyond San Francisco, to the north, stand the giant redwood trees that have withstood the onslaught of thousands of years and which are classified as among the oldest living things in this fragile world of ours.

Visit too the wineries that compare most favorably with the wine areas of France, from whence came many of the early cuttings of vines.

California has a coastline of a thousand miles and a variety to please every person. It is this type of diversity that has helped people to decide to stay and make this the State of the biggest population in our country.

The Irish from the begin-

Thomas J. Gavin Honored At Testimonial Dinner

A testimonial dinner dance was held May 12 at the New Hibernian Hall, 3350 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Ill. honoring National Director Thomas J. Gavin.

Tom was presented with a plaque proclaiming him "Illinois Hibernian of the Year" and acknowledgments were made of his accomplishments. He has always been an active Hibernian, having formed the John F. Kennedy Division No. 59, serving as President for four terms. He was also Cook County President for two terms, and State President for two terms.

In 1971, Tom was in an automobile accident and was hospitalized and confined to the Intensive Care Section for some 31 days with near fatal injuries. Much to everyone's surprise, he did rally himself, and just being released from the hospital thrust himself into the solicitation and collection of monies for the Relief of Northern Ireland. Through his personal efforts, he was responsible for the solicitation and collection of some \$30,000 from the Chicago area, which was forwarded to the National Board, A.O.H., for forwarding to Cardinal Conway's appeal for relief in Northern Ireland.

For the past two years, Tom has been in and out of the hospital with related illnesses, but he always springs back and is out there pitching for Hibernianism and the cause of the Irish People.

Of over 200 people in attendance, many from Downstate Illinois and Missouri, the most notable were:

Stephen O'Malley, A.O.H., National Treasurer; Michael P. Keeley, Sr., Past National Chairman of Catholic Action, and Past Illinois State President; Mary Keeley, Past Illinois State President, Ladies Auxiliary; Mary Hayes, Immediate Past State President, Ladies Auxiliary; Betty Donavon, National Organizer, Ladies Auxiliary; George M. Konroy, Illinois State President; John L. Buckley, Illinois State Vice President; Joseph McGoldrick, President, Cook County Board; Martin McLoughlin, Administrative Aide to Illinois Secretary of State, Michael Howlett, who awarded Tom with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the Secretary of State; Michael Madigan, (D. 27th District) Illinois State Representative, who represented the Mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, and State Senator, Frank D. Savihas (D. 27th District).

Officers and members of the Gold Rush of 1849 have contributed immensely to the history and the culture of this great State and we Hibernians are looking forward eagerly to telling our brothers and sisters all about it.

So, please, make your reservations early and we promise the descendants of immigrants of the 32 countries the greatest show on earth.

other Irish clubs and organizations were also in attendance.

In addition to his Hibernianism, Tom is Past Grand Knight and 4th Degree Member, Calumet Council Knights of Columbus, and a retired member of the Chicago Police Department with 32 years of distinguished service.

Testimonial Committee Officers were John L. Buckley, General Chairman; Thomas Healy and Thomas Noonan, Co-Chairmen; Stephen O'Malley, Treasurer; William Dempsey and Frank Williams, Co-Chairman for Reservations; Vincent "Jerry" O'Loughlin, Chairman for entertainment.

Other highlights of the gala affair were the appearance of the Shannon Rovers Bagpipe Band and the dancing of the O'Loughlin School of Irish Dancing.



NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, His Excellency, Bishop Vincent M. Leonard of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, maintains a heartwarming interest in the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Irish Ambassador Is Transferred

The Washington, D.C. District Board AOH and Ladies Auxiliary presented a silver chafing dish and tray to the Honorable and Mrs. William Warnock at the Irish Embassy in Washington on Wednesday, July 25.

Ambassador and Mrs. Warnock are being transferred to Berne, Switzerland.

Presenting the gifts were George A. Zahn, President of the District Board and Miss M. Patti Flynn, President of the LA District Board.

He will be replaced in Washington by John G. Molloy, a former Ambassador in London and at present serving as Assistant Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin.

Annual Memorial Mass For John Boyle O'Reilly

The annual Memorial Service for John Boyle O'Reilly was held on Saturday, June 30, in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline, Mass. The Very Rev. Patrick A. O'Connor, Columban Fathers Superior, was the celebrant of the Mass at the graveside of O'Reilly.

O'Reilly was born June 28, 1844, in Drogheda, on the south bank of the Boyne River. He is remembered as a printer apprentice, reporter, soldier, patriot - convict, poet, author, editor, orator, friend of the oppressed of his day, and champion of the causes of the down-trodden - Irish, Blacks, Indians and Jews.

The Hon. John J. Buckley, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, and a member of the National Board A.O.H., was the orator. Among those present were Michael J. O'Donnell, President of the County Donegal Association, the Hon. Edward J. Crane, former Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Miss Marie Fox, of the Eire Society of Boston, David Burke, Associate Editor of the *Hibernian Digest*, and other representatives of Hibernian Divisions and Ladies' Auxiliaries throughout the state of Massachusetts.

Former National A.O.H. President Walter J. O'Leary and John J. Devlin were co-chairmen of the event.

Callanan Calls For Effort In Support Of H.R. 161

National Chairman Edward F. Callanan, Freedom for All Ireland Committee of the A.O.H. in America, asks all brother and sister Hibernians, especially presidents and chairmen of Freedom for All Ireland Committees on the division, county and state level, to support House Resolution 161, which was submitted by Congressman Biaggi of New York. This resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs in congress. All are urged to write letters to their congressman and senators.

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the many contributions of men and women of Irish blood to the building of our great Nation and to the cause of freedom everywhere since the earliest times, and
Recognizing the fact that Ireland is artificially partitioned against the wishes of the Irish people, and
Recognizing that Irish people in the six-county area known as Northern Ireland

are denied basic civil and human rights, and are unable to obtain adequate protection from attack or equal justice under law, and
Whereas the explosive situation in Northern Ireland is, therefore, the legitimate concern of all men, and
Whereas, it is in the best interests of the United States that there be a just and equitable solution to this problem, and
Whereas, for humanitarian reasons, as well as out of respect for history, we hereby take notice of the deplorable state of affairs in Ireland, be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives of the United States of America that: "The Irish people ought to be permitted to exercise the right of national self-determination thus returning the disputed six counties to the Irish Republic, unless a clear majority of all the people of Ireland, in a free and open plebiscite, determine to the contrary."

Digest Conducts Survey On Charitable Works

The preamble of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Section 6, admonishes us to encourage civic participation. This is being done, day in and day out, every day of the year.

Hibernians across the nation are involved in civic, fraternal and religious activities in their respective communities, and because of the various activities held, donations are made, large and small, to better the communities in which they live. We know of divisions who actively support and contribute to such things as Little League teams, Boy Scout troops, United Fund, scholarship funds, school building drives, Irish radio programs, families caught in disasters, and orphanages.

Too often the National

Board does not receive an accurate accounting of the charitable works of the local divisions. For this reason, we ask your cooperation in filling out this survey. We would like to cover the minimum of a ten-year period - longer if possible.

We ask all presidents to sit down with their treasurers and to review their charitable works, year by year. Please list each year on a separate piece of paper and be sure to include everything, even the smallest donation.

Ancient Order Of Hibernians In America Survey of Charitable Works

Please list each year's charitable activities on a separate piece of paper.

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Acts Of Hibernian Charity



-- Photo by Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Lawrence, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES of Division 8 of Lawrence, Mass., present a check for \$1,000 to the Joint Building Hospital Fund for Bon Secours-Lawrence General Hospital. The check represents the proceeds of the highly successful Tommy Makem concert held recently. Shown above, from the left are Mrs. Laurence

Mullane, president of the Ladies Auxiliary; Mayor John J. Buckley, National Director and president of Division 8; Irving Rogers, publisher of the Lawrence Eagle Tribune and chairman of the Joint Building Hospital Fund Drive, and Attorney John E. Fenton Jr., Brother member of Division 8.



DENNIS E. COLLINS Division officers of Newport, Rhode Island presented a check for \$1000 to Tandem House, Newport Drug Rehabilitation Center.

Shown above are, from the left, Neil

Sullivan, division president; George Connell, event chairman; Bob Beattie, division treasurer presenting check to Miss Ann Bishop, director of Tandem House, and Miss Pam Barber.



A CHECK FOR \$1,000 is presented to Ray Dupree, chairman of Watertown Boys' Club, by Division 14, Watertown, Mass. President Jack McDermot.

Looking on is the Trustee of Hibernian Div. 14, Paul Kelly, and Assistant Director of the Boys' Club, Paul Corrigan.



NEW STATE CHAPLAIN -- James Tierney of Hamilton Square, N.J., state president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, congratulates Fr. Brendan Williams, associate pastor of Holy Angels Church, Trenton, on his appointment as state chaplain of the AOH. Fr. Williams succeeds the late Fr. Joseph W. McLaughlin, who was pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, West Trenton, at the time of his death last June 12. The appointment was made with the approval of Bishop George W. Ahr of Trenton. Fr. Williams, a native of Killarney, County Kerry, is a member of Msgr. Crean Division No. 1, Trenton.

Fr. Joseph McLaughlin Mourned In New Jersey

West Trenton, N.J.: Bishop George W. Ahr was principal celebrant on June 16, at a Mass of Christian Burial for Father Joseph W. McLaughlin, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church here, and New Jersey State Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Father McLaughlin died June 12 from an apparent heart attack while visiting his classmate, Father James B. Coyle, pastor of St. Dorothea's Church, Eatontown. He died in his sleep.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., Father McLaughlin prepared for the priesthood at Boston College, St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., and St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton.

Father McLaughlin had

served in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, his only pastorate, since July 20, 1951, and until shortly before his death, also was responsible for St. George's Mission at Washington Crossing, N.J.

In 1956, he was named chaplain of Msgr. Crean Division No. 1, Trenton, succeeding the late Msgr. Richard T. Crean, P.A., who perished in the tragic fire of March 15, 1956, which destroyed the Cathedral where he served as rector. The division was named in memory of Msgr. Crean shortly after his death.

In June, 1972, Father McLaughlin was appointed state chaplain by State President James Tierney, with the approval of Bishop Ahr.

Massachusetts To Hold Constitutional Convention

At the recent organizational meeting of the Massachusetts State Board, President John J. Buckley announced that a state constitutional convention will be held some time in November. A special committee was set up to arrange for the date, time and place.

President Buckley made the following appointments: Chaplain Rev. Msgr. John J. Grant of Boston; Historian William J. Bateman of Ipswich; Chairman of Charities and Missions John T. McDermott of Watertown; Chairman Catholic Action Frank J. Connors of Peabody; Free-

dom for All Ireland, Fred A. O'Brien of Methuen; Sentinel James J. Howlett of North Andover; Marshal David R. Burke of Lawrence; Co-organizers John J. Devlin of West Roxbury and William A. Cashman of Lynn; Special Committees, John Boyle O'Reilly; Memorial Services, Past National President Walter O'Leary and John Devlin, co-chairmen; St. Patrick's Day Banquet, James Howlett, tri-state board meeting of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island; Chartered Flight to National Convention in California, David R. Burke.



500 ATTEND DIVISION PICNIC -- The largest family picnic in recent years of Msgr. Crean Division 1, Trenton, N.J., was held Sunday, August 5, at the division home on Kuser Road in Trenton. The 12-acre Hibernian grounds easily accommodated the members, families and guests. Brothers William Kelly and Henry P. Flynn, a division past president, served as co-chairmen for the event which drew Hibernians from

throughout the state. Among the participants above, left to right, are Brother Kelly, National Director Bernard J. McCreesh, a member of the LA state board; Thomas M. Conroy, state secretary and national chairman of the charitable mission fund; Brother Flynn and Brother James Tierney, state president and a member of the Trenton division.

Division No. 29, N.Y. County

Secretary Of Labor Guest At 100th Anniversary Dinner

Members of the Lt. Patrick J. Walsh Division No. 29 were singularly honored in having Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan as their guest of honor at their 100th Anniversary Banquet in the Hotel Commodore in New York City on May 19.

This division, for many years the largest and most prominent division in our Order, had its humble beginning in a neighborhood known as Irishtown in the Yorkville section of Manhattan on August 7, 1873.

These Irishmen were the refugees of the famine that desolated Ireland. They built a reputation as church builders as well as being in great demand as construction workers on the Harlem Railroad (now known as the Penn Central), the Croton Reservoir in Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum on Fifth Avenue.

The first Catholic Church in Yorkville, St. Lawrence O'Toole, was built by these brother Hibernians, and on this site today stands the magnificent church edifice of St. Ignatius Loyola which was built and supported by members of this illustrious division.

The original 123 members of the division served with gallantry with the 26th, 37th, 69th and 88th regiments in the Civil War under Col. Michael Corcoran and Gen. Thomas F. Meagher in the Emmett Guards, the Shamrock Brigade and the celebrated "Irish Brigade" at Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. A monument to Gen. Meagher and his Irish Brigade stands today at Gettysburg.

The division has the distinction of being the only chapter of any fraternal or-

ganization in the country to have had as members two Cardinals in the late Francis Cardinal Spellman of N.Y. and J. Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, as well as two ambassadors in former Mayor of New York Robert F. Wagner of Spain and John J. D. Moore of Ireland.

Division No. 29 was changed to the Lt. Patrick J. Walsh Division as a tribute to Patrick J. Walsh, past N.Y. County President, who lost his life while serving as a gunnery officer aboard an armed guard ship in the North Atlantic in the fall of 1942.

Lt. Walsh was posthumously awarded the Silver star and a ship, the U.S.S. Walsh, was christened in his honor at Bethlehem Ship Yards, Hingham, Massachusetts April 28, 1945.

Youthful president, Gerald F. Eustace, was a naval officer who graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. He is now a port and ship engineer and administrator of port facilities.

For many years the division had the chairmen of New York's great St. Patrick's Day Parade in John J. Sheahan and Harry Hynes. The parade has passed within a block of its headquarters in Yorkville for the past 75 years.

Members of the division were saddened during the week of their dinner in learning of the news that both their past Chaplains Very Rev. Donal M. O'Callaghan, O'Carm, and the Rev. Thomas Murphy passed away within seven days.

Attending the 100th Anniversary dinner were National President Edward J. Fay; former National President James J. Comerford; New

York State President George E. Foley; past New York State President Joseph Giblin; N.Y. State President, Ladies Auxiliary, Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle; Miss Margaret Callaghan, N.Y. County President; Joseph Sullivan, N.Y. County President.

James T. Gilmarin, Esq. was chairman of the banquet, John V. McAuliffe, Esq., treasurer, William J. Kelly, chairman of reservations and Frank D. X. Finnegan, public relations director.

Past President of the division, Joseph P. Furey, was given a distinguished service award for 25-years of meritorious service to the division.

This great division swore in as new members that evening such distinguished men as Tim Rooney, president of Yonkers Raceway, the largest harness racing track in America, and son of the owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers NFL football team; Gerald Lawrence, son of the former Governor of Pennsylvania, and Thomas F. Galvin, architect and executive vice president of the largest convention center in the country, the New York City Convention and Exhibition Center Corporation, to be built in 1976. Mr. Galvin is also the Republican-Conservative candidate for the office of President of the City Council in New York City, in November.

Indiana State President Giff Prendergast is promoting "pen pals" between grade school children from Indiana and those from Northern Ireland. Any Division interested in this project should contact Giff Prendergast, 10 Melody Court, Beach Grove, Ind.

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Visiting Cities, Concert Dates and Chairmen as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Arrive in New York

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 - BOSTON - Waltham High School Auditorium, Waltham, Mass. -- Ticket Chairman - Pat Barry, 16 Foster Street, Brighton, Mass. 02135. Tel. ST2-9117.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 - LAWRENCE - Central Catholic High School Auditorium, Lawrence, Mass. -- Contact - David R. Burke, Apt. 16, 67 Newton Street, Lawrence, Mass. 01842. Tel. 617-683-9007.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 - CLEVELAND - St. John's College Auditorium, Cathedral Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact - Al. O Laoire, 3672 West 134th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Tel. 216-671-9151.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - DETROIT - Gaelic League Hall, Michigan Ave., Detroit, Michigan. Contact - Daniel O' Kennedy, 3969 Lincoln Ave., Dearborn, Michigan, 48125. Tel. 313-565-6068.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 - ST. PAUL - O' Shaughnessy's Auditorium, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Mo. Contact - Dr. Eoin McKiernan, 683 Osceola Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105. Tel. 612-647-5678.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 - ST. LOUIS - Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Contact - Peter Hazelton, 411 Foote Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 - CHICAGO - Kennedy High School Auditorium, 6300 West 56th St., Chicago, Ill. Contact - Mary McDonagh, 7123 N. Wolcott. Tel. 312-262-7769 OR F. Thornton (see below).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - CHICAGO - Lane High School Auditorium, 3600 North Western Avenue, Chicago. Contact - Frank Thornton, 2744 N. Major Avenue, Tel. 312-622-0436 OR Mary McDonagh (see above).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 - PITTSBURGH - Soldiers & Sailors' Memorial Hall, 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Ceili-Irish Centre - 6886 Forwd Avenue) Contact - Jack Costelloe, 333 Lucille Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15218. Tel. 412-731-3849.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 - MINEOLA - Inis Fada Irish American Center, 297 Willi Ave., Mineola, New York. Contact - Tom Hughes, 17 Jarvis Place, Lynbrook, New York. Tel. 516-593-1049.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 - WASHINGTON - Lisner Auditorium, G. W. University, 21st & H. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. Contact - Dr. Frank Gannon, 320 Stonegate Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20904. Tel. 301-384-1963.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - NEW YORK - Rockaway. Contact - Tom Mason, 162 Beach 130 Street, Belle Harbor, New York 11694. Tel. 212-NE4-0923.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 - STATEN ISLAND - Staten Island Community College, Contact - Bill Barnett Jr., 27 Mada Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10316. Tel. 212-S.A.7-9031.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 - NEW YORK - Hunter College Auditorium, 68th Street & Lexington Ave., Manhattan. Contact - Louis E. Quinn, 33-62, 157th Street, Flushing 54, New York. Tel. 212-961-3625.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 - TRENTON - War Memorial Concert Hall, Trenton, New Jersey. Contact - John M. Leahy, 63, Lafayette, Trenton, New Jersey, 08610. Tel. 609-695-4180.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 - LONG ISLAND - Montford Missionaries Auditorium, 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bayshore, Long Island, New York. Contact - Pete Bulfin, 81 East Main Street, New York 11730. Tel. 516-JUI-9816.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 - Return to Ireland.

COMHALTAS PUBLICATIONS

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For General Enquiries re Concert Tour Publications, Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann, and Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, contact -- Mr. Bill McEvoy, U.S. Coordinate CCE, 928 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove, Long Island, New York 11755. Tel. 516-588-3709. OR Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.



WELLWISHERS join senior members of Division 23 in Pittsburgh. Shown above are, front row, from the left, J. McGuinness, R. Flaherty, J. Callwood, W. Purnell and D. Mullen. Middle row, M. Manning, T. Roberts, J. McGinley, M.

McGuinness, M. Mullen and J. Kane. Standing in the back row are, T. Reiser, J. R. O'Hara, J. McConnell, T. Lardner, D. McCaul, P. Mulkern, A. Exler, P. Ging, G. Kane, Msgr. Nene and J. Hughes.

Pittsburgh Div. Honors Twelve Senior Members

A.O.H. Division No. 23 in Pittsburgh, now the largest in the state of Pennsylvania, established a unique ceremony at its division hall on Saturday, July 21. Twelve senior members were honored with framed certificates of appreciation from their brother Hibernians.

All of the men honored had at least 25 years continuous service and membership with Division 23, and had also attained the age of 65. They are now life members with no further dues to pay. All county, state, and national assessments will be paid for them by a division grateful for their long years of service and good examples of Hibernianism.

The twelve brothers so honored, and their years of service to the Division are as follows:

John McGinley, 33; James R. O'Hara, 33; John Joyce, 33; Martin Mullen, 32; Matthew McGuinness, 29; James Monroe, 29; Thomas Roberts, 28; James Lardner, 27; Patrick Mulkern, 27; Michael Manning, 27; John M. Kane, 25, and Patrick Ging, 28.

It might be noted that Brother John McGinley has 57

years altogether as a Hibernian and Brother James R. O'Hara has 64 years. Both have given much of themselves to the organization, as have the other ten fine men. Unfortunately, Brothers John Joyce, James Monroe and James Lardner could not attend personally, but their awards will be delivered to them. Tom Lardner, James' brother, accepted the award for him.

The meeting was presided over by the division Chaplain, Msgr. Louis J. Nene, President Thomas Reiser and all division officers. Each certificate was signed by all the officers, Board of Directors, and Msgr. Nene. In addition to the certificate, each of the twelve brothers received a beautiful laminated, wallet-sized card with a heading in Gaelic -- "Seanoir Eireannuig na d'tacta le saogal" -- which translates into "Elder Irishmen are members for life."

Approximately 100 members attended the ceremony and enjoyed the free Ox Roast dinner and refreshments which followed. This show of honor to these 12 senior members is an act of Hibernianism at its best.

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PITTSBURGH DIVISION 23 honored 12 of its senior members at a special ceremony held there on July 21. Shown above are, in the front row, from the left, M. McGuinness, M. Mullen and J. Kane. In the back row are T. Reiser, J. R. O'Hara, T. Lardner, P. Mulkern, P. Manning, T. Roberts, J. McGinley, M.

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MEMBERS of the Dennis E. Collins Division, Newport, R.I., were hosts to Governor and Mrs. Philip W. Noel at a luncheon held in Newport recently. The governor was briefed on Hibernianism

and topics including the Fort Worth Five, Northern Ireland's freedom and anti-abortion stand. Seated, left to right are Division President Neil Sullivan, Governor Noel and Mrs. Noel.

Results Of Ladies Auxiliary National Essay Contest

The office of the national historian has made known the winners of the 1972-1973 contest. Messages have been sent to the winners for their efforts.

It is hoped that all new historians have forwarded their names, addresses, and telephone listings for necessary communications.

My personal appreciation is expressed through this paper to all who participated in the contest, who assisted in any way in the organizational process, and last but not least to the parents and teachers who worked with the contestants in their preparations. - **Mary E. Foley**, National Historian.

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

First - Kathleen Mary Busch, Greenwich, Conn.; **Second** - Tracy Brennan, Greenwich, Conn.

Judges were: Patrick J. Fallon, specialist in Irish and American music, and radio station program director; Miss Helen T. Foley, director of music in public school system; Rev. Richard L. Fleck, O.P., former judge on state level of essay contest and high school faculty member, and Brother Edward Murph, O.P., devotee of Irish and American folk music and guitarist.

Maryland News

The Maryland State Board, A.O.H., is now under the leadership of Joseph McNeil, president, as a result of convention elections held in June. Heading up the L.A.A.O.H. State Board is Miss M. Eileen McGinn, re-elected president. The Rev. A. Joseph Maskell remains as chaplain to the Board.

The Rev. Michael Dunican of the Columban Fathers was the principal speaker at the joint banquet held following the conventions.

The L.A.A.O.H. participated in a moonlight cruise on August 10, under the sponsorship of the State Board. Aboard the M. V. Port Welcome, under charter, members and their friends and guests cruised under the stars from Constellation Dock in Baltimore through the beautiful waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Music, refreshments and chance wheels on board added to the enjoyment that evening. A barbershop quartet brought back some memories of the great Bay cruises of years gone by.

Baltimore's Juniors, under the coordination of Division 14 vice president, Pat Grady, recently made two local television performances to display their Irish step dancing talents. The most recent was in connection with their performance in June at the Annapolis Arts Festival, an annual weekend event in Maryland's capital city. Junior Division president is Katie Jones.

The Board is also sponsoring a 1 - 20 club, with the first drawing scheduled for September. Anyone interested in becoming a patron, which gives you a chance in 21 separate drawings including that for the grand prize of \$1,000

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

First - John Sheehan, Bronx, N.Y.; **Second** - Susan Epstein, Baltimore, Md.; **Third** - Maria Mortensen, St. Paul, Minn.; **Fourth** - Emily Sokoll, Baltimore, Md.; **Fifth** - Kathryn Ann Roth, Bristol, R.I., and **Honorable Mention** - Sandra Murphy, Newport, Rhode Island.

Judges were: Miss Helen Horton, retired educator and Kerry visitor; Miss Mary G. Curvin, retired principal and Kerry visitor; Mrs. Catherine F. Hagan, retired educator and Kerry visitor; Mrs. Fred A. Byland, former state historian and Kerry visitor, and Mrs. Winifred W. Brunelle, elementary school teacher.

Ladies Auxiliary Of Division 8

The Ladies' Auxiliary Division No. 8 of Essex County recently presented Sister Sheila Anne Nyhan with a check for \$100 to help in her mission in Bani, Dominican Republic.

Sister Sheila Anne Nyhan of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax was sent to the Dominican Republic four years ago as a registered nurse at the Hospital Nuestra Senora de Regla. Within six months the townspeople voted to make the young nun administrator of the 130-bed hospital. She worked long hours to improve the hospital, a severely understaffed, poorly funded institution, serving a population of 60,000.

It is by the help of people such as those of the Auxiliary that she can aid these sufferers, and she greatly appreciated the donation as well as a party given in her honor while on a visit to her home in Lawrence, Mass.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Nyhan are both Hibernians of Division 8, Lawrence.

can contact the chairman, Miss Jean Finnegan, 2808 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21224.

Ladies Auxiliary

The A.O.H. Ladies' Auxiliary District Convention was held on June 17 at the Sheraton Hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The following were elected to office: President Miss M. Patti Flynn, Vice President Mrs. William K. Redwine, Secretary Mrs. George A. Zahn, Treasurer Mrs. Michael J. Flanagan, Historian Mrs. James A. Reilly, Chairman of Missions, Mrs. Jack Kuhn, Chairman of Catholic Action Mrs. Margaret M. Wade, Mistress-At-Arms Mrs. Ellen Knight, Sentinel Miss Mary Cleary, and County President Mrs. Michael J. Dowd.

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DIVISION 14 Ladies Auxiliary of Watertown, Mass., observed their 75th anniversary as a division in May. Father Daniel Cronin celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at Hibernian Hall, which was followed by a delicious buffet supper. The women of the division have worked hard for many years for numerous charities, present ones being their adopted Indian boy and the La Sallette and Josephite Missions. They are proud to be the largest division in the state and

still growing, meeting regularly once a month on the first Monday. They would welcome new members. For these ladies the motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity is not just a motto but a way of life. Shown above in the front row, from the left are Margaret Beirne, Anne Devaney, Father Daniel Cronin and Mary Coakley. Standing are Helen Collins, Mary Leah, Mary McDonough, Jean Tolan and Shirley Connolly, division officers.

New York State LA Elects Officers

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, at its New York State Convention at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Syracuse, New York, on June 27 - 30th elected the following officers for a two-year term to the New York State Board:

Mrs. Vera Calnan, Monroe County, President; Mrs. Dorothy Foy, Schenectady County, Vice President; Mrs. Josephine Lynch, Bronx County, Secretary; Miss Catherine B. Hanly, Queens County, Treasurer; Mrs. Marian Cuff, Onondaga County, Historian; Mrs. Josephine Ahern, Suffolk County, Chairman of Missions; Mrs. Mollie Barrett, Nassau County, Chairman of Catholic Action.

Miss Marion I. Guilfoyle, the outgoing State President, presided at the convention and installed the newly elected officers at the formal Banquet. Past State Presidents Margaret McAllister and Mary Collins were Marshals for the Installation.

Mrs. Calnan, as State President, appointed Mrs. Marguerite Martin, Kings County, as State Chairman of Publicity. Miss Guilfoyle, New York County, will remain an officer of the State Board as Immediate Past State President.

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Recommended Reading

The McGarrity Papers - (Revelations of Irish Revolutionary Movement in Ireland and America 1900-1940) by Sean Cronin - Irish Books
Michael Collins and The Making of A New Ireland, Vol. I and II by Piaras Beaslai Harper & Brother, New York - London.

The Story of Ireland - by Maire and Conor Cruise O'Brien - Viking Press, N.Y.

Divided We Stand - by Michael Sheehy, G. P. Putnam's Sons, N.Y.

American and The Fight For Irish Freedom 1866 -

1922 - by Charles Callan Tansill, The Devin Adair Co., New York.

Guerilla Days In Ireland - by Commandant General Tom Barry, The Devin Adair Co., New York.

Easter Rebellion - by Caulfield.

Constance Markievicz In Cause of Ireland - by Jacqueline Van Vores, University of Massachusetts Press.

Northern Ireland - A Report On The Conflict - by the London Sunday Times Insight Team, Random House, Inc., New York.

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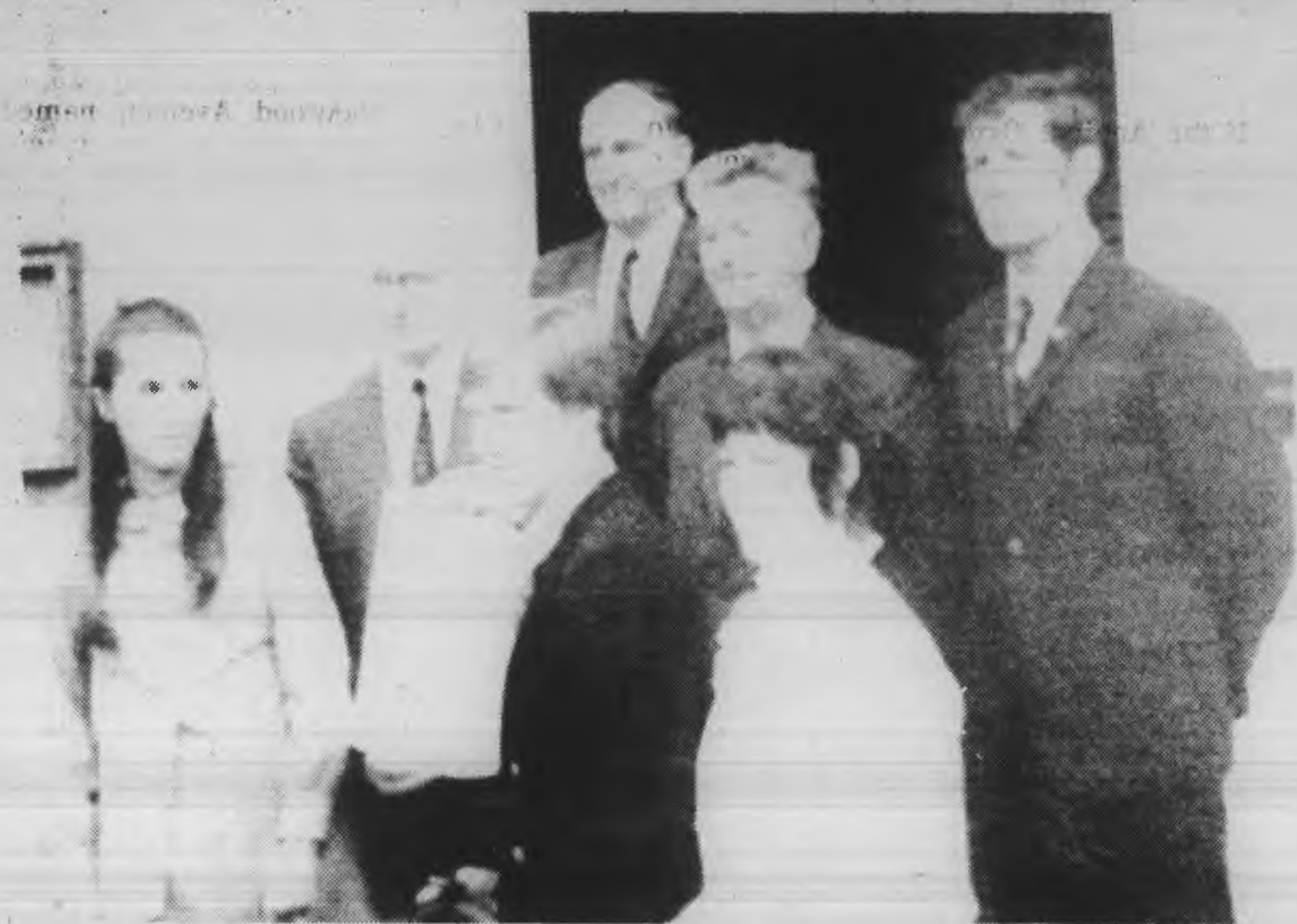
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ROBERT BATEMAN, great-grandnephew of Capt. Deasy, presents several artifacts to the Cork City Museum which has dedicated space to Capt. Deasy. Shown above, from the left in the front row are Mrs. Bateman, Robert Bateman and Mrs. Eugene McCarthy of

Cork City. Mrs. McCarthy is a cousin of Mr. Bateman. In the second row are Seamus O'Coighligh, curator of Cork Museum; Commandant General Tom Barry, I.R.A., and Eugene McCarthy. In the rear is Aodh O'Tuama, assistant curator.



JUDGE JAMES F. CLARKE of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas delivers timely and inspiring message as guest

speaker at the Annual National Board of Directors banquet held last summer in Pittsburgh.



THESE HAPPY HIBERNIANS take time out during Annual Board Banquet to enjoy a few Irish stories. The Chatham

Center, Pittsburgh, Banquet hall was filled to capacity for the gala event.

Mementos of Capt. Deasy Presented To Cork Museum

By Robert J. Bateman, Historian, Division 8, Lawrence, Mass.

Timothy Deasy was born in Clonakilty, County Cork, in 1841, the eldest child of Michael and Ellen Deasy. A second son, Cornelius, was born in 1843.

The Deasys lived through much of the injustices inflicted upon the Irish people by the English but with the death of their daughter, Honora, caused by the Famine during 1846, Michael Deasy made a decision to act. In 1847 the family emigrated to the United States to find that which had been denied them by the English.

The Deasy family settled in Lawrence, Mass., some 30 miles north of Boston and it was there on the banks of the Merrimack River, the future textile center of the world, that Timothy Deasy was to build the foundation upon which fate and destiny would lead those who followed.

The treatment of the Irish in many cities of the United States during the 1850's had been for the most part unbearable. The same was true in Lawrence, but there were those like Tim Deasy among the Irish populace of Lawrence who would show by their example the spirit and character of the Irish people.

Timothy Deasy was 21 years of age when the American Civil War broke out. Once again the Irish were faced with prejudice as Governor Andrew of Massachusetts would not allow the Irish to form military companies. But it was the eagerness of the Irish population to enlist that was to be the full and final answer to years of slander and defamation against their race. For it was to be the Irish who would bring into this Grand Army a new breed of fighting soldier.

The Governor was finally prevailed upon to allow the formation of an all-Irish Massachusetts Regiment. And in June, 1861, Tim, along with his brother Connie, enlisted in the 9th Massachusetts Regiment which was comprised entirely of men of Irish birth. Tim fought with the 9th through 34 engagements and was promoted up through the ranks, eventually to be made Captain.

Upon his mustering out of the army Tim began his active role in Fenianism. In 1864 he left the United States for Ireland where he became a Captain in the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

Captain Deasy played a prominent role in many of the most dramatic and historic episodes during the Irish Revolt between 1864 and 1871. Because of this, he was appointed second-in-command to Colonel Thomas Kelly who had been chosen to replace James Stephens, the founder and head of the Brotherhood, as its leader.

Colonel Kelly called for a convention of delegates and I.R.B. officers to meet late in the summer of 1867 in Manchester, England. It was at this meeting that Col. Kelly outlined his plan for

the re-organization of the Fenian movement.

While Col. Kelly was in England he was asked to attend a special meeting of the Manchester circle. On the evening of September 11, 1867, Col. Kelly and Capt. Deasy left their lodgings and headed for Wilson's clothes shop on Oak Street in Manchester where the meeting of these officers was to take place.

When they arrived Col. Kelly knocked at the door but before they entered, Capt. Deasy noticed that they were being watched. Once inside the others were informed of what Capt. Deasy had seen and the meeting was disbanded. Col. Kelly and Capt. Deasy left the shop by the front and paused momentarily at the corner of Oak and Swan Streets to speak with two other officers who were heading for the meeting.

As they did so, a policeman's whistle blew from the darkness across the street. Capt. Deasy drew a revolver from beneath his coat as the sound of men running echoed up Oak Street.

A sound came from behind them, and as they turned, Capt. Deasy was knocked to the ground by a police sergeant named Brears. A fight then broke out and in the melee that followed, two of the "suspects" managed to escape. The police had to console themselves with the fact the two others were less fortunate.

At the police station, when asked their purpose on Oak Street the two answered that they were Americans and were accustomed to the privilege of speaking to friends on street corners. They gave as their names Williams and White and demanded their immediate release.

It was not long before the English learned their true identities and Col. Kelly and Capt. Deasy now found themselves in a very serious predicament.

Meanwhile their friends had already begun a plan for their rescue, and there followed the famous "breaking of the prison van" near Strangeways Jail, Manchester, which released Kelly and Deasy, but caused the death of Police Sergeant Charles Brett, and the capture and subsequent trial and execution of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, forever to be honored in Irish History as the "Manchester Martyrs".

One of the rescuers of Kelly and Deasy was one James Cahill also a native of Lawrence, who like Capt. Deasy would become a member of Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians in Lawrence.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

No Hiding Torture

IRISH ECHO, July 14: Many regimes have attempted to hide from the rest of the world the fact that they have used torture on political or military prisoners. Generally they fail because if the prisoners live they are marked physically or mentally for the rest of their lives.

While the world has become used to totalitarian governments - - fascist or communist - - practicing such barbarian methods it shies from the thought that a democratically constituted government could do such things.

Few people in Britain believe that their government could indulge in torture of prisoners. Few members of the British parliament believe it possible.

But Britain does torture prisoners. Somewhere in the line of command it is condoned. Latest proof of this was contained in a report in the **London Times**.

The Times account tells of a study made by a psychiatrist, Prof. Robert Daly of University College, Cork. Prof. Daly interviewed about 20 men who had been imprisoned in Northern Ireland. While being interrogated the men were "hooded" - - their heads covered with hoods.

The subjects were made to stand with their arms raised against walls while monotonous sound was played over and over. They were deprived of sleep and fed bread and water.

Prof. Daly finds that in virtually every case these men are suffering from some form of mental illness as a result of their treatment.

There is no hiding torture, it is always found out. Certainly this would never be condoned by the great majority of the British people.

But persons in the British military and perhaps political figures too are responsible for this torture going on.

It is reprehensible and cannot be condoned by any government which claims to be democratically constituted.

I'm An Irishman Myself

By Gerry Tobin, Div. 1, Bayshore, Suffolk, N.Y.

"I'm an Irishman myself", said Judge Leo Brewster, no doubt in an effort to show how deeply he regretted his actions in the case of five Irish-Americans who had been imprisoned in Seagoville Correctional Institute in Texas. The judge's off-the-cuff remark was made as he rejected the plea of Pascal Morahan for a leave of absence in order that he might visit his seriously ill father in Ireland, and the gratuitous observation from his honor must surely have evoked a grim and bitter chuckle from the Fort Worth Five, who have been on the receiving end of Judge Brewster's "Irishness" for far too many months.

The Fort Worth Five were recently released on bail, and it is no thanks to His Honor that they were!

But have we not had ample evidence of the same cynicism in our own ranks? Let us give Judge Brewster the benefit of the doubt, and assume that he was doing his duty as he perceived it and derived no particular pleasure from his role, in a situation which is redolent with the same foul odor as the Watergate mess.

It may be rather difficult to accept that the good judge's red-neck approach, his intransigence and lack of compassion should or could have any part of the American judicial system, but as the old Irish saying goes, "give even the devil his due", and let us be as charitable to Judge Brewster as he was not to the Fort Worth Five.

Of far greater import, and infinitely more alarming, is the question of the many thousands who can rightly say, "I'm an Irishman myself" and who have been just as negative as Judge Brewster in the case of the Fort Worth Five. I think it was Edmund Burke, the great Irish orator and Parliamentarian, (and a staunch supporter of the American cause during our War of Independence from England) who declared, "It is sufficient for the triumph of evil, that good men do nothing".

How many Irishmen have done nothing for the Fort

Worth Five? How many Hibernians, members in good standing of our Order, who proudly proclaim their Irishness, have done nothing to prevent the evil which culminated in the unjust internment of the Fort Worth Five?

If the Ancient Order of Hibernians is to be what it is generally expected to be - the voice of the Irish in America, then we must practice roaring rather than squeaking. Our Order, as an Order, its divisions and its many thousands of members, needs to submit to a searching examination of conscience, and the "Mea Culpa's" should rise over all the land.

The case of the Fort Worth Five must touch us deeply. There can no longer be any doubt that they, and therefore all of us, have been victims of injustice. Is there any guarantee that it could not happen again, to any one of us?

The five men, Pascal Morahan, Matt Reilly, Dan Crawford, Tom Laffey and Ken Tierney, are now out on bail. BUT THEY ARE NOT FREE! They are as much in bondage, in free and democratic America as are our persecuted and brutalized brothers and sisters in North-East Ireland under an alien and cruel regime.

The Hibernian who has failed to expend himself in support of the Fort Worth Five cannot truly claim to be an Hibernian. Is not the motto of our Order "Unity, Fraternity and Christian Charity"? How can we claim to be united if we stand impotently by and let members of our Order suffer as Matt Reilly has suffered? How can we boast of our Fraternity and Christian Charity when so little has been done for the Fort Worth Five?

The Irishman, the Hibernian who has done nothing should truly hang his head in shame. He should never again proclaim that he is Irish if he is not prepared to be an actor rather than an observer. For we are far from being finished. Five men have to pick up the threads of lives which have been disrupted as few of our lives have been. There are staggering legal expenses which remain to be paid, although Paul O'Dwyer and Frank Durkan donated their services without charge. It would be most fitting if this Order were to undertake a massive fund-raising effort to meet these costs, for surely the Fort Worth Five were our representatives during their long incarceration in Texas. If every Hibernian in America contributed as little as one dollar to the Dallas Defense Fund a tremendous burden would be made lighter. Surely one dollar is well within the means of all of us, particularly when it is dedicated to such a charitable and noble purpose as the support of our own people in America.

The next time you are inclined to say "I'm an Irishman myself" hold your head high and say it with pride. You will be fully entitled to do so, if you have contributed to the Dallas Defense Fund.

This column will be happy to act as agent for all donations to the Dallas Defense Fund.

An American Hibernian in Derry

By M. Kathleen Fogarty, Div. 14, Baltimore, Md.

This year when I planned my three-week holiday in Ireland (I had been six months in a Dublin University two years ago), I knew that one place I had to go was Derry. I had arranged to stay for no more than three days with "friends of friends" who live in the Bogside. By the time I left, I had been in Derry for 17 days. No place in Ireland will you find people who are more ready to receive you into their homes, and indeed into their families, or who love their country more dearly. You find also a stoical courage which made me hope that my own forefathers had faced the troubles in their generation in the same manner that the people of Derry, 1973, face their troubles.

I had hoped for an education when I went to Derry, and I received two. Actually, the first was merely the confirmation of one given me from the day I was born - that Ireland would fight for her freedom from oppression no matter the odds. The second, was one I learned quickly from the people of Derry - - if you don't laugh at the situation, you will spend your life crying. Some day, England will learn, must learn, that the Irish will never be beaten, because each succeeding generation will take up the fight. Some day, the average Protestant will realize that they have been fed lies by power-hungry men for 50 years, and they will turn to follow their predecessors who fought John Bull's tyranny with as much fervor as the modern Provisional IRA.

Everyone who claims to be proud of his Irish ancestry, should pay a visit to Derry on his next trip to Ireland. I must stress, there really is no danger, although you are better to know the names of people who can show you the city. It clears your brain a bit from the fog of

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George Foley Jr. Dead At Age 25

George E. Foley, 25, of 68 Oakwood Avenue, named a year ago as the calendar clerk of the New York Senate, died at Mary McClellan Hospital, Cambridge, where he was taken following a head-on crash on Route 40, near Greenwich.

Mr. Foley was a passenger in a car operated by Edward J. Slattery of 323 Speigletown Road, according to the South Glens Falls State Police. The other car was driven by Gary J. Gillis of Main St., Argyle.

According to police both Slattery and Gillis were taken to Glens Falls Hospital where Slattery's condition was listed as "fair". Gillis' condition was said to be "good".

Mr. Foley had served seven years with the State of New York. He was the national organizer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and was a member of Troy A.O.H. His father, George E. Foley Sr., was re-elected last month as president of the New York State Hibernians.

Mr. Foley was a graduate of St. Paul the Apostle School, Catholic Central High School and Junior College of Albany. He was a communicant of St. Paul the Apostle Church. He also was a member of the North Albany Limericks, the South Troy Republican Club and of the Legislative Council & Aides Association of New York State.

Surviving, besides his father, are his mother, the former Ida Hennessy; two sisters, Mrs. Patrick J. Teta of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Vincent Fumarola of Troy, and his grandfather, James E. Curran of Troy.

The funeral was held from the Leahy Funeral Home and from St. Paul the Apostle Church where a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was offered by Rev. Mitchell NeJame, O'Carm., assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Assisting were Rev. John H. C. Mulcahy, Rev. Henry Tansey, M.H.M., Rev. James C. Hayes, Rev. Francis J. DeBois and Rev. Eamen V. Forde.

Bearers included Thomas H. Brown Jr., William F. Kirwin, Arnold S. Harris, Richard M. Collins, John Becker and Thomas Ward.

Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery where Fr. NeJame, Fr. Tansey and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Conway officiated.

Mass For The Late Father O'Callaghan

On July 13 the Monroe County Board and Ladies' Auxiliaries offered a Mass for the repose of the soul of our late New York State Chaplain, the Rev. Donal M. O'Callaghan.

The Mass, offered at Our Mother of Sorrows (Paddy Hill) Church, was concelebrated by Monroe County Chaplain, the Rev. George S. Wood; Division No. 7 Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. John M. Duffy, and Division No. 2 Chaplain, the Rev. Donald J. Murphy.

EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

Our Requests Denied

Taking over the position of Editor of the **National Hibernian Digest** in early December of 1972, and starting practically from scratch with the assistance of the Assistant National Editor and the news that was available, we succeeded in getting out the usual eight-page paper which is normally the size of the **National Hibernian Digest**.

We have requested from our various State, County and Division Chairmen of Publicity various items of news, but the news received from these areas has been little, if any. Some areas continually send news. Our requests appeared in back issues, some as listed below, and some of the various Chairmen have replied.

1. Photographs of Hibernian Buildings and a story of how having your own building has assisted the Order in your area - a short write-up.
2. Relief to Northern Ireland - details of the work you are doing.
3. Our commitment to the Fort Worth Five - your work and raising of funds.
4. Names of elected State Officers.

It is your paper and we want to publish news from all around the country not just some areas. . . we will publish your news if we get it.

We have now gone into national and local advertising, which gives us a larger paper. The last issue had 24 pages. Help us with advertising. Give us leads and give us your news.

Lest We Forget

The Case of the Fort Worth Five

From New York Times Magazine, April 29, 1973

When a grand-jury proceeding is highly publicized, the reluctant witnesses are usually treated with some care. But many cases have been relatively unpublicized, and they've had a profound effect on the lives of people who lack the resources to withstand their financial and emotional cost. For example, in 1972, the Treasury Department began to investigate the shipment of illegal arms to Northern Ireland. In March, they turned the information they had developed over to the Justice Department. That month, Justice ordered witnesses from the New York area (including a male nurse, a real-estate salesman, a bus driver, a carpenter and a house-painter) to be in Fort Worth, Tex., within 48 hours of receiving their subpoenas.

None of them had ever been in trouble with the law before. None had ever been in Texas. The nature of the gun-smuggling plot under investigation was never clearly established - nor was their relationship to it. The men barely had time to find themselves attorneys, let alone prepare their families and their employers for their absences.

One of them, James McKeon (a transit worker), had been suffering from a heart condition for years. His lawyers asked the Government to recognize his frail health and void the subpoena. On the second day he was there, while waiting to testify, he collapsed and was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. He was then allowed to return to New York without facing the jury, but five of the subpoenas who remained behind chose to defy the legal procedure.

They were jailed for four months. They were freed pending appeal, but only after strenuous lobbying by their lawyers, Paul O'Dwyer and Frank Durkan, and after Congressmen Mario Biaggi, Lester Wolff and Peter Peyser intervened in their behalf.

During their first six weeks in jail they weren't allowed to telephone their families. Two of them lost their jobs. The bus driver's wife had a miscarriage. One of the male nurse's sons, a seven-year-old, suffered severe anxiety because he thought his father was dead.

In January, 1973, a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the men were required to testify, and after six months of nervous freedom, they were jailed again. This time they were forbidden to contact their families. Some of their wives had become so financially distressed during the year-long ordeal that they were forced to move in with relatives or accept money from friends in the Irish-American community as the only feasible alternative to welfare.

Welcome Home

We welcome home the Fort Worth Five. They arrived amid friends and family with a joyous welcome. (See story facing page). Since they are back home amid their loved ones and friends we rejoice for they owe us nothing. Let us only consider what we may owe them. They suffered - not us. They needed our financial assistance and many gave - but did all of us?

They still need your assistance. If you didn't give - give now. Your National President has again reminded us that we are committed to the cause of the Fort Worth Five and has asked in this issue that all Divisions and Units of our Order give \$10 to \$25 to the Dallas Defense Fund in the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. . . Please bring this matter before your next meeting. You have been informed through your National Digest.

Our congratulations go to Division 9 of New York for the outstanding work they have done for the Fort Worth Five, and most recently, their families. We are reminded in part of an Editorial of August 18 in the IRISH ECHO newspaper which is to the point at this time re the homecoming of the Fort Worth Five. Quote: "Finally we hope the Fort Worth Five, who will probably be invited to every Irish function in New York, are given a little time to be with the families and friends to savor the freedom we all take for granted."

Congratulations To Division Nine

Wives and children of three of the members of the Fort Worth Five visited their husbands and fathers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Seagoville, Texas. Their trip was funded by the John F. Kennedy Div. No. 9 of the New York County Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Division Nine Hibernians are to be congratulated for the fine act. We commend them not only for their compassion but for their sense of unity.

There are many ways that Irish American groups throughout the country can dramatize the plight of the five men who were unjustly imprisoned in Texas.

Advertisements in local daily papers explaining the case could be very useful. So could gaining access to local "talk" shows on radio and television to tell the story. An appeal to local bar associations is another way to help. There are many others and we hope every Irish group as well as individuals will continue to contact members of Congress on the case of the Fort Worth Five.

Lest HE Forget

"Although President Nixon and his Administration have been silent over Ulster, the President himself has not always been reluctant to speak on the Irish question or to urge Britain to modify its course. Two months before the Presidential election in 1952, Mr. Nixon, as candidate for Vice President, stated that he was 'against the partition of Ireland absolutely.' He said, 'Of course, it is not easy to suggest practical steps to end partition right away. But one thing that occurs to me is the possibility of putting pressure on the British when it comes to handing them out American money. Then it could be made clear we do not favor their policy in relation to the division of Ireland.'

Mr. Nixon was also reported as saying he thought the United States could exercise considerable moral influence on the demand for a united Ireland, and he said he was in favor of such action. Mr. Nixon also stated in the interview. 'It can be said that there is a better chance of a Republican Administration doing something about partition than the Democrats. . . We are more honestly concerned in trying to help in this partition than the Democrats.'

New Advertisers

The new advertisements which will appear in future issues of the Digest, will help to increase the size of each issue. We are grateful to those who advertise and also to those who have said they intend to advertise in future issues.

In March, 1973, Representative Bella Abzug sponsored a hearing into the Justice Department's choice of venue, at which Senator Edward Kennedy pointed out that a grand jury in New York City is now investigating gun smuggling, while the panel in Fort Worth seems to be moribund. A. William Olson, then head of the Justice Department's Internal Security Division, conceded that New York was an appropriate place for the investigation. But the five prisoners were not transferred or released. They were held at a Federal correctional facility in Seagoville, near Dallas, which was used to detain resident aliens during World War II.

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RALLY ROUND FORT WORTH FIVE BRAVE MEN HOME ON BAIL

Five New Yorkers have been freed from a Texas Prison.

We have spoken of them as The Fort Worth Five because originally they were imprisoned in Fort Worth Jail in Texas by the Justice Department of the United States and investigated for supposed gun-running from this country to Ireland.

The five asserted that they were the innocent victims of an agreement between the U.S. and Britain, in which the Justice Department agreed to help stem the flow of arms into Northern Ireland.

The five men, all Irish born, were freed on bail ordered by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. It was their sixth appeal to the high court. They are Paschal Morahan, 23, of 2647 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, a carpenter; Kenneth Tierney, 45, a male nurse and physiotherapist living in Yonkers; Thomas Laffey, 34, of Williamston Park, L.I., a real estate salesman; Daniel Crawford, 45, an apartment building maintenance worker of 129 Sherman Ave., and Matthias Reilly, 31, of Blauvelt, a Manhattan bus driver. Bail varied from \$5,000 to \$15,000 on each man.

The five expressed their happiness at being

back in the freedom area of New York, referring to Texas as their "Siberia".

Thomas Laffey who was introduced to his six-week-old son, Brian Patrick (see last issue Digest) said that despite all, "I think that it is a great country. I think that the constitution will survive."

Bail was set at \$5,000 each for Laffey, a real estate salesman, and Kenneth Tierney of Yonkers. Both are American citizens. Brewster set \$15,000 bond for Paschal Morahan of the Bronx and Daniel Crawford of Manhattan. Both are Irish citizens, and neither has a family. The judge set \$10,000 bond for Matthias Reilly, of Blauvelt, N.Y., who is an Irish citizen with an American family.

Justice Douglas first ordered them released on bail last September. But the full court, except for Douglas, refused to hear their bail petition, automatically returning them behind bars.

This time Douglas blocked temporarily any action by the full court when he ordered bail last Friday. He did this by inserting in his ruling the clause, "pending a reconsideration of this application when the response of the Solicitor General is received."

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Dallas Defence Chairman Expresses Thanks

Charles McLoughlin, national chairman of the Dallas Defense Committee, commenting on the action of Division 9 New York, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in paying for the families of the Fort Worth Five to visit them in a Texas prison, made the following statement today:

"Over the centuries of its existence, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has always been proud to associate itself with acts of compassion and justice. Consistent with its tradition, it is today providing funds and arranging for their families to visit five decent New York Irish-Americans who have been unjustly imprisoned 1500 miles from their homes in Seagoville, Texas.

"The Fort Worth Five, neither charged nor convicted of any crime, are men with blameless records and are the victims of an oppressive government. Because they refused to play the despicable role of informers in an investigation undertaken by our government at the behest of the British Crown, they have been taken from their homes and lodged in jail for ten months. All this has taken place with the cooperation of a bigoted judge and a discredited Attorney General, since dismissed from his position.

"While those responsible for the scandals of Watergate and the White House 'horrors' are free and privileged, the Fort Worth Five have been denied the right of bail and are deprived of their families. They cannot see their children. They have been impoverished, deprived of their civil rights, badgered and abused by arrogant government officials who daily violate the obligations imposed upon them by the constitution and the laws of the land.

"We are proud of our fellow Irish-Americans in the Ancient Order of Hibernians who have undertaken this task to ameliorate the miseries inflicted upon these men and their families."

The Littlejohn Disgrace

We will give full coverage to this scandal in our next issue. The thought of writing it up at this time makes one feel somewhat emotionally ill.

Thinking of the lead Editorial of our March-April issue and quoting the words of St. Malachy at that time showing his love and patriotism for Ireland, one cannot feel but sick in reading about the Littlejohn affair.



THE FORT WORTH FIVE ARE WELCOMED HOME. THE LAFFEYS ARE ON THE RIGHT.

Every Member

Breathe New Life Into Hibernianism

What can I do to bring new life to the Ancient Order of Hibernians? The following points are adapted from the Knights of Columbus Magazine, Columbia, with our thanks.

1. Attend Meetings Regularly. Make this a matter of principle. You can't participate unless you are physically present. Your division deserves your personal, intelligent, active and continuing support.

2. Keep in mind the purposes of our organization. Occasionally review the constitution and by-laws of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with special emphasis on the preamble, to be sure you and your brother Hibernians understand the objectives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

3. Live up to the duties of membership. Fulfill your responsibilities that go along with the privilege of membership in the Ancient Order

of Hibernians. Whatever you do or leave undone helps or hurts everybody in the division and in the order.

4. Show a personal interest. Disagree without becoming disagreeable. Listen attentively to the opinions of others. Respect the feelings and viewpoints of others, no matter how much they disagree with yours. Be prepared, in Christian Charity, and for the good of the order, to support the decisions of the majority, even if you were in the minority.

5. Promote a spirit of teamwork. Your division, the entire order, can be crippled when the membership splinters into uncooperative or hostile groups. One person, fair-minded and objective, can bridge the gap between opposing sides when everyone stays open-minded.

6. Fulfill your pledge of support to your officers. Remember you elect your officers. When they are installed, you stand before the new president and formally pledge yourself to obey all lawful orders and to cooperate with him for the good of the order. Keep that pledge!

7. Stir up listless and inactive members. When a few dedicated members make up their minds to do something about apathy or any other weakness in the division, they can achieve outstanding results. This has been often proven. Offer to pick up inactive members and bring them to meetings. Try to get them involved personally in at least one project in the coming year. Recruit at least one new, younger candidate for membership. Help your officers with program planning. Do your bit.

If every member would take these recommendations to heart, and they require just a minimum of effort in most cases, Hibernianism in the United States and Canada will flourish. Examine yourself on each point and ask, "Have I been doing my part?" If your answer is in the negative, let it be the spark to bring you back.

Rally Round The Fort Worth Five

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First Nassau Feis Sunday, Sept. 9

The first annual Feis to be conducted in Long Island's Nassau County will be held on Sunday, September 9, on the grounds of Holy Trinity High School, 98 Cherry Lane, in Hicksville.

Sponsored by the Nassau County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Feis will feature competitions in 106 categories of solo, advanced solo, championship and figure dancing, as well as singing, band playing, hurling, and Gaelic football.

The cultural competitions will begin at 9:30 a.m. The hurling game will start at 1 p.m. Teams representing Trans World Airlines and Cork are scheduled to square off in a game of Irish football on the high school's playing field at 3:15 p.m. Separate games and competitions for youngsters will be held throughout the day.

Several public officials, along with prominent members of the Irish-American community, are expected to participate in brief ceremonies in mid-afternoon.

Arrangements have been made to provide Irish and traditional American food and beverage, and the various Nassau County AOH Divisions will man the refreshment stands as well as the entrances to the grounds.

There will be a general admission charge of \$2, with all children accompanied by adults admitted free.

The Nassau County AOH is headed by Michael O'Rourke. John Bownes of Baldwin is Feis chairman.

Friendship Dance For Division 10

Division 10 of Lynn, Mass. will have a Friendship Dance honoring Bill Callanan, past vice president of the Massachusetts A.O.H. on Sunday, September 16, at St. Michael's Hall, West Lynn, Massachusetts.

Chairman William Cashman announced that Paddy Noonan's Dance Band from New York City has been engaged for this memorable occasion.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS and guests for Division No. 6's 34th annual ball which took place on March 10. Shown are from left to right: Francis Walsh, Edward Coulter, Peter O'Brien, John O'Neill, Daniel McCormick, Aide to the Grand Marshal from Brooklyn in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Peter Tierney, John Cos-

tello, President Ladies' Auxiliary Division No. 6 Mildred Kane, James McDade, Chairman and President of Division No. 6 William Hulton, Dennis Sullivan, Daniel Reid, Thomas Strohmenger, Richard Murphy, James McHugh and Edward Botts.

Syracuse Feis Set For Sunday, Oct. 7

The Onondago County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor their tenth annual Syracuse Feis at the N.Y. State Fairgrounds, outside Syracuse, N.Y. Date of this oldest Feis in upstate New York will be Sunday, October 7, 1973 (the following day, October 8 being the legal holiday for Columbus Day).

Competitive events in solo, figure and championship Irish dancing, piping, fiddling, accordion and singing will be held. Closing date for entries in the Syracuse AOH Feis will be Monday, September 17, 1973.

Copies of the syllabus and entry cards may be obtained from: Robert Gabor, Entry Chairman, 310 Walberta Rd., Syracuse, N.Y. 13219.



WASHINGTON, D.C.'s ARCHBISHOP William W. Baum becomes a Hibernian. The recently appointed Archbishop Baum is shown at the Chancery, Washington, D.C. receiving an A.O.H. membership in the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. Mr. Thomas W. Guiner, president, Emerald Isle Di-

vision, is on the left of the Archbishop and Mr. James J. O'Connor, chairman, Catholic Action Committee of the Emerald Isle Division is on his right. Archbishop Baum, whose mother's family was Irish, also received an A.O.H. lapel pin.

Joseph Kennedy Recovers From Knife Attack

Joseph Kennedy, East Coast regional manager for the Irish Tourist Board, is recovering after being severely knifed by two thugs who attacked him on July 2. The assailants stole his watch but did not take his wallet. The incident took place at 10:15 p.m. at 74th St. and Fifth Ave., Manhattan.

Mr. Kennedy had the presence of mind to hail a taxi which took him to Lenox Hill Hospital where he was operated on.

Doctors removed his gall bladder and repaired his

JFK Div. To Hold Anniversary Dinner

At its June 1973 meeting the members of JFK Div. 9 AOH agreed to run a Dinner-Dance in honor of its 25th Anniversary.

The affair will be held at the Trocadero Ballroom on Friday evening, October 5, 1973. Frank Beirne has been appointed chairman.

liver, which had also been damaged. After five days in the intensive care unit, Mr. Kennedy is now recuperating in excellent fashion.

A Belfast native, he has been a key figure in the Tourist Board's recent accelerated programs to promote Irish tourism throughout the U.S.

New Hyde Park Officers Installed

Colonel Charles Brady was installed as president of St. Enda Division 6, New Hyde Park, N. Y., and has planned a busy schedule of activities for 1973.

Thomas Feeney is vice president and is well known for his fight to increase the Irish emigration to this country.

Pat McCarthy is secretary of the Division and has been hired by Division 8 of Glen Cove to teach Irish step dancing. Robert Nesbitt teaches in New Hyde Park.

The Division has the largest Irish step dancing class (sponsored by the Division) in Nassau County.



NATIONAL SECRETARY William J. Bartnett Jr., left, discusses ideas for the National Hibernian Digest, with Jack Reynolds, National Editor, following the banquet on June 16 in Pittsburgh.

Died Aug. 14 in Ireland

Eulogy For Bishop Minihan, A Former National Chaplain

Once again, the bells toll a Requiem!

This time, for our beloved Most Reverend Jeremiah F. Minihan, senior Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. His death came suddenly in Dublin, Ireland, on Tuesday, August 14, after he had said Mass in a church nearby the Tara Hotel. He had breakfast with friends, the Reverend Francis J. Sullivan, Pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Moynihan of West Roxbury. Bishop Minihan had planned to go touring that day and had returned to his hotel room where he was stricken.

He was born in Haverhill, Mass., in 1903, of immigrant parents who came from Ireland during the last century. His father's name was Timothy and his mother's name was Nora Duggan, affectionately known as Nan. The Bishop has humorously said that he was a child of a mixed marriage since his mother was born in the area of Rathmore in the Kingdom of Kerry and his father came from the village of Dunbacon in the county of Cork.

Bishop Minihan was educated in St. James parochial Grammar School and St. James High School in Haverhill and then went on to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where he became an All-American football player and was, also, active in other sports. He graduated in 1925 and entered St. John's Seminary in the Fall of that year. After a year's study, he was selected to pursue graduate work in theology in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood, in December of 1929 and then returned to Boston by way of Ireland where he and his family stopped off to visit relatives.

His first assignment was briefly for two months, as assistant Pastor at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, then he was transferred to St. Paul's Parish in Cambridge for a year. In September, 1931, he was named to the important post of Assistant Chancellor of this Archdiocese.

In December, 1933, William Cardinal O'Connell chose him to be his Secretary, a post which he filled until 1943 when he was named Chancellor of this Archdiocese. The following year, he received the first of four year appointments as Diocesan Consultor.

In 1954, after serving 18 years as Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood, the late Pope Pius XII announced his selection as Titular Bishop of Paphos in Greece and Auxiliary Bishop to Richard Cardinal Cushing.

In 1964, he was named Pastor of St. Theresa's Parish in West Roxbury succeeding the late Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Donahue. He retired last

year to become Regional Bishop of the North Region, covering 150 parishes of the Archdiocese.

Bishop Minihan has stated that from the day he first started his priestly duties, he never had a night to himself. In his last assignment, he enjoyed the great pleasure of being able to have dinner daily with his sister, Mrs. Agnes Morris, with whom he lived. On the day after last Thanksgiving, when Walter J. O'Leary and William Laubenstein, author of "The Emerald Whaler," visited Bishop Minihan, he thoroughly enjoyed it when we told him that he looked completely relaxed, and also looked "like a million". We stopped to talk with him, after a conference at the Sullivan Printing Co., in the interest of the printing and sale of a new book on the life of John Boyle O'Reilly, recently written by Mr. Laubenstein.

Bishop Minihan received six honorary degrees, including one from his Alma Mater, Georgetown, and a Doctor of Laws degree from Suffolk University. The others were bestowed by Boston College, Merrimack College, Providence College, and the College of the Holy Cross.

The motto of his Episcopal coat-of-arms was, "Strength and Gentleness". He was the perfect personification of each of these traits. Cardinal Medeiros put it completely, when he said, "We have lost an understanding father, a warm friend, a devoted Pastor and a loving Bishop". All of us who were fortunate to have known him will carry with us to the end of our days, the memories of the privilege to have known Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan.

There are at least two songs -- IRISH songs -- that should constantly recall him to our minds when we hear them played again and again, "The Humor Is On Me Now" and "Shall My Soul Pass Through Old Ireland."

Affectionately known as "Jerry", he was a 40-year member of the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, an organization founded in 1737, and every Christmas, he was a generous contributor to its charity fund.

On at least three occasions, he was the celebrant of the Mass said, each year, on the last Saturday in June at the graveside of John Boyle O'Reilly in Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline. He rarely missed a concert or a field day that was held by the Columban Fathers in Milton and Father Owen McGrath can attest to this statement.

Walter J. O'Leary of Wattertown, as National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in 1966, appointed Bishop Minihan as National Chaplain for a two-year term.

The Bishop was the recipient of Gold Medal Awards --

by the Eire Society of Boston and the St. Patrick Day Parade Committees of Holyoke and Lawrence, as an outstanding Irish-American when he was the honorary Marshal of their parades.

He held membership in the Knights of Columbus, being a former State Chaplain. The K. of C. honored him, some years ago, in naming an Assembly of the Fourth Degree for him in the Norwood area. He received the Paul Revere Lantern Award from the Knights of Columbus, in recognition of his services as an outstanding American Citizen.

He was greatly pleased, when the Honorable John E. Fenton, of Lawrence, former National Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, attended his induction as a member of the Norwood Lodge of Elks.

He was Chaplain of the Holy Name Society of St. Theresa's Parish.

From its formation, over five years ago, Bishop Minihan was a very concerned member of the Massachusetts Branch of the American Irish National Immigration Committee. He most generously supported this organization, through his financial contributions.

He maintained a very active interest in Catholic Memorial High School conducted by the Irish Christian Brothers. These Brothers greatly appreciated his concern for their endeavors.

He stated that the most important project established during his lifetime in this Diocese was the establishment of Regina Cleri for retired Clergy, in Boston's West End.

He will be fondly remembered for his numerous stories about the Irish Race and will go down in history as a Prelate of the Catholic Church who visited Ireland more than any other priest. Yes, 365 days of every year he was always conscious of his Irish heritage.

He was very active in the interests of the Alumni of the North American College of Rome in the United States.

In addition to his sister, Mrs. Agnes Morris, he is survived by Sister Mary Jeremiah of the Congregation of St. Joseph, stationed at St. Matthew's Convent in Dorchester; a brother, Dr. John C. Minihan of Quincy; two nieces, Mrs. Mary Lyons of North Andover, and Geraldine Minihan of Haverhill, and a nephew Jeremiah Morris.

We pray, that he is now in joyful reunion in Heaven with his parents, relatives, and friends who have gone on before, as well as meeting his beloved Cardinals O'Connell and Cushing.

Yes, the bells toll for the Most Reverend Jeremiah F. Minihan, and we have a right

General Pat Cleburne Autobiography Reviewed

WASHINGTON, D.C.: In connection with the cultural purposes of the A.O.H., Brother James J. O'Connor, Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. has brought to our attention a new book entitled "Pat Cleburne: Confederate General", co-authored by Howell and Elizabeth Purdue of the Washington, D.C. area. The following is an introductory to the book by the authors: A new biography, "Pat Cleburne: Confederate General", will gladden the hearts of sons of the Emerald Isle and Civil War buffs. The book traces Patrick Ronayne Cleburne from his birthplace, Bridepark Cottage on the River Bride in County Cork, Ireland, to his death 36 years later while charging at the bloody battle of Franklin, Tenn., on November 30, 1864.

Cleburne's mother, Mary Anne Ronayne, came from one of the oldest and most prominent Celtic families in Ireland, with many leaders and warriors. His father, an eminent physician, was known in County Cork as "The Poor Man's Friend." In 1850, Cleburne settled in Helena, Ark., where he became a successful lawyer.

In 1860, he volunteered as a private in the Confederate Army. With no military experience except service in an English regiment for three and a half years as a private and corporal, in less than two years he rose to the rank of major general and commanded a division in the Army of Tennessee. He became one of the South's greatest military leaders and was widely known as "the Stonewall Jackson of the West." The list of Cleburne's battles reads like a history of the War in the West: Shiloh, Richmond, Ky., Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap, Pickett's Mill, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and Franklin.

Cleburne, owning no slaves, fought for states' rights -- the right of the Southern people to manage their own affairs. He jeopardized his career and destroyed his chances for promotion to corps commander by a proposal to enlist slaves as soldiers, and to guarantee freedom to all slaves loyal to the South.

A special affinity existed between Cleburne and a regiment of his division composed almost entirely of Irishmen from Memphis. Said Capt. C. W. Frazer, one of its officers: "The hero-worship (amounting almost to idolatry) on the one hand, and the sympathy and admiration on the other, that existed between this regiment and Cleburne was remarkable, and can only be partially accounted for by their common birthplace, their thorough devotion to the Southern cross, and ties that bind men who have often met a common foe in the death-to wonder if we again, in our lifetime, will ever see his like again.

May his soul Rest in Peace.



MAJOR GENERAL Patrick R. Cleburne, Outstanding Civil War General.

grapple." A life-size figure of the General is in the American Museum of Immigration, which was opened last fall in the base of the Statue of Liberty, on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. After over a century, he remains the admiration of Irish historians.

The authors, Howell and Elizabeth Purdue, of Arlington, Virginia, spent twelve years researching and writing which took them to Ireland and England and every battlefield where the gallant Pat Cleburne fought. The biography of over 500 pages, obtained from Hill Junior College Press, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, Texas, sells for \$10.50.

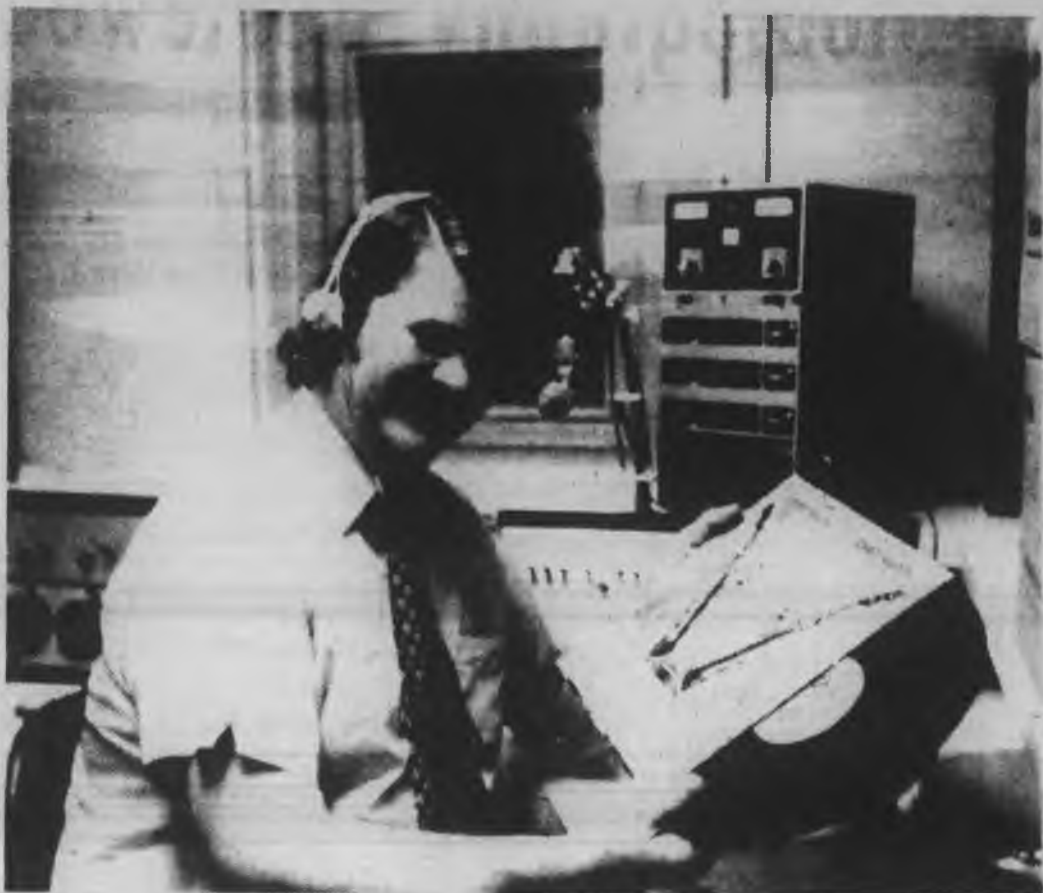
County To Hold Reception For Area Chaplains

The Essex County Board and Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their annual memorial Mass on Saturday, November 10, at 5 p.m., St. James Church, Federal St., Salem, Mass. Host this year is Division 18 of Salem.

Immediately following the Mass there will be a testimonial for Essex County Chaplain Msgr. Joseph P. Burke of Lawrence, and all 10 division chaplains of Essex County.

The following appointments were made by the Essex County president; Marshal Paul J. Harrington of Division 10, Lynn; Sentinel Michael J. McAuliffe of North Andover; Historian Robert Bateman of Ipswich; Organizer George Thomas of Lawrence; Chairman Charities and Missions Roger A. Rogers of Salem; Chairman Catholic Action William A. Eagan of Peabody, and Freedom for All Ireland Committee Fred O'Brien of Methuen and Dan Davis of Peabody.

'Sounds Of Erin' Where Are They?



DENNIS BURKE

Thousands of New England and New York state residents are discovering the "Sounds of Erin" Irish entertainment radio program. Broadcast out of Lawrence, Mass., over WCCM-FM at 93.7 on the band, it is believed to be the only Irish record show in the U.S. presently being aired with 50,000 watts power.

The "Sounds of Erin" was first produced about two years ago by the Lawrence 8 AOH as a special four hour St. Patrick's Day show but the reaction was so great it soon became a weekly feature of the Curt Gowdy-owned radio station. During its time on the air the show has received nearly 5,000 telephone calls and letters in response to various guests and promotions.

Typical of the type of talent appearing live on the show are names such as Tommy Makem, Paddy Riely, Paddy Noonan, Martin Flynn, Chris Henshaw, Eugene Byrne, Mave Mulvaney and Butch Moore.

Hosted by WDCM disc jockey Dennis Burke, also a member of Division 8, Lawrence, whose maternal ancestry emminates from County Kerry, the show is making plans to do live broadcast "remotes" from various Irish clubs in the New England area. Sponsorship of the program, though quite diversified, concentrates on the Irish population of the New England/New York state areas.

The show presently features Irish sports results, histories of Irish names and top flight Irish entertainers as guests, in addition to a wide mixture of both traditional and contemporary Irish music. It's heard Thursday evenings between 7 and 10 p.m.

The Hibernian Digest would be interested in conducting a survey of the Irish music programs being broadcast in an effort to alert its readership to where the sounds of the homeland can be heard. Won't you give us a hand in our endeavor by filling out the form below and returning it to us?

Division 61 A.O.H. Tenth Banquet

President Francis Layton, Division 61, Philadelphia, led a large contingent of brother Hibernians from the Division to a benefit dinner for the Columbian Fathers held recently in Philadelphia.

Division 61 was the largest delegation in attendance.

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IRISH ENTERTAINERS Paddy Noonan and Tommy Makem present their own Irish albums to John Griffin, librarian and Mayor John Buckley, national director of the A.O.H. for the audio-visual section of the new 2-1/2 million dollar library in Lawrence, Mass.

British Troops Detain Singer Tommy Makem

Folk-singer Tommy Makem had an unhappy return to Northern Ireland recently when 100 British soldiers invaded the Osborn Hotel in Warrenpoint, County Down, where he was giving a ballad concert, and wreaked havoc in the building.

Over 350 people were at the ballad session when the men of the 1st Battalion Light Infantry rushed in on a search-and-photograph operation, and stayed for over two hours.

Fifty men were herded into a room to be photographed and those who refused were manhandled. Some of the soldiers went upstairs where seven-year-old Clare Agnew of Newry was struck across the mouth with a baton. Her friend, Pat Quigley of Crossmaglen, was also beaten.

DOORS SMASHED

Seven bedroom doors were smashed in by the troops. Two visitors from Birmingham had their bedroom forcibly entered in this manner. During the ruckus, the roof of the hotel food store fell in.

Tommy Makem himself was held for over an hour and his instrument cases searched. It was his first visit to the North since his return to Ireland.

"It was some homecoming," he commented, "the treatment was barbarous."

Mr. Frank Feely, Member of the Assembly for Newry-South Down, was attending the concert and was among those assaulted. He utterly condemned the incident and wondered if Northern Ireland Secretary Mr. Whitelaw has any control over the troops.

The hotel's owner-manager, Mr. Terry Grant, is to seek compensation from the British Army.

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

Ireland On My Mind - Martin Flynn with Paddy Noonan and His Band, Rego Records, New York

Listen For The Rafters Are Ringing (Recorded Live at the Harp & Bard) - Tommy Makem

Farewell To Erin - Ireland Traditional Musicians, Singers and Dancers visit the U.S.A. - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Records

The Barleycorn - Live at the Embankment - Release Record Ltd.

Paddy Reilly At Home - Dolphin Records

Clare Ceili - With the Kilfenora Ceili Band

Songs of New England's Irish Pubs - Vol. I, Bill Carson, The Beggarmen, Chris Henshaw, with Bob Benson, Alba Records.

Mass. Division 8 Makes Plans For 100th Anniversary

President Buckley of Division No. 8, Lawrence, Mass., has announced that the Division will observe its 100th anniversary next year. He is expected to name an organizing committee soon, and asks for the cooperation of every member.

Brother Buckley said, "Information, such as the lists of Presidents and Officers dating back to 1874 will be needed. You can see the difficult tasks that lie ahead. If any member who has pictures, old program books, correspondence of any kind, or if your father, grandfather, or relatives have held Office in Division No. 8, we would appreciate knowing the office and the year they served."

Irish Theatre Night In Rockland County

On Saturday evening, October 6, the Thomas Davis Irish Players, well-known Repertory Group in New York City will present two one-act plays at the Tappan Zee High School Auditorium in Orangeburg, N.Y. Their offerings will be: "Bedtime Story" by Sean O'Casey and "Love-Irish Style" by Brian Friel.

This will be the core of a balanced and varied Gaelic cultural program sponsored by Division No. 5, A.O.H. of Tappan, N.Y. The program will also include brief oratorical pieces, selected Irish dances, music and an exhibition of Irish paintings and craft.

Co-chairmen of this event, a first for the Rockland County, N.Y. area, are Joseph P. Barnwell of Pearl River and Patrick Mullan of Blauvelt, both members of Division No. 5, whose President is Martin J. Fogarty of Orangeburg.

Walter Haran To Be Honored By N.Y. Div.

The annual dance of Division No. 35 of Flatbush, N.Y., to be held in October, will honor Brother Walter Haran, one of the oldest members of the Division, who has served for 45 years. The event will be held at the Cummings Post American Legion on Avenue D and East 45th Street.

Chairman will be Mike Cusick, assisted by Pat McNicholl and John Ridge.

Walter Haran's father and uncle were among the founders of the division when it was organized in the village of Flatbush in 1879, and his son, James, is a member today. Walter served as president of the division just a few years ago and has been an officer for many years.

Officers Elected In Syracuse

The following is a list of the officers elected at the Syracuse, N.Y., Hibernian Convention: President Geo. E. Foley Sr., Troy, N.Y.; Vice President Thomas D. McNabb, Auburn, N.Y.; Secretary John W. Duffy, New York, N.Y., and Treasurer John R. Ziemann, Syracuse, New York.

Directors are Thomas Ryan, Edward J. Wallace, Francis M. McDonough, Edward Geoghegan, Thomas P. Landers, Patrick Rodemeyer and Michael Heslin.

The 1975 Convention will be held in Suffolk County.

Representatives from the area comprising Syracuse, Auburn, Oswego, Binghamton, Elmira, Rochester, Comillus, and Niagara Falls

have been exploring the possibility of publishing a newsletter approximately three times a year.

It is felt, that by publishing a newsletter the above mentioned Divisions could schedule Installation, dances, etc. that would not be conflicting with one another.

John McNamara of Syracuse, Marion Cuff of Comillus, Francis McDonough of Rochester, Edward Wallace of Oswego and State Vice President Tom McNabb of Auburn have been doing the initial groundwork on this project.

70th Anniversary Celebration Planned

The Greenwich Hibernian Association is sponsoring a 70th Anniversary celebration of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Greenwich. Jack Higgins and Mrs. Chris Kyne have been appointed chairmen, with Griffith Harris as program chairman.

First selectman, William Lewis, declared August 11-17 as Hibernian Week, and a full week's program was planned. Among those invited to participate were the History Club, Hibernian Players, and the Music Group.

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Dr. Robert Meyer Offers Contribution To Digest

Dear Mr. Reynolds: Professor Robert Meyer, holder of a Chair in Celtic Studies at The Catholic University of America, submitted the enclosed list in response to a request for a bibliography on early Irish literature. I hope this information can be utilized in the Hibernian Digest.

It has been suggested by Dr. Meyer and Dr. Williman (his assistant) that the Digest might be interested in a "Question and Answer" column devoted to answering queries concerning Irish history and literature in such areas as the literary arts, music, and politics, etc. If you are interested, these gentlemen could prepare a sample column and send it to you for approval. Just let me hear from you and we will get started on this.

Will you please place the Development Office of The

Catholic University of America on the Digest mailing list?

Thank you for your interest in the Celtic studies program here at Catholic University. - - Sincerely, James A. Baldwin, Jr., Director of Development

Copy of Editor's reply: Dear Mr. Baldwin: Thank you for your letter of August 6 and list on EARLY IRISH LITERATURE. It is published below.

We welcome a "Question and Answer" column by Dr. Meyer and his assistant devoted to answering queries concerning Irish history and literature in such areas as stated in your letter.

Your Development office will be on our mailing list as of the coming issue. - - Thanking you, Jack Reynolds, Editor.

Early Irish Literature - An Annotated Checklist

BEST, RICHARD IRVINE, Bibliography of Irish Philology and of Printed Irish Literature. Dublin, 1913.

Best was Librarian at Ireland's National Library for almost 60 years and was in his day the best informed of all Irish scholars. Ever ready to help, he was the person to whom one applied from abroad for microfilms and photostats of manuscripts in Trinity College, University College, or the old Kings' Inns Library in Dublin.

BEST, R.I., Bibliography of Irish Philology and manuscript Literature: Publications 1913-1941. Dublin, 1942.

This was a continuation of the earlier work and a volume to include publications 1942-1970 is now in the course of publication and should be out in a short time. I cannot over-stress the importance of these works of the late R. I. Best. Without them one could do almost nothing in the rich manuscript sources of Irish letters.

CROSS, TOM PEETE and CLARK HARRISSLOVER, Ancient Irish Tales. New York, Holt, 1936.

These were readings in connection with a course of lectures on early Irish literature offered at the University of Chicago, 1916-1946. They were carefully chosen by the editors from a vast variety of books hardly ever to be found gathered together in any but a great university library. A reprint of this work furnished with a bibliographical summary by Prof. Charles W. Dunn of Harvard University was made by Barnes and Noble of New York in 1969.

DILLON, MYLES, Early Irish Literature. Chicago, 1948.

Dillon discusses typical works of Irish literature, partly in paraphrase, partly in direct translation. The various genres of Irish literature are all represented here. It is a good book for the beginner. Prof. Charles Donohue of Fordham University characterized it as "accurate, unpretentious, indispensable both to the Celticist and the beginner."

DILLON, MYLES, and NORA K. CHADWICK, The Celtic Realms. New York, New American Library, 1967.

The book of over 350 pages has 105 plates and must be the beginning point of departure for any serious study of Irish literature and culture. It includes chapters on literature, history, geography, archaeology, religion and mythology of the Irish and the Welsh. The chapter on Irish literature, pp. 239-270 is especially good.

JACKSON, KENNETH HURLSTONE, A Celtic Miscellany: Translations from the Celtic Literatures. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1951.

There is now a reprint available in the Penguin Series. Professor Jackson made fresh translations himself for this anthology. There are 250 pieces and over half of them are Irish. These selections are arranged under topical headings: hero-tale and adventure, nature poetry, love epigrams, humor and satire, bardic poetry, elegy, religion. Each section contains a brief but valuable introduction.

How The Rapparees Began

There have been many stories of the deeds of the Rapparees, those hardy characters who were left behind when the "Wild Geese" took ship for foreign shores after the (soon-to-be-broken) Treaty of Limerick.

The original Rapparees were the remnants of the foot-soldiers who had fought so gallantly at Athlone and Limerick, but had chosen to stay in their native land when the Limerick treaty was signed, rather optimistically hoping that its articles--52 in number--would be honored, and that they might have a chance to live as ordinary citizens.

The treaty, signed on the 3rd of October, 1691, and confirmed by William and Mary in the words "We do, for us, our heirs and successors, as far as in us lies, ratify and confirm the same, and every clause, matter, and thing therein contained," was within two months so openly violated that on November 19, 1691, the Lords Justice issued a proclamation in which they stated that they had "received complaints from all parts of Ireland of the ill treatment of the Irish who had submitted; and that they (the Irish) were so extremely terrified with apprehensions of the continuance of that usage that some of those who had quit the Irish army and went home, with the resolution not to go to France, were then asked to come back again, and pressed earnestly to go thither, rather than stay in Ireland, where, contrary to the public faith, as well as law and justice, they were robbed in their persons and abused in their substance."

That should have been indictment enough, one might think, but four years later (1695) when Lord Capel was Viceroy, he summoned a Parliament in which penal laws against Catholics were enacted.

A summary of these laws, divided into fourteen parts, would read as follows:

1. Catholic peers were deprived of their right to sit in Parliament; 2. Catholics were forbidden to be elected as Members of Parliament; 3. all Catholics were denied the liberty of voting; they were excluded from all offices of trust, and indeed from all remunerative employment, however menial or ill-rewarded; 4. fines of 60 pounds per month were imposed for their absence from the Protestant form of worship; 5. they were forbidden to travel five miles from their houses, to keep arms, to maintain suits at law, or to be guardians or executors; 6. any four Justices of the Peace could, without further trial, banish

any man for life if he refused to attend the Protestant service;

7. Any two justices of the peace could call any man over sixteen before them, and if he refused to abjure the Catholic religion, they could bestow his property on the next of kin; 8. No Catholic could employ a Catholic schoolmaster to educate his children; and if he sent his child abroad for education, he was subject to a fine of 100 pounds, and the child could not inherit any property either in Ireland or England; 9. Any Catholic priest who came to the country should be hanged; 10. Any Protestant suspecting any other Protestant of holding property in trust for any Catholic, might file a bill against the alleged trustee, and take the estate or property from him;

11. Any Protestant seeing a Catholic tenant-at-will on a farm, which, in his opinion yielded one-third more than the yearly rent, might enter on that farm, and by simply swearing to the fact, take possession;

12. Any Protestant might take away the horse of a Catholic, no matter how valuable, by offering five pounds in payment for it; 13. Horses and carts, or wagons, if belonging to Catholics, were in all cases to be seized for the use of the militia; 14. Any Catholic gentleman's child who became a Protestant, could at once take possession of his father's property.

Bearing in mind the status--or lack of status--to which the Catholics were reduced by these injustices, it seems but logical that men who were thus outlawed should act outside the law! Plenty of them, with nothing to lose but their lives, determined upon making themselves as troublesome to the ruling 1-5 minority as possible, a task in which they succeeded so well that a whole army had to be maintained in an attempt to contain their activities.

In England itself Robin Hood was one of its folk-heroes, and even the deeds of highwaymen like Dick Turpin had their admirers. Turpin's alleged ride from London to York, or John Nevison's (Nick's) ride from Gadshill in Kent to York, a distance of 190 miles, in 15 hours, were celebrated in ballads, but the exploits of the Rapparees were regarded with horror, and condemned by the very people who condoned and legalized piracy under the name of privateering.

There is a story told about an adventure of three of the later Rapparees, Shane Crossagh, his brother, and a certain "Paudeen MacFaad,"

who operated in the district around Dungiven.

It seems that the three of them were in the habit of meeting at an inn kept by a man named Fowler, and had a room near the apartment in which meals were served, from which vantage-point they could hear the conversation of other guests, and plan accordingly!

One evening a General Napier, who had a reputation as a dedicated Rapparee-hunter, arrived at Fowler's Inn with a small body of cavalry, on the way to Derry, and decided to put up there for the night.

They had a meal, and in talk with some of his officers Napier declared that he had heard of the depredations of the local "scoundrels"--as he called them--and hoped to encounter them in the near future. He also expressed contempt for the local magistrates, and boasted of how he would deal with Mac Faad and the Crossaghs.

Next day, when the bold General and his dragoons were on their way through a narrow defile and were crossing a bridge, a shot rang out. Napier's horse fell, and before the dismounted General appeared Mac Fadd, his pistols pointed at his head.

At the same time, the Crossaghs and several other men whom they had recruited for the enterprise called to the soldiers to dismount, at the same time covering them with blunderbusses and threatening to shoot any who offered resistance.

Napier was then told to order his men to submit to being tied up, or he himself would be the first one shot, and reluctantly, the crestfallen General gave the order.

When all were tied up with the rope the ambushers had brought with them, the Crossaghs and MacFaad then proceeded to help themselves to the large sum of money Napier carried, and then took his ornate coat and hat and another found in his luggage, donned them--and escaped leaving the discomfited General to release his men and continue his journey.

The place where this episode occurred was later named "The General's Bridge," and though MacFaad was indicted some time later he was, strangely enough, allowed to go free--due, it was believed, to the fact that the magistrates were more than pleased that the arrogant Napier had been literally brought to his knees by the Rapparees.

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OFFICERS of the Father Tim Dempsey Division No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., shown above, are: Standing, from the left, Patrick Bresnahan, member, Patrick Ryan, Irish Historian; Michael Houlihan, sentinel; James Moran, financial secretary; Daniel Sullivan, recording secretary, and Thomas Moran, member. Seated are Michael Kirrane, marshal; John Toney, president, and Matt Sullivan, treasurer. Not shown are Patrick Diggins, vice

president; Alfred Dwyer, chairman of Grievance Committee; Michael Fitzgerald, chairman of Catholic Action; Joseph Visse, chairman of Missions; Robert Bresnahan, organizer, and Michael Walsh, immediate past president. Both the men's division and the Ladies Auxiliary meet on the third Friday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lindell Blvd., St. Louis.



LADIES AUXILIARY of the Father Tim Dempsey Division No. 1 of St. Louis, Mo. Officers were announced recently by Mrs. Margaret M. Toney, chairman of the publicity committee. Those who appear above are, seated from the left, Mrs. Michael Houlihan, treasurer; Mrs. Tim Bresnahan, financial secretary; Mrs. Arthur Allen, president; Miss

Mary Sullivan, vice president, and Mrs. Joseph Visse, recording secretary. Standing are Miss Nora Kirrane, mistress-of-arms; Mrs. Pat Bresnahan, chairman of Missions; Mrs. Frank Horan, chairman of the Standing Committee; Mrs. Thomas Moran, Irish Historian, and Mrs. Matt Sullivan, chairman of Catholic Action.

Irish Poet Gets Literary Award

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The American Irish Foundation has selected the Irish poet, Seamus Heaney as the winner of its Literary Award for 1973. The award of \$7,000 was established to enable an Irish writer to devote a full year to creative work. The winner of last year's award was Austin Clarke, Ireland's foremost man of letters.

The announcement of the award was made simultaneously today by Foundation President John P. Cosgrove in Washington, D.C., and at a press conference in Dublin by Vice President/Treasurer T. Kevin Mallen, San Francisco, California.

"Ireland's literature is a vital part of Western Civilization. But if Ireland's writers are to continue to enrich our lives, they need financial help to find the time and free-

dom in which to work. The Foundation's annual literary award is one attempt to provide such help," Mr. Cosgrove declared.

"We are delighted to honor Seamus Heaney. Only 34, he is already recognized as a poet of first rank. Each of his three published volumes of poetry - - *Death of a Naturalist*, 1966; *Door Into the Dark*, 1969; *Wintering Out*, 1972 - - has evoked critical acclaim.

Thus, C. B. Cox in the London Sunday Telegraph wrote: 'Major poets are rare as the Phoenix, and it is possible that since 1960 only one has emerged in these islands. He is Seamus Heaney, an Irishman who writes with a warmth and power about his native landscapes . . . Heaney is precise, disciplined with a formal distinction and beauty of his own.'

DID DOMESTICS START IT?

Mrs. N. M. Ryan of Williston Park writes: "When I was a child, my aunt, a maid for a wealthy New York family, came up to the Bronx on Thursday, her day off. My mother always had corned beef and cabbage for dinner so my aunt could have some Irish home cooking. Maybe the Irish domestic help in New York started it, as Thursday was their usual day off."

So what am I having for dinner tomorrow? Give one guess.

Mr. Heaney, a native of County Derry in Northern Ireland lives in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, and is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, where he subsequently taught English Literature for six years. He resigned in 1972 to devote himself entirely to writing.

American Planes May Fly To Dublin

After 27 years of negotiations, Ireland has finally agreed to grant landing rights for American commercial airplanes at Dublin.

Pan American World Airlines and Trans World Airways have been flying only to the international airport at Shannon and passengers have had to take a local Irish airline to Dublin.

NOTES ARE EXCHANGED

Aer Lingus, the Irish international airline, has had landing rights at New York, Chicago and Boston.

The United States has long protested that the arrangement was inequitable. In August, 1971, it threatened to terminate Irish landing rights at New York; they were formally suspended in

August, 1972, but no action was taken to carry out the suspension.

Notes exchanged in Dublin define the new agreement.

Officials in the United States said that Pan American was certified to fly to Dublin but that T.W.A. had asked for reconsideration.

The Irish got something out of the deal: Until now they had to fly separate planes to the three United States cities, but from now on Chicago and Boston can be served by the same aircraft in the winter season.

All planes flying to Dublin must stop in Shannon. According to the new agreement, if Ireland allows non-American companies to fly directly to Dublin, American planes would be entitled to do so.

RECOMMENDED READING

by Dr. Eoin McKiernan, Irish American Cultural Institute

EDITOR'S NOTE: If the Irish organizations were doing one millionth of what they should be doing, they'll buy *Internment* by the gross, and distribute the books to every public library, every public figure, legislator, columnist, clergyman, etc. The trouble is they don't seem to know how to influence public opinion.

To help, Irish Books and Media, 683 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105, will sell *Internment* at \$1.50 each (less than they sell for in Ireland) in lots of at least 50, cash with the order. They'll pay the postage.

Division, county, state chairmen, Freedom for All Ireland Committee should definitely take advantage of this.

INTERNMENT

A NEW ANVIL BOOK BY JOHN MCGUFFIN

228 PAGES PLUS 16 PAGES OF ILLUSTRATIONS

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This book is concerned with internment in Ireland, North and South, from 1916 to the present day. The author, a Belfast lecturer who was himself lifted in the internment swoop of August 1971, shows how internment has been used as a political weapon, how it has succeeded in the past and how in the long run it has been a major factor in the downfall of Stormont, the parliament of Northern Ireland.

But most of all this is the story of the internees, working-class men and women who have suffered and, in some cases, died for their beliefs. They are neither heroes nor villains, although many have shown great bravery and heroism and some have been guilty of cowardice. In this book they tell for the first time what it is really like to be interned. They are not well-known public figures, politicians or publicists. They are ordinary men and women who have suffered for their ideals and who remind the readers that the 'knock on the door' could be heard by them too.

Did internment work in the past? Why did it fail in the nineteen seventies? Why did Britain contravene the European Convention of Human Rights? What really did happen in Palace barracks? What was it like in the camps? How do the Special Courts work, North and South? The answers are in this book which tells the whole story of internment of the Irish from Frongoch to Long Kesh, Mountjoy to the Curragh. From the hulk of the *Argenta* to HMS *Maidstone*.

Parts of the book, particularly those dealing with torture and brutality, do not make pleasant reading. But then we do not live in pleasant times.

An American Hibernian

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propaganda if you can live the life of a Bogsider or a Creggan resident for a few days. I did just that. This is an account of what I saw, told very briefly.

My first night in Derry, the soldiers came around on a patrol, accompanied by a Saracen tank. Nineteen-year-old Robert McGuinness left a cigarette burning in his living room while he went to see what the trouble was. As he walked away from an argument with a soldier, he was shot in the back. The bullet went through his body, and he died one week later. British propaganda was at work again the next day in the *Londonderry Journal* which reported that the man the soldiers shot came out of the crowd toward the Saracen with a gun in his hand. There was never a gun, and the fact remains that he was shot in the back.

A few nights later, the house next door was raided at 4 a.m. There was indeed a very dangerous person living in this house -- an 80-year-old woman. She was petrified because a soldier had hit her in the stomach with the butt of his rifle in a previous raid, but they would not even allow her daughter to enter the house while they read every letter, and emptied every drawer during a period of four hours. They found nothing of course, but they promised the rest of us they would be back in a fortnight. There were raids every night I was there in various sections of the Bogside.

I was quite confident, primarily due to conversations with other American visitors to Derry, that I would hardly be bothered at the checkpoints. I found this to be the case for the first five days I spent in Derry. After that, my car was searched thoroughly every time I went through a checkpoint. This would include taking the seats of the car out, and sometimes removing doors and hub-caps. On one night I was stopped three times and searched within a 15-minute period. The second of these occurred just beyond the Three Flowers checkpoint on the Buncrana Road into Derry. As I was just a bit past the sign instructing me to put my lights back on, three soldiers jumped into the road with their rifles trained at the wheels of my car. I slammed on the brakes, and they ran up accusing me of trying to kill them because I was driving with my lights on at 2:30 a.m.! At that point, I felt like it. When we reached the next checkpoint, I was instructed to pull into a dark alley and searched again.

Is it any wonder that the people of Derry hate Betty's Best with such passion when their greatest amusement is pure unadulterated harrassment?

I would never say that I was frightened in Derry. In fact, I plan to go back for a year. But whatever second thoughts I may have had about the IRA campaign for freedom are completely gone. The people support them, and so must I. They are not the murderers we are sometimes led to believe they are. They are merely people who love their country and race, and are willing to sacrifice their lives to bring freedom to that which they love. There are many among us who find it difficult to accept bombing (some of us were willing to accept it when our own country bombed Vietnam, however). We must remember that this is a war. The people of Derry will tell you that there is always a reason why a particular place is bombed, e.g. a pub which sells liquor to under-aged youths, and there is always a warning given. Problems with this do arise, however, since the army does not always pass on the warning.

While we are condemning the IRA for bombing buildings (not one person in Derry has died as a result of a bombing), are we forgetting those 13 who were murdered in cold blood by British paratroopers on January 30, 1972? The people of Derry can not.

'Father Joe' In Brooklyn

The timely play of *The People's Playhouse* concerning today's Irish Revolution, "The Temptation of Father Joe" by K. P. Whittaker, is coming to Brooklyn, August 25 at Carpenter's Hall, 6th Ave. and 56th St.

"The Temptation of Father Joe," the only known play on either side of the ocean with today's Irish Revolution as its theme, has given five previous performances in two places in Queens and plans to open in a Manhattan neighborhood in the late fall, making theatre history by being

the first play ever produced, directed, and acted in by the author (K. P. Whittaker, author of two books, is the pen name of Kate Krebs).

"The Temptation of Father Joe" is about the reaction of an Irish-American family to the struggle in Ireland for Irish unity and freedom. It is the first in a series of plays to be done by The People's Playhouse, which experiments in a new theater concept by bringing independently professional and progressively new plays to neighborhoods on an expenses only basis.

Mementos Of Capt. Deasy

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Captain Deasy would later serve two terms as a member of the Lawrence City Council, and in 1877 he was elected from Lawrence to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

He died in Lawrence on December 10, 1880, at the age of 39 years. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the city of Lawrence. Hundreds upon hundreds marched in the funeral cortege with Division 8 having a delegation of over one hundred strong. Thousands lined the streets to watch. Several bands including the 9th Massachusetts Regimental Band played as every church bell in the city rang out in honor and memory of a true Irish-American Patriot.

In September of 1971 I traveled to Ireland to help honor the memory of Capt. Deasy. I brought with me several artifacts which had belonged to him; these were presented to the Cork City Museum which had dedicated space in the museum to Capt. Deasy.

Presented was a picture of Capt. Deasy, the pistol believed to have killed Sergeant Brett, the handcuffs he had on while in the van, his discharge papers and a proclamation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives honoring one of its past members.

Captain Deasy was a man who fought oppression, tyranny and foreign domination on the battlefields of three nations. He served well the United States of America, his homeland of Ireland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Lawrence.

Letters To The Editor

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were available in the proper surroundings and were promoted with sincerity on a continuous basis it would be a great beginning.

Our greatest need is leadership, we just don't have the men with vision and drive and a sincere will to organize the Irish community in the U.S.A. at the moment.

The AOH nationwide should and I hope will dedicate themselves to this task. The leadership must supply the programs and the direction along with the State Boards. On achieving these goals the Irish Americans as well as Eire would be richer. - Tony O'Connor, President, Div. 1, Orange County.

Ed. Note: All issues of the *Hibernian Digest* on behalf of the National Board, at least since January, 1973, and including this issue have presented an ideal opportunity for all Hibernians to promote Irish culture. Across the country our Brothers in many states are deeply involved in Irish culture. The present U.S. Tour of CCE is an example.

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Do You Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you ever go and visit a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about

And we will all appreciate it, if you'll come and help us out!

So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart

Don't be just a member; dig in; do your part.

Think this over, members, you know right from wrong --

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

-- Anonymous

To All State, County, Division Organizers

14 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BRING A NEW MEMBER INTO THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

1. Because being a good Hibernian makes one a better Catholic.
2. Because being a good Hibernian makes one a better American.
3. Because being a good Hibernian makes one a better citizen in his community.
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5. Because our membership works in close harmony with the parish priests in their parish activities.
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8. Because your activities in the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America will increase your appreciation of American and Irish History.
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10. Because the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America offers leadership possibilities to young men who enjoy the activities of a sound Irish Catholic organization.
11. Because membership will develop in you an interest in, and an ability to take part in, public speaking and public affairs.
12. Because the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America presents a sound program of Catholic action, including an annual Communion and an annual retreat.
13. Because you are joining an organization that has been in existence in the United States and Canada for over 130 years, whose record for truth and veracity, fighting for a sound Catholic program, is beyond comparison.
14. Because the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America fights Communism every day and helps in every way to preserve the American way of life.

JOHN CONLEY, National Organizer

Suffolk Ladies Auxiliary And Irish Dancers' Steps Help To Put Musicians In Air



LADIES AUXILIARY (front row, from left): Dolores Coote, chairlady Kathy DeBellis, Emily Moroney, and Mitzie McKenna; (back row) Nora Reynolds,

Mary Keane, Stella Creegan, Barbara Gemmelli, Mary Nagy, Katherine McLaren and Ellen Hulahan.

Rhode Island Activities

The Dennis E. Collins Division 1, of Newport, Rhode Island, presented a check for \$1000 to Tandem, a drug rehabilitation program in Newport. The presentation was made by Robert O. Beattie, Treasurer of Division 1, Petter O'Connell, and George C. Connell.

Edward F. Dolan Jr., State A.O.H. Chairman of the Irish Immigration Committee, has been actively engaged in explaining the present immigration bills in Congress at Division and State meetings.

**SEND YOUR AOH NEWS
TO THE DIGEST**



RETURN TO IRELAND is where the Shannonaire, a teenage musical group, hope to go this summer, following a triumphant tour of their homeland last year. In order to help make the trip possible, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 8, organized an "Irish Concert" presented at the Slavic Center in Port Jefferson. The entertainment included the step-dancing talents of youngsters like Selden's Rosemary DeBellis and Lake Grove's Patrick Reynolds (above), and of course, the traditional Irish Jig, performed by (left, from left) Kathy and Mary Glynn, Noreen Gorman, Theresa Gulla and Margaret Mary Reynolds, all from Lake Grove. (Ed. Note: See March-April issue "Shannonaire").

List Of Artists For U.S.A. 1973 Concert Tour

BARRY, DANNY - Accomplished performer on Accordion, Tin Whistle and Concert Flute. A native of Athea in West Limerick, Danny lived in Britain for a number of years, where he was a leading member of the Liverpool Ceili Band. He is now employed by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann as Munster Organizer.

BURKE, JOE - Brilliant exponent on the Tin Whistle and Concert Flute, Joe is best known as one of the all-time 'greats' on the Accordion. A native of Kilnadeena County Galway, he spent a number of years in New York. He is married to the former Kathleen Collins who was born in the U.S.A., and is an All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. Joe was a member of the Concert Group which toured the U.S.A. in October, 1972.

COLLIS, DEIRDRE - A nineteen year old prodigy! Champion on the Tin Whistle, Accordion and Concert Flute, Deirdre is a member of a great musical family. She hails from Collooney, County Sligo - a county that gave us Michael Coleman, Jimmy Morrison, Paddy Killoran, James 'Lad' O' Beirne, etc., etc.

GLACKEN, PAT - Another member of last year's touring party, Pat is, at the age of 18, All-Ireland Champion Fiddler, and Fiddler of Dooney. His father, Tom Glacken - a native of Donegal - is also a well known fiddler.

HANLY, PATSY - Reigning All-Ireland Champion Concert Flute player, Patsy is a native of County Roscommon. This will be his first tour.

MCCARTHY, TOMMY - London domiciled, and Clare born, Tommy was one of the most popular artists of last year's touring party. Tommy plays most instruments, but concentrates mostly on the Concertina, Tin Whistle and the distinctively Irish and complicated Uilleann Pipes. He is also handing down the tradition, as his daughter Jacqueline is a first rate Concertina player.

SEERY, SEAN - One of the greatest living Uilleann Pipers and son of the late Jim Seery, Founder, member, and former National Treasurer of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

O'BRIEN, PADDY - A native of Newtown, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Paddy is generally acknowledged as the man who really revolutionized the art of Accordion playing. Son of well known traditional fiddler - Dinny O'Brien, he is married to the former Eileen Seery, whose late father Jim, was one of the founders of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Their daughter Eileen is carrying on the family tradition, and is one of the best young fiddlers in the country. The O'Brien family lived for some years in New York, and while there Paddy displayed his rare talents on such popular TV programs as the Arthur Godfrey Show.

RYAN, PADDY - A brilliant fiddler, Paddy hails from County Roscommon. For some years past, he has been domiciled in Birmingham, and is Chairman of the Provincial Council of Britain of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

SMYTH, TONY - All-Ireland senior Fiddle Champion for the past two years, and Fiddler of Dooney and Fiddler of Oriel, Tony, who now resides in Dublin, is a native of County Cavan. He also assists in the production of the weekly Comhaltas-sponsored Radio Program.

SINGERS

BROLLY, ANNE - A native of Derry's world renowned Bogside, Anne is the reigning All-Ireland Champion Ballad Singer. Her husband - Francis - is also a well known singer.

BUTLER, NORA - Three times All-Ireland Ballad Singing Champion, her rendering of 'Boo-lavogue' will long be remembered by the thousands who heard her on the occasion of the Comhaltas Concert Tour of the U.S.A. in October, 1972. A native of Toomevara, County Tipperary, she is a member of a musical family. Her father is a traditional accordion player, and her twin-sister Mary - is also a well known ballad singer.

HIPKISS, MICHAEL - A native of Cork City, Michael has lived in England for some years. One of the best living male traditional Ballad Singers, he has won All-Ireland honors on two occasions.

DANCERS

HANAFIN, PATRICIA - A native of Tralee, County Kerry, where she has a very successful dancing school, Patricia is also a member of the famed 'Siamsa Folk Theatre Group. She has danced on a number of Television programs.

MASSEY, KEVIN - A native of Dublin, Kevin is fast making his name as one of the best male step dancers in Ireland.

O'CARROLL, MICHAEL - Hails from Ballyduff, North Kerry, Michael was a pupil of the late dancing maestro - Jerry Molyneux. His traditional style dancing was popular with audiences on last year's Concert Tour.

O'MUINEACHAIN, DONNCHA - A native of County Cork, Donncha now resides in Dublin. The best known male dancer in Ireland, Donncha devotes his spare time to dancing, and to promoting Irish culture all over Ireland. Another star of last year's Concert Tour.

KIERAN, MINNIE - Star step dancer from Dublin, and a member of the 'FONNTRAI' group now being featured in Dublin.

Election Of Ireland's President Entered Into Congressional Record

Congressman Mario Biaggi introduces President Erskine Childers' election into Congressional Record for New York A.O.H.

MR. BIAGGI: Mr. Speaker, for several years now I have been following closely events in Ireland and their interpretation or misinterpretation in the United States. Last year I visited both the 26-county Republic of Ireland and the 6-county statelet known as Northern Ireland. There are two gross misconceptions prevalent in much of the American press. The first is that the conflict in those six of the divided Province of Ulster's nine counties known as Northern Ireland is basically a religious war. It is not; it is a struggle for equal protection under law, equality of economic opportunity, and for national independence.

To great degree the misconception that the current troubles are a religious war is promoted by those who would cloud the issue in order that the truth might be obscured and the British and American peoples be intimidated from making a closer inquiry into the facts of the matter. In their current political usage in the so-called North of Ireland, Catholic and Protestant are namely labels; in fact, they are misnomers for Nationalist and Unionist, since most Catholics happen to be Nationalists and most Protestants happen to be Unionists, and since the extreme Unionist politicians use religious bigotry as a purely political tool.

The use of religious sounding labels for political purposes would seem to suggest that English policy regarding Ireland is still framed with 17th century reference points while the rest of the World, indeed even the rest of the British Empire, is most of the way through the 20th century.

The Irish Republican movement is constitutionally nonsectarian, was inspired - in part - by the example of the American Revolution, was founded for the purpose of abolishing dissension, uniting Protestant, Catholic, and dissenter under the common banner of Irishman, and to break the connection with England, the source of Ireland's political evils. The Irish Republican movement was founded near Belfast by a Protestant man, Theobald Wolfe Tone. Most of its earliest adherents were Ulster Presbyterians. Robert Emmett was a member of the Anglican communion. Thomas Davis and Charles Stuart Parnell were Protestants, and so was John Mitchell, who also fought in the 2nd Virginia Cavalry during the American Civil War.

Throughout most of its modern history the Irish Separatist movement has been led by Protestants. Robert Erskine Childers was no exception; his son, Erskine Hamilton Childers was this May 30 the second Protestant to be elected as President of Ireland, and this by a 94 percent Catholic electorate.

This brings us to the second misconception of which I spoke, that is, that in a reunited Ireland, Protestants would be victimized by the Irish Catholic majority in a manner reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The 1973 Irish Presidential campaign, election, and inauguration alone demonstrate the utter absence of religious bigotry from the politics of Irish Ireland.

There have been, in the past, objections raised to the role of religion in the Constitution of the Dublin government. Let us take a look at the questionable article.

"ARTICLE 44.

1. The State acknowledges that the homage of public worship is due to Almighty God. It shall hold his name in reverence, and shall respect and honor religion.

2. The State recognizes the special position of the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church as the guardian of the Faith professed by the great majority of its citizens

3. The State also recognizes the Church of Ireland (Anglican Episcopal), the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland, as well as the Jewish Congregations and other religious denominations existing in Ireland at the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution."

The Constitution goes on to guarantee freedom of conscience and the free profession and practice of religion, not to endow any religion, not to discriminate, not to force religious education, and not to interfere in the management of religious affairs.

During the past year, the "objectionable" portion having to do with religion was repealed by a 4-to-1 ratio in a plebiscite which was admittedly undertaken for the sole purpose of facilitating the reunification of Ireland by removing any possible grounds for objections by Irish Protestants living in the "North."

For its own part the Irish Republican Movement - of which the "Provisional" Irish Republican Army, the IRA, is its legitimate military arm, proposes a new federal Ireland, not merely an extension of the 26-county state, in which there would be complete liberty of religion and separation of church and state under a "Charter of Civil Rights," as in the first article of our own "Bill of Rights," therefore finally eliminating any grounds for fear of a theocracy.

But what about the United Kingdom? First, there is a state church. The bishops of that state church are appointed by Parliament. The Head of State must be a member of that state church. Irishmen living under English rule in Ireland are denied housing, jobs, public safety, human, natural, and civil rights based on the badge of religion - though actually for political and

economic reasons.

There is no state church in Irish Ireland. The powers that be in Dublin do not interfere with any church's government. The first President of the 26-county state was Dr. Douglas Hyde, a Protestant; the newly-elected fourth President of the "Republic of Ireland," Erskine Childers, is also a Protestant. And no one under Irish rule has ever been denied a job, a house, or equal justice under law because of his religion or lack of it.

The whole question of theocracy in Ireland is a red herring. But, exposed to the cold light of day, it reveals that if there be any guilt it lies with English misgovernment in Ireland.

ERSKINE CHILDERS

Erskine Hamilton Childers speaks with an unmistakably old-school accent. He has a great sincerity of poise and his philosophy of politics is more people-oriented, the party being secondary. His gentlemanly tones are full of persuasive reasoning. He was the candidate of the Fianna Fail Party - Ireland's largest political party, launched by those of the losing, that is, Republican, side in the 1922-23 Irish Civil War who, though still rejecting the treaty ending the 1919-21 Black and Tan War and the partition of Ireland in principle, later entered into participation in the 26-county state as a matter of political politics; Fianna Fail is the party of the retiring Irish President, Brooklyn-born Eamonn de Valera in the recent presidential election and was elected with a clear majority despite his party's upset in the most recent parliamentary election. He is also the heir to an honored name and tradition, being the son of Robert Erskine Childers, one of Ireland's great national heroes in the 20th century.

Robert Erskine Childers was born and raised in Ireland, son of an English father and an Irish mother. He always considered himself by birth, domicile, and deliberate choice of citizenship an Irishman. The experience of the Boer War had converted him from being a Unionist and Imperialist to being a Liberal and a Nationalist. During 1910-1914 he worked and published for Irish Home Rule and national self-determination. In response to threats of violence by certain Unionists - the illegal Ulster Volunteers; UVF - the Irish Volunteers were formed in 1913 to defend the home rule bill of 1912 which was to have gone into operation in 1914. In warm sympathy with the Irish Volunteers, he joined a small committee formed in May, 1914, to supply them with arms, and with his wife and two friends, ran a cargo of guns into Howth in July of that year.

With the coming of the Great European War, like thousands of other Irish Nationalists, Erskine Childers was misled by the idea of a "war for small nations". He joined the British Naval Air Service, afterward amalgamated with the Royal Air Force, and served with distinction, leaving it at the end of the war with the rank of major.

All efforts to constitutionally achieve dominion status within the British Empire having been frustrated in London, Childers recognized that revolution was inevitable and necessary.

The Irish Republic had already been proclaimed in arms in the blood sacrifice of the 1916 Easter Rising, ratified by 80 percent of the Irish electorate in the 1918 general election, and established de jure by the first Dail Eireann in 1919.

With the formal establishment of the Republic in 1919, Robert Erskine Childers chose his citizenship once and for all. He chose that of the Irish Republic, like hundreds of other ex-soldiers - having severed all connection with the British Army. He threw himself into the work of the Irish Republican movement, and held many positions of increasing responsibility and was elected a Deputy for Wicklow and Kildare in May 1921. He was appointed by the Irish Cabinet and Dail - assembly - as principal secretary of the delegation to London for the peace negotiations between "the Irish Republic and that community of nations known as the British Empire," and also as the responsible adviser on defense questions.

He took a strong line from the first against the British Dominion and partition scheme. He had passed through the Dominion phase years before, discarded it, and sworn allegiance to the established Irish Republic.

Under the threat of "immediate and terrible war" British Prime Minister David Lloyd George forced a treaty on the Irish delegation - Erskine Childers dissenting - which violated their instruction - that is, denying Irish sovereignty, partitioning Ireland. The executive of the Irish Republican Army, commanded by Gen. Liam Lynch, and most of its men - together with President Eamonn de Valera - had refused to accept the treaty because it compromised their oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic for which they had fought and in whose defense they had taken lives. The IRA was awaiting the convening of a newly elected national assembly, the Third Dail Eireann, which would form a new permanent government.

At the instigation of and with the support of the British Government, the temporary Free State government attacked the IRA executive two days before the proposed convening of the Third Dail Eireann, thus precipitating civil war and preserving itself in office. In that terrible civil war Erskine Childers remained steadfast in his loyalty to the Irish Republic. He was a casualty of that war, being executed by the Free State on November 24, 1922. The civil war lasted into 1923 with the Free State

eventually victorious.

On November 17, 1922, Erskine Childers, Protestant patriot, told his captors and the world why he remained faithful to the Irish Republic.

"The slow growth of moral and intellectual convictions had brought me to where I stood and it was and is impossible to go back. I was bound by honor, conscience and principle to oppose the Treaty by speech, writing and action both in peace, and when it came to the disastrous point, in war. For we hold that a Nation has no right to surrender its declared and established independence and that even a minority has a right to resist that surrender in arms. . .

"I have fought and worked for a sacred principle, the loyalty of the Nation to its declared independence and repudiation of any voluntary surrender to conquest and inclusion in the British Empire. That is the faith of my comrades, my leaders and myself. Some day we shall be justified when the Nation forgets its weakness and reverts to the ancient and holy tradition which we are preserving in our struggle, and may God hasten the day of reunion amongst us all under the honored flag of the Republic."

Robert Erskine Childers is a true martyr to the cause of Irish Freedom. His son, President Erskine Hamilton Childers, shares his father's Protestant faith. He also shares his father's - and former President de Valera's faith that all Ireland will be united under the flag of the Irish Republic.

Erskine Childers has long been looked upon as the conscience of the Fianna Fail Party; he is also a respected man who can deal capably with the mass media. He was born in London in 1905 - where his father was from 1895 to 1910 in civil service as a committee clerk for the House of Commons - and received an English public school education at Gresham School, Holt, Norfolk. He had aspired to become a doctor, but was diverted from medical studies by his father's involvement in Irish politics combined with his own frequent visits to his cousins, the Bartons of Glendalough House. In 1923, he campaigned for his imprisoned cousin, Robert Barton, who was standing in County Wicklow. He spoke in O'Connell Street along with Vivion de Valera against the imprisonment of the latter's father. His politics were distinctly antitreaty and the political upheaval of the treaty disillusioned him greatly.

He went to Cambridge in 1924 and took an Honors Tripos in History and Politics. He worked for an American travel agency in Paris for awhile and returned home to Ireland for good in 1931. He became advertising manager of the Irish Press when it was founded by Mr. de Valera in 1932. In 1936, he was appointed secretary of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers - a position he held until his appointment as a Parliamentary Secretary in 1944.

Because of his father's close relationship with Eamonn de Valera, Erskine Childers developed a very intimate association with the leader of the Fianna Fail - Soldiers of Destiny - Party. The execution of his father was a traumatic experience for the younger Childers and his political philosophy became more and more Republican oriented. It only became a matter of time before he found a seat in the Irish Parliament at Leinster House, in 1937.

Since 1944, he has held one junior and four senior, ministries. He is generally considered by the medical profession to have been the best Minister of Health in the history of the state. He has represented the County Monaghan - one of three Ulster counties not under British rule, and containing a noticeable Protestant nationalist population; his principal electoral opponent there is Fine Gael's Billy Fox, another Protestant nationalist - since 1962, and has most recently served as Tainiste - elected second in command to the Taoiseach or Prime Minister by the parliamentary majority.

A dedication service in St. Patrick's - Anglican Protestant Episcopal - Cathedral, Dublin, prior to the oath-taking ceremony on June 25, pointed out the essential unity and religious harmony in the "Republic". William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh - in "Northern Ireland" - and Catholic Primate of all Ireland, sat with the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Dermot Ryan, close to the Presidential pew. The service was led by the dean of St. Patrick's, Dr. Victor Griffin, with the Protestant Church of Ireland Primate, Dr. George Otto Simms. Others taking part included Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, the Salvation Army, and the Society of Friends.

The election of Erskine Childers, a Protestant, to succeed the almost legendary Eamonn de Valera is fraught with symbolism. We must assume, of course, that the majority of the Irish electorate chose him as the better man based on his many and obvious qualifications. It is also significant that he is the son of his heroic father, and bears the name of Erskine Childers who died in the service of an all-Ireland, Irish Republic. But, perhaps the greatest significance is that the 94 percent Catholic majority in the 26-county Republic of Ireland are sending a clear and unmistakable message to all their fellow Irishmen living under foreign rule in the northeast six counties known as "Northern Ireland". The message is: Let us sit down again in brotherhood; all that awaits you in a united Ireland is peace and opportunity.

On taking office, President Erskine Childers pledged to work for harmony. He read the same prayer Dr. Douglas Hyde read 35 years earlier when he became President.

It says much about the new President. Here is the prayer:

"God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing."

1973 Comhaltas Concert Tour Should Set A New Record

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The distinction of staging the first Concert in the series will however go to another venue much nearer to the city of Boston. This is the Waltham High School Auditorium, where the organizing committee will be led by Pat Barry, from Six Crosses, Listowel, and his wife -- Mary. Mary is a native of Lixnaw, and is sister of well known accordion players -- Sonny and Joe Keane, -- both staunch members of the Lixnaw Comhaltas Branch. Having been shown the sights of Boston by their teenage children -- Katherine and John, I attended a meeting in their home in Brighton. Here I met Newry born John Bennett and his Abbeydorney born wife Nellie (nee O'Connor) and John and Mary Coen from Galway. Messages of support were also received from Timmy O'Sullivan, Waterville, and Pat Curry, well known in Irish circles in Boston. I may add that my greatest difficulty was trying to explain why Boston was not included in the 1972 itinerary.

IN CLEVELAND

With two venues organized, it was time to take the air, and so I winged my way to Cleveland, Ohio, where I was met and entertained by the remarkable Al. O'Laoire, and his Achill born wife Celine. Al., whose parents came from Kerry and Galway, wears his Fainne Oir and Comhaltas symbol side by side, and his highly talented family all bear names that let all and sundry know his pride in his Irish heritage. While in Cleveland, I also had telephone calls, promising full support, from John Coyne from Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, and from Tom McCaffrey from Mohill, Co. Leitrim. Another happy memory of Cleveland is a visit to the home of a teenage Jewish girl -- Lisa Ornstein -- who started out as a classical violinist and then got interested in genuine American folk music, and who now plays Irish traditional music in a manner which suggests that some day the name 'Ornstein' could appear among the competitors at the Fleadh Cheoil! I need hardly mention her mentor is -- Al. O'Laoire. Before leaving Cleveland, I must pay tribute to Father James O'Carroll, of Abbeydorney, now ministering in Wyandotte, Michigan, who used his good offices to secure St. John's College Auditorium as the venue for the Concert.

IN DETROIT

My next call was to Detroit, where mine host was none other than Clare born Dan O'Kennedy. His many friends at home and abroad will be delighted to hear that Dan has made a splendid recovery following a serious illness. The conversation with Dan and his charming wife Gertrude, was all about Ireland, and lasted into the late hours.

The date and venue for the Concert were decided, the prospects of forming a Comhaltas Branch in Detroit were

IN CHICAGO

discussed, and then it was time to take the air again -- this time to Chicago. Mine host in Chicago was as ever the indomitable Frank Thornton, and Mrs. Thornton, both of whom left the Kingdom many years ago. It speaks volumes for the interest in things Irish of the Windy City, that many passed up the traditional Easter Sunday invitations to dine out with families and friends to attend a meeting in connection with the proposed Concerts. It was 'home from home' sitting around the table at a meeting chaired by newly elected President -- Tom Masterson, and with such redoubtable supporters as secretary Mary McDonagh, Noel Rice, Frank Thornton, etc., etc. The fact that all are now members of Comhaltas ensured that the meeting ended in complete harmony in record quick time. Having discussed the proposed list of artists for the 1973 tour, Noel Rice summed it up for the others by saying "I suggest that on paper it would seem to be even better than last year -- if that were possible!"

IN ST. LOUIS

And so it was time for a brief stop-over in St. Louis, where the topic of conversation was strangely enough -- not Watergate -- but the floods. The twin rivers, I was told, were fourteen feet above flood level, and expected to rise even higher! For once I was glad my visit would be a short one, in view of the ominous threat posed by the mighty Mississippi/Missouri. Here a very representative meeting was organized by Peter Hazelton, whose mother came from Antrim, and Peter's hospitable wife Valerie, a native of Derry. Among the gathering were delegates from the United Irish Counties, the American Folk Music Societies, Divisions 1 and 2 of the A.O.H. and such old favorites as Bill and Jeannette Boyer, Alex and Richard Usher and Danny Devereaux. All were genuinely disappointed to hear that this year time allowed for only one concert in St. Louis. Incidentally, Bill and Jeannette Boyer now own a musical instrument store in St. Louis, while Peter Hazelton is fast becoming a wizard on his new button accordion!

IN PITTSBURGH

My next stop down was Pittsburgh, where I was entertained by fellow Lixnaw man -- Jack Costelloe. A visit to the Irish American Center brought back memories of our last visit here, when every detail was organized in advance -- including the Irish Mass. At the centre, I

attended a meeting, presided over by Offaly born Mike Nolan, and also present were last year's President -- Tom Clancy, and last year's ticket chairman -- Mike O'Shea from Dingle. In my brief stay in Pittsburgh, I was taken by Jack Costelloe to a downtown self-service restaurant, where a notice displayed read 'Eat all you can for \$1.99 -- but nothing for Fido!' And believe it or not patrons could do just that -- even to the extent of getting second and third 'helpings! a far cry this from Boston, where in one posh hotel, a highly ornamented menu card started off Steak -- 22 dollars!'

BACK TO NEW YORK

From Pittsburgh, it was back to New York, and mine hosts there -- Michael O'Connor, of Lixnaw, and his wife Kathleen, a native of Ballydesmond. When it comes to organizing any tour, New York is the engine room that sets the other cogs in motion. In the engine room there are many maintenance men, but when it comes to selecting the head mechanic, the accolade must go to Durrrow born, Bill McEvoy. It was Bill who co-ordinated the working of the various committees for the 1972 tour, -- it was he who organized my recent tour, and it is Bill who will ensure that all is in readiness when this year's group touch down in J.F. Kennedy airport in October. His voice is now familiar to many telephone users all over the U.S.A., and everybody asks the same question 'How does he keep going?' If Bill were asked that question, he would probably reply that his work is motivated by two things -- his love of Irish Music, Irish Dancing and Singing, and his admiration for Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. His achievements are not confined to organizing the Comhaltas Concert tour of the U.S.A., -- he has also found time to organize six Comhaltas Branches in the U.S.A.; to receive entries for Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann; to help to organize a bona fide Comhaltas charter flight to Ireland for Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann, and to organize fund raising functions in the U.S.A. for this flight. All that, despite the fact that his business takes up an average of twelve hours per day! In the New York area, Bill is lucky that he has some wonderful co-workers. Chairman of the Hunter College Concert is Armagh born Louis Quinn, who is a store house of knowledge where traditional music is concerned. If one wants to know anything about Coleman, Morrison, Killoran, Cawley, etc., ask Louis Quinn. Not alone can he tell you all about them, but he can probably show you a photograph of them! Contracts and finance are in the capable hands of the affable Jim McDevitt. A lawyer by profession, Jim

devotes every spare minute to the cause of Irish culture. Also helping on the New York Concert Committee are Secretary -- Mrs. Mary McElwain, Ticket Chairman -- John P. Ryan from Newark, New Jersey, John C. Mulligan, Mike McGurn, Mr. and Mrs. John Roarty, Pat and Maureen Noble, Mrs. Betty Reilly, Miss B. Carr, Sean McGlynn, Mike Nihill, Miss Peggy Sullivan, and Martin Dunne. Out in Minneola, Galway Man -- Tom Connolly will leave no stone unturned to see that 'House Full' notices go up before the curtain goes up. Concert Chairman here is Tom Hughes. In Rockway, all arrangements will be made by Tom Mason, while in Staten Island, the organizer is none other than the National Secretary of the A.O.H. -- Mr. Bill Barnett, Jr. The final Concert of the tour will be staged in Bayshore, Long Island, where Tipperary man -- Pete Bulfin heads an excellent Committee, which includes such popular Irish workers as Rev. Fr. McCrann of the Montford Missionaries, Jerry Slattery, Frank O'Connor, and Charlie and Jeannie McLoughlin.

OTHER CONCERTS

In addition to the foregoing venues, concerts have also been arranged for Washington, where Dr. Frank Gannon will direct operations, and St. Paul, Minnesota, where the Organizing Committee will be in the capable hands of the Irish American Cultural Institute, and Dr. Eoin McKiernan, recently described in an article in a provincial newspaper as 'a one man Cultural Mission.' Rev. Fr. Brendan Williams, himself no mean accordion player, and a member of a well known traditional family from Kerry, will with the aid of John M. Leady, organize a Concert in Trenton, N. J.

Having met and discussed the prospects for the tour with the various committees, it would seem that this year's venture will meet with even more success than the 1972 tour. The portents for success are based on three grounds. Pride of place goes to the terrific impact last year's Concert group made on the U.S.A. audiences. Six months afterwards, people still talk about the group, and all are looking forward to this year's tour. The second ingredient for success is the fact that there are now six Branches of Comhaltas in the U.S.A. with firm prospects for a further five Branches in the Autumn. The trend was set last April, when the redoubtable Paddy Bawn O'Sullivan from The Spa, Tralee led the Patsy Tuohy Club into Comhaltas, and was quickly followed by the Paddy Killoren and Louis Quinn Clubs. The potential in New York is great, the picture in Chicago is very rosy indeed, and with the amazing interest in Irish culture one finds, not alone among the Irish born, but in first and second generation Irish in the U.S.A., the Concert tour is assured of success. The third and final pointer to success is the interest shown by the vibrant Ancient Order of Hibernians

Rent A Film On Irish History

ST. PAUL, MINN.: A baker's dozen of films on all aspects of Irish history and literature are now available to the general public, according to Dr. Eoin McKiernan, director of the Irish American Cultural Institute here.

The films include: The Golden Door (the Irish in the U.S.); The Irish of the Southern Cross (the Irish in South America); Who Were the Irish? (Early Settlers in Ireland); Walking Europe (Irish on the Continent from the 7th Century); Raiders to Artists (Ireland, 5th - 9th Century); From Doom to Doom (Invasions of Ireland; Vikings, Normans, English); To Hell or Connachs (17th Century Ireland); Travail's End (from the Famine to the Irish Free State); Chained Yet Free (1916 Irish Rebellion to the 1922-23 Civil War); Myths and Heroes (Early Irish Literature); Warriors and Lovers (Tales of the Fenian Knights); Traditions of the People (Songs and Poems of a Forgotten People); and Modern Problems (Ireland's Current Struggle).

All films are available for a rental fee of \$2 each. Write: University of Minnesota Film Library, Minneapolis, Minn., 55414.

Rhode Island State Officers

The recent Rhode Island State A.O.H. Convention elected the following officers for a two-year term:

President Neil Sullivan, Vice President Raymond Lunch, Secretary James J. Mahoney, Treasurer Robert D. Beattie, and Directors George C. Connell, Edward F. Dugan, and Patrick Freethy.

in the U.S.A. Some months ago, the widely circulated Digest of the A.O.H. carried a front page article on last year's tour, which was sufficient to attract enquiries from all over the U.S.A. Having discussed the tour and its purpose with the A.O.H. National President -- Mr. Ed Fay in Pittsburgh, the National Secretary -- Mr. Bill Barnett in New York, and the popular editor of the Digest -- Mr. Jack Reynolds in Long Island, I am convinced that the need for an Irish Cultural Institute, as envisaged by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, has gained the sympathy and encouragement of every member of this magnificent organization, which is doing so much for the Irish in America. In New York, in St. Louis, in Pittsburgh and in Lawrence they have pledged their support, and to quote my good friend in Lawrence -- David Burke 'When we undertake something, we do not believe in half measures.' Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann can rest assured that come November, the Irish Cultural Institute will be much nearer to becoming a reality, than it was 18 months ago when it was first mooted.

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Support for AOH Legislative Program Urged

President Edward J. Fay Calls On All Hibernians For Action

National President Edward J. Fay calls upon all Hibernians at all levels, individual, division, state, county, and national boards to take immediate and continuing action on the following items:

1. **House Resolution 161** (By Congressman Mario Biaggi of New York) calling for national self-determination for Ireland.

2. **House Resolution 8461** (By Congressman Joshua Eilberg of Pennsylvania) "the Grand Jury Reform Act of 1973" designed to prevent future abuse of the federal grand jury system as in the case of the Fort Worth Five.

3. **House Resolution 981** (By Congressman Peter Rodino of New Jersey) immigration law reform which will, among other things, recognize as refugees the victims of English and pro-British sectarian, racial and political violence in Ireland.

4. **House Resolution 4983** (By Congressman Peter Rodino of New Jersey) General immigration reform which would undo most of the injustice done to the Irish under the present law by restoring 80 percent of the old national origins quota.

5. **House Joint Resolution 261** (By Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan of Maryland) The Human Life Amendment to amend the Constitution to protect the right to life and due process of the law of all

citizens, from the moment of conception and regardless



Edward J. Fay

of age, illness, or incapacity and the discharge petition for House Joint Resolution 261.

6. **Right to Life Amendment** to the Foreign Aid (non military) appropriations bill, S. 2335 (BY Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina) to stop any funds appropriated under the foreign assistance bill from being used to pay for abortion, abortifacient drugs or services, or to promote the practice of abortion and research on the development of methods of abortion.

7. **Registering opposition** in principle to government interference in family affairs, specifically to the population research and family planning services act of 1970 (renewed 1972 with President Nixon's signature) During 1972 alone federal government poured \$128 million of the taxpayers' money into family planning services in 3,260 new public family planning clinics and \$40 million into anti-life research, including abortion. The attempt to exclude abortion as a method of family planning has been a failure. As long as legislators are left to believe that the concept of government-funded family planning is generally acceptable to the Church, and that her opposition is re-

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Co-ordinator Thanks AOH For Successful CCE Tour

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

On behalf of the National President and National Director, and the Central Council of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, I would like to express our gratitude and our sincere thanks to you, and to the National President and all National Officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for the outstanding contributions and support that was given to our 1973 U.S. Concert Tour.

From the moment you inserted the first news release in the January-February issue of the National Hibernian Digest, there was never any doubt about the success of our 1973 Concert Tour.

From all over the U.S. I was contacted by phone and letter by kind-hearted Irish men and women, all members of the A.O.H. who pledged their support to us in our effort to raise funds for the building of an Irish Cultural Institute in Dublin.

The need for such an Institute has been obvious for a number of years, with the continued growth of our organization at home and abroad.

This Irish Cultural Institute when completed will house an up-to-date Library of Irish Traditional music and kindred subjects, training facilities for teachers and students, a modern workshop for the production and maintenance of musical instruments, a Recreation Hall, a Music Shop, Museum, Recording Studio, Theatre, Restaurant, and General Offices.

The financial aid that we have received from the 1973 Concert Tour exceeded all expectations, thanks to the overwhelming support that we got from the A.O.H. in America.

In conclusion I want to thank you, Mr. Reynolds, for your personal interest and help. Your long experience in the field of promotion and organizing was a definite help to us.

On behalf of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann I wish to extend to all members of the A.O.H. in America our best wishes for a Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

BILL McEVOY

U.S. Coordinator CCE

Justice Denied

A recent publication entitled *Justice Denied*, by Atty. Sam Dash, challenging Lord Widgery's report on "Bloody Sunday," has been published by the International League for the Rights of Man.

Another publication known as *Triumph* has an excellent article on "Blitz-outs" of the Irish situation in the press of the United States in its October issue. It also contains excellent articles dealing with the Irish situation in the North in previous issues (April, May, June, July).

State, County and Division Presidents and Chairmen of Freedom for All Ireland and Catholic Action Committees are advised to subscribe to this publication.

National Board Awardees to Be Announced Saturday Dec. 1

Hibernians and their friends are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the winners of the National Board Awards which are made December 1, 1973.

Award Chairman William Kinane reports that the awards program has been a real success and the support given by Brother Hibernians has been real gratifying. The award winners, he said, will be notified immediately upon the decision of the judges, which will occur in Brooklyn, New York.

The top first four winners will be the recipients of two round trip airplane tickets good for passage from Idlewild Airport, New York to Ireland. If the awardees do not wish to use the plane tickets, they may receive \$500.00 in cash.

The next lucky awardees (5th to 9th incl.) will receive Waterford Glass or \$100.00 in cash. Tenth place honoree will be presented with two Hand Knit Aran Sweaters.

In making the announcement, Chairman Kinane thanks all those who supported the program and so generously helped to make it a success.

FORT WORTH FIVE MAT REILLY NOW A CITIZEN

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.: Matthias Reilly, one of the Fort Worth Five, became a U.S. citizen on Tuesday, September 18. Mr. Reilly was sworn in at the Federal Court here by Judge Joseph Hawkins. The swearing in came after a series of moves by the Justice Department to block the citizenship application of the Rockland County man. Mr. Reilly's attorney, Paul O'Dwyer, hailed the court's action calling it an act of true justice.

Mr. Reilly spent almost nine months in a Texas jail for refusing to answer Federal grand jury questions about alleged gun-running between Texas and Northern Ireland.

Kennedy Memorial Medal

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Kennedy Medal Committee, 1974

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1973 Comhaltas Concert Tour Should Set A New Record

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The distinction of staging the first Concert in the series will however go to another venue much nearer to the city of Boston. This is the Waltham High School Auditorium, where the organizing committee will be led by Pat Barry, from Six Crosses, Listowel, and his wife -- Mary. Mary is a native of Lixnaw, and is sister of well known accordion players -- Sonny and Joe Keane, -- both staunch members of the Lixnaw Comhaltas Branch. Having been shown the sights of Boston by their teenage children -- Katherine and John, I attended a meeting in their home in Brighton. Here I met Newry born John Bennett and his Abbeydorney born wife Nellie (nee O'Connor) and John and Mary Coen from Galway. Messages of support were also received from Timmy O'Sullivan, Waterville, and Pat Curry, well known in Irish circles in Boston. I may add that my greatest difficulty was trying to explain why Boston was not included in the 1972 itinerary.

IN CLEVELAND

With two venues organized, it was time to take the air, and so I winged my way to Cleveland, Ohio, where I was met and entertained by the remarkable Al. O'Laoire, and his Achill born wife Celine. Al., whose parents came from Kerry and Galway, wears his Fainne Oir and Comhaltas symbol side by side, and his highly talented family all bear names that let all and sundry know his pride in his Irish heritage. While in Cleveland, I also had telephone calls, promising full support, from John Coyne from Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo, and from Tom McCaffrey from Mohill, Co. Leitrim. Another happy memory of Cleveland is a visit to the home of a teenage Jewish girl -- Lisa Ornstein -- who started out as a classical violinist and then got interested in genuine American folk music, and who now plays Irish traditional music in a manner which suggests that some day the name 'Ornstein' could appear among the competitors at the Fleadh Cheoil! I need hardly mention her mentor is -- Al. O'Laoire. Before leaving Cleveland, I must pay tribute to Father James O'Carroll, of Abbeydorney, now ministering in Wyandotte, Michigan, who used his good offices to secure St. John's College Auditorium as the venue for the Concert.

IN DETROIT

My next call was to Detroit, where mine host was none other than Clare born Dan O'Kennedy. His many friends at home and abroad will be delighted to hear that Dan has made a splendid recovery following a serious illness. The conversation with Dan and his charming wife Gertrude, was all about Ireland, and lasted into the late hours.

The date and venue for the Concert were decided, the prospects of forming a Comhaltas Branch in Detroit were

IN CHICAGO

discussed, and then it was time to take the air again -- this time to Chicago. Mine host in Chicago was as ever the indomitable Frank Thornton, and Mrs. Thornton, both of whom left the Kingdom many years ago. It speaks volumes for the interest in things Irish of the Windy City, that many passed up the traditional Easter Sunday invitations to dine out with families and friends to attend a meeting in connection with the proposed Concerts. It was 'home from home' sitting around the table at a meeting chaired by newly elected President -- Tom Masterson, and with such redoubtable supporters as secretary Mary McDonagh, Noel Rice, Frank Thornton, etc., etc. The fact that all are now members of Comhaltas ensured that the meeting ended in complete harmony in record quick time. Having discussed the proposed list of artists for the 1973 tour, Noel Rice summed it up for the others by saying "I suggest that on paper it would seem to be even better than last year -- if that were possible!"

IN ST. LOUIS

And so it was time for a brief stop-over in St. Louis, where the topic of conversation was strangely enough -- not Watergate -- but the floods. The twin rivers, I was told, were fourteen feet above flood level, and expected to rise even higher! For once I was glad my visit would be a short one, in view of the ominous threat posed by the mighty Mississippi/Missouri. Here a very representative meeting was organized by Peter Hazelton, whose mother came from Antrim, and Peter's hospitable wife Valerie, a native of Derry. Among the gathering were delegates from the United Irish Counties, the American Folk Music Societies, Divisions 1 and 2 of the A.O.H. and such old favorites as Bill and Jeannette Boyer, Alex and Richard Usher and Danny Devereaux. All were genuinely disappointed to hear that this year time allowed for only one concert in St. Louis. Incidentally, Bill and Jeannette Boyer now own a musical instrument store in St. Louis, while Peter Hazelton is fast becoming a wizard on his new button accordion!

IN PITTSBURGH

My next stop down was Pittsburgh, where I was entertained by fellow Lixnaw man -- Jack Costelloe. A visit to the Irish American Center brought back memories of our last visit here, when every detail was organized in advance -- including the Irish Mass. At the centre, I

attended a meeting, presided over by Offaly born Mike Nolan, and also present were last year's President -- Tom Clancy, and last year's ticket chairman -- Mike O'Shea from Dingle. In my brief stay in Pittsburgh, I was taken by Jack Costelloe to a downtown self-service restaurant, where a notice displayed read 'Eat all you can for \$1.99 -- but nothing for Fido!' And believe it or not patrons could do just that -- even to the extent of getting second and third 'helpings! a far cry this from Boston, where in one posh hotel, a highly ornamented menu card started off Steak -- 22 dollars!

BACK TO NEW YORK

From Pittsburgh, it was back to New York, and mine hosts there -- Michael O'Connor, of Lixnaw, and his wife Kathleen, a native of Ballydesmond. When it comes to organizing any tour, New York is the engine room that sets the other cogs in motion. In the engine room there are many maintenance men, but when it comes to selecting the head mechanic, the accolade must go to Durrrow born, Bill McEvoy. It was Bill who co-ordinated the working of the various committees for the 1972 tour, -- it was he who organized my recent tour, and it is Bill who will ensure that all is in readiness when this year's group touch down in J.F. Kennedy airport in October. His voice is now familiar to many telephone users all over the U.S.A., and everybody asks the same question 'How does he keep going?' If Bill were asked that question, he would probably reply that his work is motivated by two things -- his love of Irish Music, Irish Dancing and Singing, and his admiration for Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. His achievements are not confined to organizing the Comhaltas Concert tour of the U.S.A., -- he has also found time to organize six Comhaltas Branches in the U.S.A.; to receive entries for Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann; to help to organize a bona fide Comhaltas charter flight to Ireland for Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann, and to organize fund raising functions in the U.S.A. for this flight. All that, despite the fact that his business takes up an average of twelve hours per day! In the New York area, Bill is lucky that he has some wonderful co-workers. Chairman of the Hunter College Concert is Armagh born Louis Quinn, who is a store house of knowledge where traditional music is concerned. If one wants to know anything about Coleman, Morrison, Killoran, Cawley, etc., ask Louis Quinn. Not alone can he tell you all about them, but he can probably show you a photograph of them! Contracts and finance are in the capable hands of the affable Jim McDevitt. A lawyer by profession, Jim

devotes every spare minute to the cause of Irish culture. Also helping on the New York Concert Committee are Secretary -- Mrs. Mary McElwain, Ticket Chairman -- John P. Ryan from Newark, New Jersey, John C. Mulligan, Mike McGurn, Mr. and Mrs. John Roarty, Pat and Maureen Noble, Mrs. Betty Reilly, Miss B. Carr, Sean McGlynn, Mike Nihill, Miss Peggy Sullivan, and Martin Dunne. Out in Minneola, Galway Man -- Tom Connolly will leave no stone unturned to see that 'House Full' notices go up before the curtain goes up. Concert Chairman here is Tom Hughes. In Rockway, all arrangements will be made by Tom Mason, while in Staten Island, the organizer is none other than the National Secretary of the A.O.H. -- Mr. Bill Barnett, Jr. The final Concert of the tour will be staged in Bayshore, Long Island, where Tipperary man -- Pete Bulfin heads an excellent Committee, which includes such popular Irish workers as Rev. Fr. McCrann of the Montford Missionaries, Jerry Slattery, Frank O'Connor, and Charlie and Jeannie McLoughlin.

OTHER CONCERTS

In addition to the foregoing venues, concerts have also been arranged for Washington, where Dr. Frank Gannon will direct operations, and St. Paul, Minnesota, where the Organizing Committee will be in the capable hands of the Irish American Cultural Institute, and Dr. Eoin McKiernan, recently described in an article in a provincial newspaper as 'a one man Cultural Mission.' Rev. Fr. Brendan Williams, himself no mean accordion player, and a member of a well known traditional family from Kerry, will with the aid of John M. Leady, organize a Concert in Trenton, N. J.

Having met and discussed the prospects for the tour with the various committees, it would seem that this year's venture will meet with even more success than the 1972 tour. The portents for success are based on three grounds. Pride of place goes to the terrific impact last year's Concert group made on the U.S.A. audiences. Six months afterwards, people still talk about the group, and all are looking forward to this year's tour. The second ingredient for success is the fact that there are now six Branches of Comhaltas in the U.S.A. with firm prospects for a further five Branches in the Autumn. The trend was set last April, when the redoubtable Paddy Bawn O'Sullivan from The Spa, Tralee led the Patsy Tuohy Club into Comhaltas, and was quickly followed by the Paddy Killoren and Louis Quinn Clubs. The potential in New York is great, the picture in Chicago is very rosy indeed, and with the amazing interest in Irish culture one finds, not alone among the Irish born, but in first and second generation Irish in the U.S.A., the Concert tour is assured of success. The third and final pointer to success is the interest shown by the vibrant Ancient Order of Hibernians

Rent A Film On Irish History

ST. PAUL, MINN.: A baker's dozen of films on all aspects of Irish history and literature are now available to the general public, according to Dr. Eoin McKiernan, director of the Irish American Cultural Institute here.

The films include: The Golden Door (the Irish in the U.S.); The Irish of the Southern Cross (the Irish in South America); Who Were the Irish? (Early Settlers in Ireland); Walking Europe (Irish on the Continent from the 7th Century); Raiders to Artists (Ireland, 5th - 9th Century); From Doom to Doom (Invasions of Ireland; Vikings, Normans, English); To Hell or Connachs (17th Century Ireland); Travail's End (from the Famine to the Irish Free State); Chained Yet Free (1916 Irish Rebellion to the 1922-23 Civil War); Myths and Heroes (Early Irish Literature); Warriors and Lovers (Tales of the Fenian Knights); Traditions of the People (Songs and Poems of a Forgotten People); and Modern Problems (Ireland's Current Struggle).

All films are available for a rental fee of \$2 each. Write: University of Minnesota Film Library, Minneapolis, Minn., 55414.

Rhode Island State Officers

The recent Rhode Island State A.O.H. Convention elected the following officers for a two-year term:

President Neil Sullivan, Vice President Raymond Lunch, Secretary James J. Mahoney, Treasurer Robert D. Beattie, and Directors George C. Connell, Edward F. Dugan, and Patrick Freethy.

in the U.S.A. Some months ago, the widely circulated Digest of the A.O.H. carried a front page article on last year's tour, which was sufficient to attract enquiries from all over the U.S.A. Having discussed the tour and its purpose with the A.O.H. National President -- Mr. Ed Fay in Pittsburgh, the National Secretary -- Mr. Bill Barnett in New York, and the popular editor of the Digest -- Mr. Jack Reynolds in Long Island, I am convinced that the need for an Irish Cultural Institute, as envisaged by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, has gained the sympathy and encouragement of every member of this magnificent organization, which is doing so much for the Irish in America. In New York, in St. Louis, in Pittsburgh and in Lawrence they have pledged their support, and to quote my good friend in Lawrence -- David Burke 'When we undertake something, we do not believe in half measures.' Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann can rest assured that come November, the Irish Cultural Institute will be much nearer to becoming a reality, than it was 18 months ago when it was first mooted.

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--HIS EMINENCE, PATRICK CARDINAL O'DONNELL, of Ireland

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Support for AOH Legislative Program Urged

President Edward J. Fay Calls On All Hibernians For Action

National President Edward J. Fay calls upon all Hibernians at all levels, individual, division, state, county, and national boards to take immediate and continuing action on the following items:

1. **House Resolution 161** (By Congressman Mario Biaggi of New York) calling for national self-determination for Ireland.

2. **House Resolution 8461** (By Congressman Joshua Eilberg of Pennsylvania) "the Grand Jury Reform Act of 1973" designed to prevent future abuse of the federal grand jury system as in the case of the Fort Worth Five.

3. **House Resolution 981** (By Congressman Peter Rodino of New Jersey) immigration law reform which will, among other things, recognize as refugees the victims of English and pro-British sectarian, racial and political violence in Ireland.

4. **House Resolution 4983** (By Congressman Peter Rodino of New Jersey) General immigration reform which would undo most of the injustice done to the Irish under the present law by restoring 80 percent of the old national origins quota.

5. **House Joint Resolution 261** (By Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan of Maryland) The Human Life Amendment to amend the Constitution to protect the right to life and due process of the law of all

citizens, from the moment of conception and regardless



Edward J. Fay

of age, illness, or incapacity and the discharge petition for House Joint Resolution 261.

6. **Right to Life Amendment** to the Foreign Aid (non military) appropriations bill, S. 2335 (BY Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina) to stop any funds appropriated under the foreign assistance bill from being used to pay for abortion, abortifacient drugs or services, or to promote the practice of abortion and research on the development of methods of abortion.

7. **Registering opposition** in principle to government interference in family affairs, specifically to the population research and family planning services act of 1970 (renewed 1972 with President Nixon's signature) During 1972 alone federal government poured \$128 million of the taxpayers' money into family planning services in 3,260 new public family planning clinics and \$40 million into anti-life research, including abortion. The attempt to exclude abortion as a method of family planning has been a failure. As long as legislators are left to believe that the concept of government-funded family planning is generally acceptable to the Church, and that her opposition is re-

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National Board Awardees to Be Announced Saturday Dec. 1

Hibernians and their friends are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the winners of the National Board Awards which are made December 1, 1973.

Award Chairman William Kinane reports that the awards program has been a real success and the support given by Brother Hibernians has been gratifying. The award winners, he said, will be notified immediately upon the decision of the judges, which will occur in Brooklyn, New York.

The top first four winners will be the recipients of two round trip airplane tickets good for passage from Idlewild Airport, New York to Ireland. If the awardees do not wish to use the plane tickets, they may receive \$500.00 in cash.

The next lucky awardees (5th to 9th incl.) will receive Waterford Glass or \$100.00 in cash. Tenth place honoree will be presented with two Hand Knit Aran Sweaters.

In making the announcement, Chairman Kinane thanks all those who supported the program and so generously helped to make it a success.

FORT WORTH FIVE MAT REILLY NOW A CITIZEN

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.: Matthias Reilly, one of the Fort Worth Five, became a U.S. citizen on Tuesday, September 18. Mr. Reilly was sworn in at the Federal Court here by Judge Joseph Hawkins. The swearing in came after a series of moves by the Justice Department to block the citizenship application of the Rockland County man. Mr. Reilly's attorney, Paul O'Dwyer, hailed the court's action calling it an act of true justice.

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Co-ordinator Thanks AOH For Successful CCE Tour

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

On behalf of the National President and National Director, and the Central Council of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, I would like to express our gratitude and our sincere thanks to you, and to the National President and all National Officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for the outstanding contributions and support that was given to our 1973 U.S. Concert Tour.

From the moment you inserted the first news release in the January-February issue of the National Hibernian Digest, there was never any doubt about the success of our 1973 Concert Tour.

From all over the U.S. I was contacted by phone and letter by kind-hearted Irish men and women, all members of the A.O.H. who pledged their support to us in our effort to raise funds for the building of an Irish Cultural Institute in Dublin.

The need for such an Institute has been obvious for a number of years, with the continued growth of our organization at home and abroad.

This Irish Cultural Institute when completed will house an up-to-date Library of Irish Traditional music and kindred subjects, training facilities for teachers and students, a modern workshop for the production and maintenance of musical instruments, a Recreation Hall, a Music Shop, Museum, Recording Studio, Theatre, Restaurant, and General Offices.

The financial aid that we have received from the 1973 Concert Tour exceeded all expectations, thanks to the overwhelming support that we got from the A.O.H. in America.

In conclusion I want to thank you, Mr. Reynolds, for your personal interest and help. Your long experience in the field of promotion and organizing was a definite help to us.

On behalf of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann I wish to extend to all members of the A.O.H. in America our best wishes for a Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

BILL McEVOY

U.S. Coordinator CCE

Justice Denied

A recent publication entitled *Justice Denied*, by Atty. Sam Dash, challenging Lord Widgery's report on "Bloody Sunday," has been published by the International League for the Rights of Man.

Another publication known as *Triumph* has an excellent article on "Black-outs" of the Irish situation in the press of the United States in its October issue. It also contains excellent articles dealing with the Irish situation in the North in previous issues (April, May, June, July).

State, County and Division Presidents and Chairmen of Freedom for All Ireland and Catholic Action Committees are advised to subscribe to this publication.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Reynolds: Here's a bit of chit-chat. First of all, let me congratulate you on your wonderful issues. I was particularly enthralled with last issue (The Governor Gilligan number). If I had not been over in Ireland at the time, I would have been there at the presentation of the award. John Gilligan has been my friend since he was very young, and it is I who proposed him for membership.

In going through some old files at home I found copies of the National Hibernian dated 1929 and 1930. I also have a wonderful little book with a wealth of information written by Mr. O'Dea, a former National Secretary. The book isn't dated, but it refers to the coming convention in 1914!

You see, I've been a member for 53 years, and my mother was a charter member. I attended all the meetings and conventions as a child, so, though not official, I have been attending meetings longer than 53 years. At present I am State Historian.

The enclosed Xerox copy of a post card I received from Ireland is self-explanatory. I hope you catch some of the programs.

With every good wish to you, and hoping to meet you someday, I am - - Margaret McShane Hannon.

Requiem Celebrated On Death of Bishop David Hickey, S. J.

"Bishop David Hickey, S.J., Chaplain of Cardinal Glennon, Division #2, St. Louis, Missouri, was buried on August 29th. Cardinal Carberry concelebrated the Requiem Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. Brother Jack Keane, National Vice President and many other Hibernians attended the Mass. Bishop Hickey was a priest for over 50 years."

A Great Friend and Helper Passes Away

WASH., D.C. - Christian Charity in Action - The Emerald Isle Division, No. 3, Washington, D.C. prays for the soul of Mr. Joseph G. Roth of Washington, D.C. Although not an A.O.H. member, he was a supporter of the Emerald Isle Division. Mr. Roth assisted in the hard work involved in preparation of arrangements for programs and patronized many functions held by the Emerald Isle Division. Mr. Roth a retired house painter and a veteran of the U.S. Military Service Passed away in Washington D.C.

Unfortunately, Mr. Roth had no immediate relatives in D.C. and his surviving brother and sister are elderly. As a friend of Mr.

Roth, several Emerald Isle Division members made the appropriate funeral and other arrangements. Brother Eugene D. Corkery (and Mrs. Corkery); John W. Ruddy (and Mrs. Ruddy); Thomas W. Guiner; James C. Murphy; John C. Dermody (and Mrs. Dermody); John J. Coughlin; Joseph M. Callahan and James J. O'Connor attended the services at the funeral parlor and accompanied the deceased to the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. J. Edgar Hoover, late Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and John Philip Sousa, famous U.S. bandmaster are among the dignitaries buried there.

The U.S. Army Military Color Guard was in attendance; volleys of shots were fired and taps were sounded for Mr. Roth. This is a fine example of Hibernian christian charity toward others (non-hibernians) and in addition is in furtherance of one of the purposes found in the Preamble of the National Constitution of the A.O.H. namely, "To encourage civic participation". A special thanks is extended to Brothers John C. Dermody and Maurice J. Broderick.

Pope Pleads For Peace in Ireland

ROME: Pope Paul recently made an impassioned and wide-ranging appeal for world peace, calling for the end of conflict and suffering in Ireland, Chile, the Middle East, Indo-China and Mozambique.

On Ireland, he asked: "Will the small and great Ireland, which is so dear to us and which tomorrow will have the honor of the visit of the English Prime Minister for the first time, register in its sad and impassioned history a real progress towards union and peace? We hope so with all our heart."

The Pope spoke at a general audience at his summer residence at Castelgandolfo outside Rome.

In a sweeping call for peace the Pope said, "We hope with all our heart that in all the sorrowful parts of the earth where it seems that the increasing process of human fraternity is suffering a halt or even an ideological, racist, tribal or egoist regression, the generous force of peace can be reestablished."

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT ED FAY AT FAREWELL CONCERT 94th Annual Ball

Outstanding Success

LONG ISLAND: National President Edward Fay arrived here on October 28 to attend the Farewell Concert of the United States Tour of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, which had performed seventeen concerts since arrival on October 8. Accompanying Fay were William Barnett, National Secretary A.O.H.; Jack Reynolds, National Editor; Ronald Allen, Suffolk County President of A.O.H.; and Jerry Slattery, President of Division 7 A.O.H., who sponsored the Farewell Concert.

During the evening, Labhras O. Murchu, National President of CCE, addressed the gathering of 1,000 interested persons who attended the concert at the Montford Missionaries Auditorium in Bayshore, Long Island, telling them that the sixteen-concert tour was the most successful engaged in by his organization so far. He expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America for their untiring support which brought successful results beyond their highest expectations.

Continuing in his praise of the A.O.H., Murchu cited their dedicated interest in the promotion of Irish Culture and appealed for their support for the much needed proposed Irish Cultural Center in Dublin.

National President Fay bade the Artists farewell on behalf of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. He expressed his thanks to the President of CCE for the latter's praise of the Hibernians across the United States, stating that it was a privilege for the A.O.H. to be a part of promoting the invaluable work of CCE.

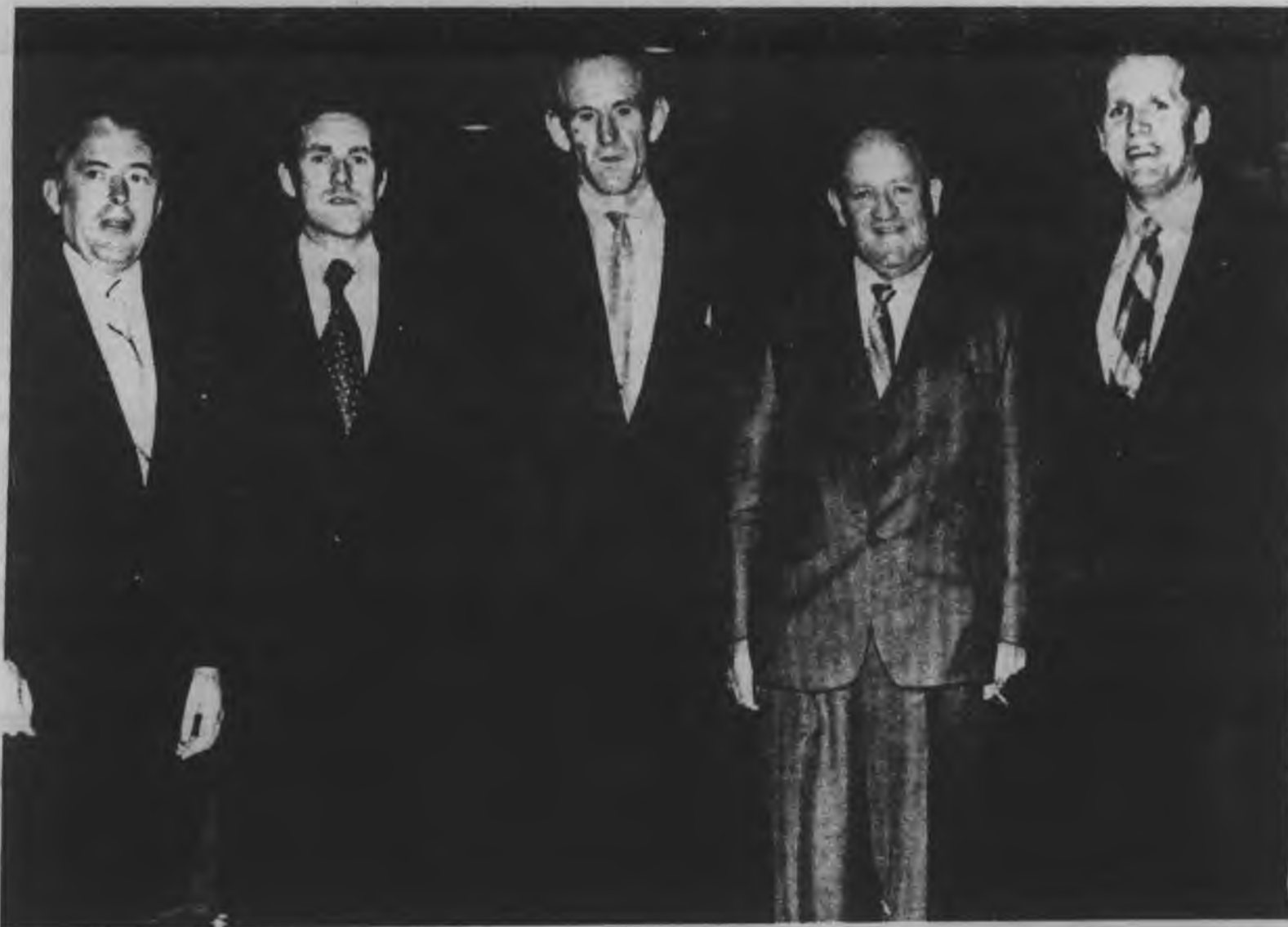
A beautiful plaque was presented by President Fay on behalf of the Hibernians of the United States to the National President of CCE in appreciation for the great work of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann over the past 25 years in promoting the revival of Irish Culture, Song, Music and Dance.

Capping off the program was the Proclamation of October 28 as CCE Day by the supervisor of the town of Islip, Mr. Peter Cohalan.



HOLDING CEREMONIES at the farewell CCE concert are L. to R. - Labhras O. Murchu, National President of CCE; Supervisor of the Town of Islip, Peter F. Cohalan; Rev. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Director of Montford Mission-

aries and U.S. Chaplain of CCE; Town of Islip Councilman John P. Finnerty; and National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Edward Fay.



UNITED STATES Concert Tour arrives in United States. L. to R. - Joseph Kennedy, U.S. representative of Irish Tourist Board; Labhras O. Murchu, National President of CCE; Bill McEvoy, U.S. Co-ordinator of C. C. E;

Jerry Keane, National Organizer of CCE; and William Barnett Jr., who welcomed the group on their arrival at Kennedy Airport on behalf of the National President and AOH in America.

The 94th Annual Ball of Division No. 35 A.O.H. was a well-served success under the Chairmanship of Mike Cusick. Over 150 attended and almost completely filled the American Legion Hall.

Tommy Moane's music delighted everyone and the occasion will be particularly remembered for the tribute to Walter Haran, in whose honor the affair had been dedicated. Presentation of a beautiful commemorative plaque was made to Walter by Bill Carroll and a bouquet of fresh roses was presented to Mrs. Haran by Ann Cusick. The inscription on the plaque read: "Presented To WALTER HARAN in appreciation of his 43 years of active membership and dedication to the principles of Hibernianism." Officers and Members, Division No. 35 A.O.H. October 6th, 1973.

Special thanks go to the remainder of the committee: Pat Bulfin, Charlie Walsh, Pat McNicholl, and Bill Carroll. Also appreciated was the work of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cusick in preparing the sandwiches and refreshments.

It was a great pleasure to see Mr. and Mrs. George Breler who journeyed down from Kingston to visit with us at the ball for the evening. George and the Mrs. are much missed since they left Brooklyn a year ago.

SILVER JUBILEE DANCE FOR DIVISION NINE

To mark its 25th anniversary the JFK Division 9 of the AOH held a Silver Jubilee dinner-dance October 5, at the Trocadero Ballroom, Manhattan. Elaborate plans for this festive occasion were arranged by Chairman Frank Beirne and Division President John Dunleavy. John Lawe, a Roscommon native and presently Local 100 TWU Vice President, received Division 9's award as the outstanding Irishman of 1973.

The dinner committee included Hugh McManus, Bill Spellman, Joe Leonard, John Byrne, Dan Doherty, Bob McLoughlin, Cecil B. Kenefick, John King, James Murphy, Jack Brady and many others. Gene Farrelly and his Hibernians provided dinner and dance music.

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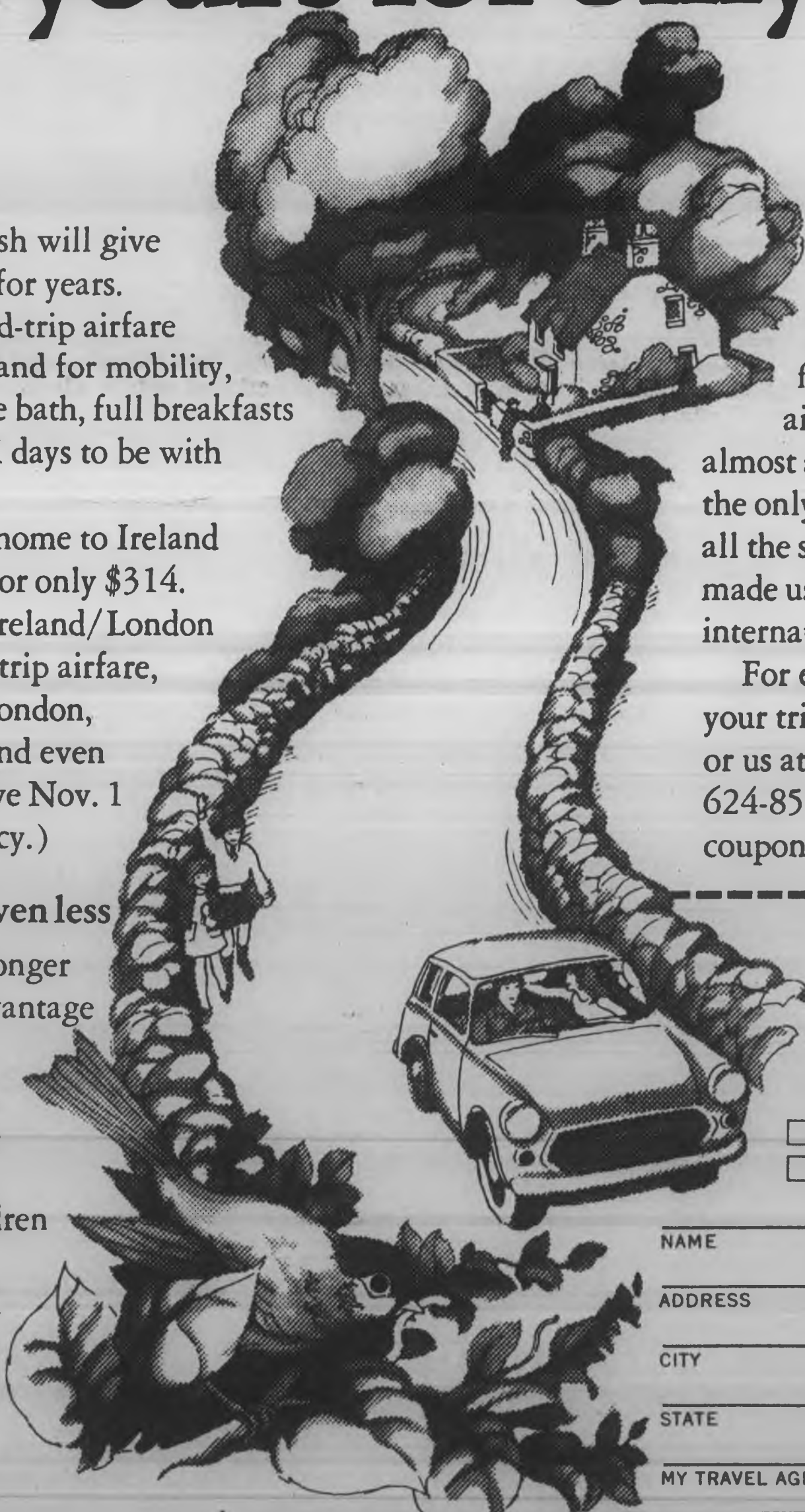
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FEIS WINNERS CONCERT

On Sunday afternoon, November 4, the United Irish Counties Feis Committee presented the 25th annual Feis Winners Concert at Carnegie Recital Hall, 57th St. and Seventh Ave., Manhattan.

The concert featured many of the winners in the instrumental, dancing and singing competitions at the 1973 United Irish Counties Feis.

N.Y. Ladies News**Jordanian Child Adopted by Aux.**

A four year old needy child has been "adopted by mail" by the Schenectady County Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New York State.

She is Iman Subhi Sheikh

Oasem, who lives in Hash-mite, Kingdom of Jordan. Iman is one of seven children. Her mother is a widow who contacted the Franciscan Sisters of the Devine Motherhood for help. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association arranged this monthly support for the Auxiliary.



Iman Subhi Sheikh Oasem

When the Auxiliary President, Mrs. Margaret Patterson presented this Catholic Action idea to the members, they were enthusiastic. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Donna Foy, is the contact person who will help the Auxiliary know more about Iman through pictures and letters.

The picture was submitted by Mrs. Dorothy Foy, Publicity Chairman of the Auxiliary.

'Fort Worth 5' Jury Term Ends

The term of the federal grand jury whose investigation of alleged gun-running to Northern Ireland led to the jailing of the "Fort Worth Five" ended in Fort Worth this week, but its termination was seen as having more a procedural than a substantial effect on the case.

The five Irish-Americans were jailed for nearly seven months on contempt charges for refusing to answer questions before the Grand Jury. They were freed last August after U.S. Supreme Court Justice Wm. O. Douglas ordered that they be granted bail while their lawyers appealed the contempt convictions.

Frank McCown, the U.S. attorney for the northern district of Texas, said Friday that the five men "cannot be held in contempt longer than the (term of the) Grand Jury."

Editors Note: See back issues of Digest 1973, for full story.

KINGS COUNTY AOH HOLDS COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Sunday, October 21, the Kings County Board AOH and its Ladies Auxiliary held a Communion Breakfast at Faragut Manor, Brooklyn. Edward Lodge Curran, county chaplain, celebrated the Mass at 10 a.m. Breakfast followed immediately. Kings County presidents Michael O'Connor and Helen Fazio have appointed William Hulton and Marie Costello co-chairmen.

'Kennedy Medal'**ARTICLE XXVII**

John F. Kennedy

Memorial Medal Program

Section 1. The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. shall award annually a gold medallion to be known as the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal to "a Roman Catholic of Irish Birth or Descent outstanding in his or her field of endeavor."

Section 2. In a Convention Year, the medal shall be presented at the National Convention Banquet.

Section 3. In a non-Convention Year, the medal shall be presented at a time and place to be designated by the National Board.

Section 4. The National President shall appoint one of the elected National Officers as Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee to arrange for the nomination and selection of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Section 6. The following shall nominate candidates for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal:

- All Officers of the National Board, elected and appointed.
- All Officers of the State, District and Provincial Boards, elected and appointed.
- County Boards in meeting assembled
- Divisions in meeting assembled.
- The National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Section 7. The following shall vote on the selection of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal:

- All Officers of the National Board, elected and appointed
- State, District and Provincial Presidents.
- The National President of the Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

Section 8. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall each year, in the first week of November, send to all National Officers, elected and appointed, all State, District and Provincial Presidents and Secretaries, County Presidents, Division Presidents, and the National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, a request that the aforementioned send to

him, before January 15th of the following year, the name of one nominee for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Award.

The Chairman shall outline the requirements as indicated in Section 1 of this Article, and shall request that the nominator send a biographical sketch of his nominee, not to exceed 300 words, and shall request that the nominator ascertain that the nominee, if elected, would be willing to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board.

Section 9. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall mail to all National Officers, elected and appointed, to State, District and Provincial Presidents, and to the National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, a ballot listing the nominees for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal whose nominators have complied with the rules. A letter shall accompany the ballot enclosing a copy of the biographies of the nominees, and requesting the elector to vote for five (5) candidates, listing a first choice, a second choice, a third choice, a fourth choice and a fifth choice.

The first choice will be worth five (5) points, second choice four (4) points, third choice three (3) points, fourth choice two (2) points and fifth choice one (1) point. The nominee with the highest number of points will be declared the recipient of the award. Any winner who refuses to accept the award at the time and place designated by the National Board will be declared ineligible, and the award will go to the nominee with the next highest number of points.

Section 10. The chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall complete the election on or before March 10th, and he and the National President shall release the name of the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal at a time which they consider most appropriate for the good of the Order.

Section 11. The Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Committee shall send to the Editor of the National Hibernian Digest for publication a copy of his November letter requesting nominees for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal.

Section 12. The personal travel and hotel expenses for the recipient, and all other expenses incurred by this Committee, shall be paid out of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medal Fund.

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RECOMMENDED READING

by Dr. Eoin McKiernan, Irish American Cultural Institute

MO SCEAL FEIN (MY OWN STORY), written by Peter O'Leary (Father), edited and translated by Sheila O'Sullivan.

MO SCEAL FEIN is one of the most popular classics of 19th Century Irish rural life. Written with all the affection and understanding he had for the people and land of his native West-Cork, O'Leary gives us a clear insight into the social patterns and hardships of his time.

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fully selected contemporary prints and photographs present a striking picture of the Great Famine, whose full horror Father O'Leary himself experienced. The demoralizing effects of landlordism, the life of small farmers of the period and the picturesque Cork and Kerry countryside are movingly described by Father O'Leary.

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Sheila O'Sullivan is a retired teacher and fluent Irish speaker. She has lectured on the relations between

Gaelic culture and the spoken English of rural Ireland. As a native of Cork, she is intimately acquainted with the parishes where Fr. O'Leary lived.

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THE FEIS (FESH)

By Aloysius Melia, *National Historian*

Every year on the campus of Lehman College in New York City, the United Irish Counties' Association holds an annual feis. This of course is predicated on the ancient Irish tradition of holding fairs and festivals. Usually one accompanied the other. The feis, or festival, included games, contests in song, poetry and other cultural aspects of the Irish people.

The custom of the people to gather for such occasions antedates Patrick's arrival at Tara. Indeed the Hill of Tara was the annual site of one of the three great Irish feisianna. The great fairs and feisianna were considered to be of such national importance that special laws were passed to make certain that the occasion would be carried out in an appropriate and fitting manner. During its existence, fugitives from justice could not be seized. While attending the fair, or going to or returning from it, no debtor could be arrested. On the eve of a feis, all personal adornments such as rings, brooches or bracelets, which had been placed in pawn, were required to be released to their owners during the period of the feis so that everyone might appear at their best. Any creditor who refused to release such property was subject to a heavy fine for the mental suffering caused to those who were forced to be disgraced by being unable to appear in their finest finery.

The law of the fair was inflexible. The king's peace had to be maintained. The violation thereof exacted the death penalty. So inflexible was this rule of law that not even the king's son was immune, when he took sanctuary in Colm Cille's Monastery.

These gatherings served three main purposes. The people learned the laws and the history of their country. Through the recitation of the laws and history of their country. Through the recitation of the poets, they

learned the legends of the past and the warlike deeds of ancestors of the area. Music, poetry, games, and sports, provided relaxation and enjoyment. There was also an opportunity to buy and sell.

The English conquest of Ireland began in the twelfth century and carried through to the twentieth. During a period of seven hundred years, the English physically conquered various areas of the country but were never able to conquer the hearts of the people. Frustrated time after time in this endeavor, the English government concluded that to make Englishmen out of Irishmen, it was necessary to take from them not only their faith and their physical possessions but their mother tongue and customs. This included the customs and practices that were engaged in at the feis. Initially they met with little success. As a matter of fact, the government learned that those that they sent to Ireland to save it for the crown, became great admirers of the Irish people and adopted many of their customs. To such an extent did this exist that the English government passed a law prohibiting those in government service or enjoying the favor of the crown, to intermarry with the Irish.

However as the centuries tolled, the use of the Gaelic tongue and the Irish games and practices, declined in use. Toward the close of the 19th century, that great Irish Protestant, Dr. Douglas Hyde, who thereafter became the first president of Ireland, realized the importance of the Irish people maintaining identity with their heritage. He and others revived the use of the Gaelic language. Simultaneously the Gaelic Athletic League revived the Irish games.

Padraic Pearse was one of those who realized the significance and the importance of maintaining Irish practices and customs. He knew that unless the Irish people

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FEIS GREETING: Nassau County Executive Ralph G. Caso (second from right) and three distinguished members of the Nassau Ancient Order of Hibernians listen as Joseph Halligan of Hicksville, L.I., (a member of the Inis Fada Pipe Band) pipes an official welcome to the 1st Annual Feis of the Nassau County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians

held in September on the grounds of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville. With Caso, from left to right, are: Michael O'Rourke, of Cedarhurst, Nassau County Board, President; Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John W. Burke, a member of the host division in Hicksville and John Bownes, of Westbury, Feis Chairman.

10,000 American Irish Attend Nassau County's 1st AOH Feis

By John Bownes, *Chairman*

"An unexpectedly large crowd of 10,000 people attended Nassau County's first Annual Irish Feis at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville, N.Y. on September 9, 1973, in a demonstration of American Irish interest in Ireland and its future, as well as its past, that frankly surprised and astounded the AOH Committee," Feis Chairman John Bownes declared in a report of the event to AOH state and national organizations.

Bownes reported that among the highlights was the competition of eleven hundred boys and girls in over 108 dance categories, including the Jig, Reel, Hornpipe, and Slip Jig. Over 100 trophies and 600 medals were awarded to first, second and third place finishers. Competitors came from as far north as Ontario, Canada, south as Delaware, and west as Ohio.

Trans World Airlines and County Armagh football teams put on a magnificent display of Irish football.

Music was provided by the Saffron Kilts Irish Pipe Band, Inis Fada, and Saint Ignatius all girl Cadet Core World Championship Band.

County Executive Ralph Caso, who attended the Feis, declared the day - Feis Day in Nassau County.

Congressman Lester L. Wolff was honored for his contribution to the Irish Cause by appearing as guest speaker of the day.

Pat Ryder, a member of Div. #5 East Rockaway, N.Y. supplied and engraved all trophies. All medals were purchased in Ireland.

Following is a partial listing of results of the competition, to be continued to completion in following issues.

Girls Solo Irish Dancing Girls under 6 years - -

Competition #1(Reel)-1st Kathy Fogarty, 2nd Catherine Jennings, 3rd Diane Coleman.

Competition #2 (Jig) - 1st Diane Coleman, 2nd Catherine Jennings, 3rd Beverly Hunt.

Girls 6 years and under 7 - Competition #3 (Reel) - 1st Marie Geelan, 2nd - Ann Griffin, 3rd Anne Fahey.

Competition #4 (Jig) - 1st Marie Geelan, 2nd Annmarie Cassidy, 3rd Maureen McGrenera.

Girls 7 years and under 8 - - Competition #5(Reel) - 1st Doreen Keegan and Colette Coleman (tie), 2nd Rosemary Tierney and Kelly Anne Daly (tie), 3rd Mairead Powell and Rosemary Griffin (tie).

Competition #6 (Jig) - 1st Rosemary Griffin, 2nd Mairead Powell, Bernadette Russelman and Colette Coleman (tie), 3rd Elizabeth Clancy and Pauline Curran.

Girls 8 years and under 9 - - Competition #7(Reel) - 1st Margaret Hickey, 2nd Carol Varcos, 3rd Ann Sheehy.

Competition #8 (Jig) - 1st Kathleen Davern, 2nd Margaret Hickey, Tara O'Brien,

and Caroline Treacy (tie), 3rd Sheila Greaney.

Competition #9 (Hornpipe) - 1st Sheila Greaney, 2nd Margaret Tighe, 3rd Kathleen Davern.

Girls 9 years and under 10 - Competition #10 (Reel) - 1st Jacqueline Coburn, 2nd Sheila Bowles, 3rd Bernadette Galvin.

Competition #11 (Jig) - 1st Sheila Bowles, 2nd Barbaraann Gannon, 3rd Kathy Ryan.

Competition #12 (Hornpipe) - 1st Kerry Sullivan, 2nd Helen O'Leary, 3rd Kathleen Rynn.

Girls 10 years and under 11 - Competition #13 (Reel) - 1st Mary Hussey and Maureen O'Hara (tie), 2nd Eileen O'Connor, 3rd Sheila Breen and Kathy McCabe (tie).

Competition #14 (Jig) - 1st Patricia Cronogue and Margaret Forde (tie), 2nd Rosemary Sheehy and Louise Naughton (tie), 3rd Denise Walsh.

Competition #15 (Hornpipe) - 1st Ellen Ryan, 2nd Patricia Gallagher, 3rd Louise Naughton and Eileen Kelleher (tie).

Girls 11 years and under 12 - Competition #16 (Reel) - 1st Laura Anne Markey and Pauline Morgan (tie), 2nd Donna McGrael, 3rd Teresa Madden.

Competition #17 (Jig) - 1st Teresa Madden, 2nd Geraldine Treacy, 3rd Eileen Whelton.

Competition #18 (Horn-

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EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

A Time of Giving!

Hundreds of brave Irishmen and Irishwomen will spend Christmas 1973 in British concentration camps in occupied Northern Ireland, in England and sad and surprising as it may seem to many, there are also those who are interned in (the 26 Counties) Ireland.

These are fast becoming the forgotten heroes of a cause which all of us supposedly hold dear: A FREE and INDEPENDENT IRELAND!

Far from it that any one of these internees, so interned without charges or trial would ask anything of us, but that we continue to work in our own way this side of the Atlantic for the cause which they and their forefathers are and were prepared to die for.

Christmas is a time of giving, and what other way could we give happiness to all those interned under the so-called British Crown and sorry to say our Irish Government of the 26 counties of Ireland, but by remembering their families during the Holy Season of Christmas.

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TOWARD A NEW IRELAND

By Senator John E. Flynn

AOH, Division 1

Yonkers, New York

Most of the attention of the world is focused upon the present "troubles" in those Six of divided Ulster's Nine Counties known as "Northern Ireland". While this is the immediate concern of all right thinking men, the present troubles are but the symptoms of the disease, not its cause.

One of the root causes of Ireland's problems lies in its present governmental structure. Six Counties in the North-East of Ulster, the historic Northern province are occupied by a foreign power. The remaining Twenty-Six Counties enjoy a measure of freedom and are directly ruled and administered by a centrally organized government in

Dublin, and are known as "the Republic of Ireland".

While the present constitution of the Twenty-Six County state is very good, in fact excellent, for its type, that is for a centralized government; it has a great intrinsic weakness in that it is an Irish adaptation of the governmental form set up by foreigners to rule Ireland in the interest of another country. The native Irish genius had previously created a decentralized form of government, under which Ireland was run by and for the Irish people.

The Gaelic system of law and political organization was based upon the principle of subsidiarity; that is that anything which could

be accomplished in the private sector was left to the private sector and things in the public sector were treated at the lowest echelon possible. Government was, in other words, decentralized. Presiding over Ireland was a High King (Ard Ri), who led the nation in national affairs, presided over the triennial Ard Fheis, whose office was elective, but who did not directly govern the people in their domestic affairs. In addition to the province of Meath (An Midhe), which was the High King's official bailiwick (a similar idea to our District of Columbia, wherein is located the Seat of Government of the United States), were the four provinces of Ulster (Ulaidh), Leinster (Laighin), Munster (Mumhain) and Connaught (Connachta) which were somewhat analogous to our own States save that in Ireland sovereignty was always the attribute of the

nation as a whole, never divided among its subsidiary parts. This was a functioning system then long before the first Saxon ever set foot on Britain.

The decentralization of the Irish system made conquest by foreign invaders a most difficult proposition, for even if the foreigners were able to capture the High King in his capitol (e.g. Tara), that is all that they would have, and the rest of the country could continue to function. The Normans invaded England in 1066 and conquered it in short order. The Norman invasion of Ireland began in 1169, over eight centuries ago, yet did not achieve even the outward appearance of political success until early in the seventeenth century, nearly half a millenium later. Even this success has not been permanent as each succeeding generation of Irishmen has asserted their right to na-

'You Did A Fine Job'

YES, a success beyond all expectations was the statement made by LABHRAS O MURCHU, National President of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, prior to his departure for Ireland at Kennedy Airport. Some 25,000 people attended 16 Concerts presented by 25 very talented artists of CCE.

Back in January-February issue of the Digest we gave the story of this very fine organization who have over the last 25 years given so much of themselves for the promotion and preservation of Irish Culture. The response was tremendous from Hibernians across the United States.

The question was often asked, can we have the Concert Tour? --And all too often the answer was no. As it was a three-week tour, only sixteen concerts could take place in this short time. We cannot forget those who worked so hard for this tour and are not members of our Order - wish that they could be in our organization, such talent.

To all Hibernians across the United States who came forward and worked so hard for the 1973 Tour, to our National President and National Board who gave so much encouragement, to the Artists and all the friends we made, our Thanks.

YES, YOU DID A FINE JOB.

Just a Little Nudge

MR. NIXON, - We'd like to see them home for Christmas, Mr. President. It would rate well for you with all Irish and Irish Americans in these troubled times if you nudged a little the British and Irish Governments. Your influence could have these governments release with amnesty the interned prisoners in occupied Northern Ireland, England and the 26 Counties of Ireland.

Their only crime is to seek a Free and Independent Ireland.

How about it, Mr. Nixon, you can do it?

Our Sympathy

Saddened were all Hibernians to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Edward Butler, father of Nora Butler, talented Irish singer with the recent CCE tour to the U.S.

Our deepest sympathy to Nora and family.

In Belfast Troops Can Now Hold Children

British soldiers in Northern Ireland now have the authority to arrest children aged 10 years and over. This has been allowed for in the Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions Act which came into operation on August 7 last.

A soldier can now lawfully arrest any boy or girl "whom he suspects of committing, having committed or being about to commit any offense. According to an army spokesman the soldiers have received instructions to this effect.

The soldiers making the arrest are to leave the appropriate white card with any relative present at the time. The card is supposed to contain guidance for relatives on how to obtain information about arrested persons, the paper said.

Charges Dismissed In Fort Worth 5 Case

After almost a year and a half of legal battles, contempt charges against the Fort Worth Five were dropped yesterday. Charges against the five Irish-Americans had stemmed from their refusal to testify before a Fort Worth, Texas, grand jury investigating alleged gun-running to Northern Ireland.

U.S. District Judge Leo Brewster of the Northern District of Texas dismissed the charges against the five, when he signed the official order terminating the grand jury, whose term expired last week.

Brewster, who ordered the men jailed for contempt in June, 1972, would not say whether he would reopen the investigation before a new grand jury. But sources close to the case say that that is unlikely.

The men were released August 10 after U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear their case. In all, they spent almost a year in jail.

The grand jury had attempted to question the men about a reported plot to buy guns or explosives in Texas, allegedly for use by the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland. When they refused to testify, Brewster ordered them jailed without bail for contempt until they agreed to testify or until the grand jury's term expired.

The case attracted national attention. Sen. Edward J. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Reps. Lester Wolff (D-Kensington) Abzug (D-Manhattan), among others, came to their support while they were jailed at the Seagoville Federal Correctional Institution near Dallas.

tional freedom, often in arms and blood, right down to the present day.

We in the United States are doubly fortunate: first,

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Clark Sociologist Harrassed During Work In Belfast

WORCESTER, MASS: "I was held for five hours, and intensively and humiliatingly searched," recalls Dr. Rona M. Fields, associate professor of sociology at Clark University, while relating her most recent trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Professor Fields was in Ireland to psychologically examine interned men and women whose cases were to be put before the World Court.

In describing her associations with interned prisoners, Dr. Fields refers to the British 'Hooding Treatment' which she calls, "the Soft Guillotine -- it's a way of separating the mind from the body". The treatment involves leaving the prisoner without food or sleep for several days. A hood of heavy material is placed over the head resulting in a very low oxygen supply. The prisoner is placed in fatigue position so the weight of the body is on the fingertips. This torture lasts for seven days, with intermittent interrogations and beatings. There are also various types of continuous sounds introduced; either of a high frequency nature or the sound of screaming and shots.

Prior to this summer, Dr. Fields had examined over 125 men who had been victims of the "soft guillotine." She found over 60 percent had brain damage.

One young woman was subjected to this treatment in August of 1972, which was after Britain took over Direct Rule. Professor Fields explained, "The effect of this torture varies with the individual, however, temporary insanity is achieved." In her visit there this summer, she found only 2 out of the 9 prisoners she examined had not suffered permanent brain damage. There were also six prisoners who had been interned since August, 1971. "It was essential for me to examine those men," explained Professor Fields, "for they had experienced no intervening variables. Their condition could be attributed only to prison and the torture received there. Since these cases were to go before the World Court, I had to examine them while they were still interned. In this way, the British Barristers couldn't say something had happened to them after their release.

It was while waiting for clearance to enter the Crumlin Road jail to interview another prisoner that Dr. Fields was detained. She was searched and all her papers, notes and tapes were confiscated. When the material was finally returned, the tapes were erased. She was also told she would not be allowed into any more of her Majesty's jails. In protesting the action to William Whitelaw, the British Minister for Northern Ireland, she was promised clearance

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Irish Minister Not In Agreement With Maryland State Hibernian

Mr. Garret Fitzgerald
Minister of External Affairs
Leinster House
Dublin, Ireland

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I read with great interest this morning a statement from you as reported in yesterday morning's **Washington Star News** (photostat included) in which you deplored the amount of IRA sympathy found in the United States, since that army of freedom fighters (as they are defined by this country's State Department) are using the money sent to them to kill their fellow Irish men and women. How can you forget, Mr. Fitzgerald, that the British army was much more active in the North than was the IRA until the situation there became unbearable for the citizens. How can you forget, Mr. Fitzgerald, or do you just ignore the fact that, while certainly people have been killed by IRA bullets, British bullets, and many more of them, have always found their way quite easily into Irish hearts. I do not speak from a safe academic distance, since I come of Belfast stock, and I indeed have many friends and relatives in Derry. If the government of the Free State was attending to the ideals set down in the Constitution, and indeed those of the Easter Proclamation which gave Ireland its renewed life, there would be no need for the "outlawed IRA" in the North, for the IRA would not be illegal, but would rather be the army which your government supports. At best, your statement can only serve to aid the IRA due to the callous intent of that statement, compounded with a growing resentment in America to attempt of other country's telling us what to do with our money.

I continued to read this same publication with interest, and on the same page, I discovered an apology from the British government concerning the black-mailing of a 16-year-old boy. I am sure you are aware of the details of the attempt of the British occupying forces to coerce the boy to spy on his fellow citizens. When even the enemy is forced to apologize, I cannot for the life of me understand how one of my fellow Irishmen can continue to deny the patriotism of the only Irish army.

Sincerely yours,

M. Kathleen Fogarty

Ed. Note: Miss Fogarty is a member of the Maryland State Hibernians.

Miss M. Kathleen Fogarty
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Catonsville,
Maryland 21228
U.S.A.

Dear Miss Fogarty:

Thank you for your letter of 10th May.

I do not think you are correct in suggesting that the "British Army was much more active in the North than was the IRA until the situation there became unbearable for the citizens". The facts are that the British Army came in to protect the Catholic population, and was welcomed by them, in August 1969. In the months that followed the IRA established itself and sought and received arms and money from outside Northern Ireland. It was this development of an illegal army which led to the arms searches in Belfast that contributed to the breakdown in the relationship between the British Army and the Catholic population. Since then the IRA have provoked constant confrontations designed to keep the situation on the boil and have been totally reckless in their activities in Northern Ireland, killing many innocent people as well as British soldiers.

You speak of "a growing resentment in America to the attempt of other country's telling us what to do with our money". I can only record that the people of this country feel a deep resentment against those who have sent money, guns and ammunition to the IRA in Ireland and who have thus contributed to the continued violence in Northern Ireland and to the death of so many innocent people there.

As a Minister of the Irish Government I must reject totally your suggestion that the IRA is "the only Irish Army". The only Irish army is the army of the Republic of Ireland under the control of the democratically elected Government of this Republic - an army which was stoned by so-called "Republicans" in the Curragh at the weekend.

I shall do all in my power to get this message through to people in the United States who have been misled into supporting the campaign of violence and murder carried on by the IRA in this country.

Yours sincerely,

Garret Fitzgerald

How Britain Manages The News On Ulster

The British government has developed a highly proficient press office in Northern Ireland which has succeeded in managing the news on Ulster. It is under the tight control of the British Foreign Office which works in conjunction with the British army. As a result of this operation, the British government has generally been able to censor the news by slanting, and in some cases, suppressing news releases. Most news releases give as their source "high army officers". The army is thus able to present army propaganda as news.

HERE IS HOW THE BRITISH WORK. The nerve center of the government's propaganda machine is controlled by Lieutenant Colonel Maurice Tugwell, a paratrooper officer stationed at Lisburn, near Belfast. Tugwell works under the direction of Hugh Mooney, a top official in Britain's Foreign Office. Mooney's official title is "Civilian Information Advisor". His top aide in Belfast is Keith McDowell, a journalist formally with the London Daily Mail. Close supervision is maintained by the Foreign Office in London. The objective is to justify Britain's presence in Northern Ireland. Every incident is slanted to achieve that objective. Tugwell has a direct link to the British Embassy in Washington. Special attention is given to reporters from the Associated Press, United Press International and the New York Times News Service. Bulletins are regularly issued to foreign embassies the world over. Three staff members of the British Embassy in Washington are in charge of operations in the United States. A public relations firm in New York City was retained by the British government about two years ago to round out the operation.

The British army also has its own press office which caters to visiting foreign journalists. "Tours" of Ulster are regularly arranged for visiting news-

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N. Ireland Prison Called 'Hell-Hole'

Stephen O'Malley, National Treasurer

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX. (NC) Bishop Thomas J. Drury of Corpus Christi has called the Long Kesh internment camp used by the British army in Northern Ireland a "notorious hell-hole."

In a statement to the press, Bishop Drury said that on a recent trip to Ireland he visited Long Kesh and "was shocked and outraged by the obscene conditions of the camp; but I was deeply impressed and edified by the spirit, courage and dignity of the POWs".

"I LEFT Ireland 50 years ago as a young man," said the 65 year-old Bishop, who was born in Sligo in what is now the Republic of Ireland, "but even in those days cattle were not kept in such rotten conditions. The only things lacking in Long Kesh are the furnaces and the gas chambers."

"I was a chaplain with the United States Air Force during World War II but even in Japan I never saw such

abominable conditions. Long Kesh is clearly designed to disorientate its victims."

Describing further the conditions to which he had referred in the statement, Bishop Drury said that the camp had inadequate facilities for washing, that the prisoner's barracks were strewn with glass from windows broken by guards, that 84 men were restricted to 50-square yard area, and that heating was inadequate.

THE BISHOP said that his visit to Long Kesh was arranged by Frank McManus, a member of Northern Ireland's Unity party in the British Parliament. The Bishop said he had also met Ruairi O'Bradaigh, president of the provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), which has been seeking the unity of Ireland through violence.

Asked if he agreed with O'Bradaigh's approval of the violence used by the IRA in Northern Ireland, Bishop Drury said: "As a clergyman, I wouldn't go for any violence."

Toward A New Ireland

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and most obviously, that we have achieved our freedom and independence from England, as we declared on the 4th of July 1776; and second, that the founding fathers of this great American republic understood and employed such principles as subsidiarity, separation and division of powers, and limited government. Ireland, of course is not America, nor do we suggest that a new Ireland, united and free, adopt a carbon copy of the Constitution of the United States. But there are those sound, proven principles which underlie both the American constitutional tradition and the ancient Gaelic political system which are worthy of consideration in the building of a new Ireland, an Ireland not for foreign imperialists, but for the Irish.

We are therefore, most favorably impressed by the Provisional Republican plan for provincial assemblies and regional and local government to deal with matters at the level at which they will be both most clearly understood and most efficiently handled. This must be, of course under the sovereignty of an all-Ireland, 32-County, united Irish Republic combined with constitutional guarantees of individual human rights and liberties in the form of an Irish "Bill of Rights" or Charter of Rights. Thus far this is the most effective and progressive plan for the decentralization of government and the protection of local and minority rights, liberties, and interests in a free and united Ireland in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity.

We can only hope that the good work of such men as Daithi O Conaill and Ruairi O Bradaigh of Sinn Fein in setting up regional governments in Ireland-Dail Uladh (Ulster, the North), Dail Connacht (Connacht, the West), Dail Laighean (Leinster, the East), and Dail Na Mumhan (Munster, the South)--will bear fruit and help restore peace and the ancient prosperity of Ireland. Ulster is, of course, the special test case. The establishment of Dail Ulaoh would be the first step towards the creation of this new governmental structure for the whole island. By thus creating a Provincial Parliament for the nine counties of Ulster within a new united Ireland, the partition system would be disestablished and the problem of the border removed. Dail Ulaoh would be representative of Catholic and Protestant, Orange and Green, left and right. It would be an Ulster parliament for the Ulster people. The presently Unionist-oriented people of Ulster would have a working majority within the province



Mike Folan Continues Pittsburgh Irish Hour

The "Irish Hour" in Pittsburgh was initiated by the late Bill Lynch, who was then general manager of radio station WPSL in 1964.

Mike Folan, a native of Carna, Co. Galway joined him on Easter Sunday 1965.

They co-hosted the program until Bill's untimely death on Christmas Day 1968.

and would therefore have considerable control over their own affairs. (They would also have constitutional guarantee of civil and human rights, which guarantee is visibly absent under English rule.) That power would be the surest guarantee of their civil and religious liberties within a new Ireland (Eire Nua).

A Federal Parliament, a new Dail Eireann, representative both of the people and the provinces (as the Congress of the United States is representative both of the people and the States) would control all enumerated powers and functions essential to the good of the whole nation. An independent judiciary as the guardian of the Constitution and the common law would be essential. Ireland would, at long last, be able to function for the Irish people, in a true, Gaelic, republican-democratic tradition.

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Mike Folan is now the announcer on this very popular Irish program in the Pittsburgh area.

The Allegheny County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsors 30 minutes of this two-hour program.

Radio station WPSL is located in Monroeville, Pa.

publican-democratic tradition.

The Irish nation, like other nations, has the right of national self-determination. The only solution to the Irish question is a free and independent, united Ireland. Like the Jews, who say "never again", the Irish have painfully reached the conclusion that their lives, their property, their livelihood, their liberties, their language, and their culture can never be safe under alien rule. Therefore, in accordance with the proclamation of 1916, and for reasons more compelling even than those enumerated in the American Declaration of independence in 1776, they are committing an act of self-defense, to establish

News from Ireland

3 IRA Leaders Escape From Jail in Helicopter

DUBLIN, NOV. 3: A helicopter landed at Mountjoy prison in the heart of Dublin yesterday and whisked three prisoners to freedom, all of them top members of the militant wing of the Irish Republican Army.

The helicopter, reportedly hijacked after being rented by a man who identified himself as an American firm-made, landed in an exercise yard, police said. An armed man inside the aircraft held guards at bay while the three climbed aboard and less than a minute after it landed the helicopter took off.

Police reported that the helicopter landed later at Baldoyle Racecourse on Dublin's outskirts and the three men escaped in a waiting taxi. Police said the escaped prisoners were Seamus Twomey, 53, identi-

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for work in two days. This was over three weeks ago -- she has had no word yet.

In speaking of the police tactics in Northern Ireland, Dr. Fields described similarities to Nazi Germany, where, "the law is used to serve the goals and objectives of the administration. In Germany the court served the Gestapo very well. A person was guilty until proven innocent, often by simply being a member of a religious group. The British are more sophisticated about it. They can't apply the law only to Catholics, but they can to all Irish, both Catholic and Protestant. Simply by being Irish, they aren't given the same rights as other citizens in the rest of Britain."

Professor Fields feels the World Court case will be beneficial to the interned Irish prisoners, and it is something that the News in Germany didn't have. She points out, "cyanide isn't being administered to hundreds at a time as the Nazis did it -- it's being done slower, softer, and will effect generations yet unborn." Cyanide gas, said Dr. Fields, is being used in the form of E-S

in fact that Irish Republic proclaimed by Patrick Pearse on Easter Monday, 1916, ratified by the Irish electorate in the general election of 1918, and established DE JURE by the First Dail Eireann in 1919. What the IRA is fighting for is the restoration of a united, independent, Irish Ireland; not free merely, but Gaelic as well, not Gaelic merely, but free as well.

Let us all pray and work earnestly for the end to violence which is the unhappy symptom and the peaceful establishment of the cure, a new Ireland, of, by and for the Irish.

gas to disperse crowds, both within the internment camps and in Derry.

Dr. Fields explained that in two years, over 20,000 people in Northern Ireland have been interrogated and over 10,000 have been through internment. The internment in these cases have no specific sentence, therefore prisoners don't know how long they will be detained. She said, "...I thought things were getting better before this trip over, (to Ireland) but it's worse than ever."

The Feis

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had respect and admiration for their heritage, there would be no pride to sustain them in any fight for liberty. Accordingly the leaders of the Irish people brought about a great revival in the Irish language, history, games and social practices.

The importance of this concept was realized here. As a consequence the feis was instituted in New York City. The success with which it has met has resulted in additional feisianna being instituted in other parts of the United States. It has grown in size and importance with each successive year. Many members of the A.O.H. are most faithful in their support of this aspect of Irish culture and traditions.

When next you attend a feis recall that it is an Irish custom that existed long before Patrick came to Ireland. Remember that it still serves here to hand down Irish traditions, history and culture just as it did at Tara. Remember, too, that the feis deserves your interest and support.

Missouri News

NEW LADIES DIVISION INSTALLS OFFICERS

On August 3, 1973 the John F. Kennedy Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 was organized. The officers are: Evelyn Murphy, president; Shirley Clough, vice president; Mary Ellen Madigan, recording secretary; Margaret Clark, treasurer; Mary Scannell, financial secretary; Margaret Minogue, Irish Historian; Peggy Smith, Ch. Catholic Action; Kathleen Brennan, Ch. of Missions; Catherine Maher, Mistress of Arms, and Nancy Murphy, Ch. of Standing Committee.

Irene Allen, County President presided at this meeting. She was assisted by members of the County Board.

After all were elected, the officers were installed by Betty Donovan, National Director Organizer of the Ladies Auxiliary, A.O.H. We received our Charter, September 5, 1973. --Margaret Minogue, Past State President, Missouri.

Support For Legislative Program

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stricted to some nuances and differences about abortion and the like, we are going to have more and more massive government programs which will accelerate not only the abortion rate but the precipitous decline of the family which we see everywhere around us today. This does violence to the principle of subsidiarity. It is difficult for Catholic lay people to fight this kind of immoral legislation alone. We must enlist the aid of all right-thinking Americans. We urge the bishops, as well as our elected leaders, to reaffirm clearly the constant social teachings of the Church on this matter in an appropriate and public way.

8. Seek constitutional ways of providing financial relief for non-public schools and the families of children in non-public schools in order that freedom of choice in education in the United States not be destroyed. If we are to remain a pluralist society we have the right to the means of perpetuating our own distinctive cultural contribution to this great country. E Pluribus Unum does not mean enforced conformity to a state system.

9. Seek the inclusion of "Irish" or "Celtic Studies" in the Social Studies and Literature curricula of the Education Departments of the several states. Other minorities have sought and obtained "Italian Studies", "Black Studies", "Hispanic Studies", "Indian Studies", etc. and we do not begrudge them this protection of their heritage -- it is healthy. But we are reminded that the Irish have also made many great contributions to the building of this great country and should continue the influence of Irish culture (especially among our own children), not only through new immigration, but also by propagation through the schools and libraries.

10. Senate Joint Resolution 84 (By Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania) voluntary school prayer and religious education.

President Fay calls for all Hibernians to write to their Congressman/woman asking that he/she take action on these bills and requesting an affirmative reply. Letters should also be written to both of the United States Senators from each state asking them to introduce identical resolutions in the senate, and to the President of the Senate asking for his support. It is

also important to write to the President of the United States requesting his active support in pushing and approving these programs.

If you don't know your Congressman or Senator's name, inquire at your local U.S. Post Office. Your Congressman's address is: Hon. _____

M.C., U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Your Senator's address is: Hon. _____

U.S.S., United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Room numbers and individual phone numbers can be found in the 1973 Congressional Directory. The switchboard for Congress is the Capitol Exchange (202) 224-3121, should you desire to telephone your representative directly.

The address of the President of the Senate is: Hon. (Vice-President's name) Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate, Room 275, Executive Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20501

The address of the President pro tempore of the Senate is: Hon. James O. Eastland, U.S.S., President Pro Tempore of the Senate, 2241 Dirksen (NSOB) Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

The address of the Speaker of the House of Representatives is: Hon. Carl Albert, M.C., Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2205 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

The address of the President of the United States is: Hon. Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20501.

All Hibernians are also requested to ask their state legislatures to pass appropriate legislation and to memorialize Congress to take action.

New York and Massachusetts provide an example of this where S. 11 and A. 59 by Senator John E. Flynn and Assemblyman Thomas J. Culhane respectively memorialize Congress to pass a resolution calling for national self-determination for Ireland (i.e. H. Res. 161).

Gerry Reardon Is Home from Hospital

President of Division No. 35, Gerry Reardon, has returned home from the hospital a few weeks ago where he had undergone an operation. All your prayers and best wishes are appreciated. Please send your cards to 3215 Avenue H, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210.

CCE Movement Restores Irish Distinctiveness

By Labhras O Murcha

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann was founded in 1951 at a time when our native culture was at low ebb. Today, through the efforts of this movement, Irish traditional music, song and dance are enjoying a vitality never experienced in Irish History.

The aims and objects of CCE include the promotion of traditional music, song and dance, the fostering of Irish traditional culture in general, with special emphasis on the Irish language. These aims are achieved through the activities of the 250 branches in Ireland and the United States, Britain and in Australia.

CCE organize thirty annual Fleadhanna (festivals of native culture), and also numerous concerts, ceilithe and other events. Attendances at these events have been estimated to be in the region of 250,000 people annually. CCE produces records, tutors, a regular magazine, and other publications; it has its own radio programme and is directly involved in the organization of television programmes. The movement provides educational services and is involved in over 200 classes. CCE also organizes an extensive series of native entertainment.

A VITAL NATIONAL PROJECT - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann is now at a crossroads. In order to develop the magnificent potential and goodwill which now exists, urgent and essential facilities are required, these to take the form of an Irish Cultural Institute. The need for such an institute has been obvious for a number of years as the organization continues to expand.

The Institute, to be known as *Culturiann na hEireann*, will include a library on traditional music and kindred subjects; Museum; Workshop for the production and maintenance of musical instruments; Theatre; Recording Studio; training facilities for teachers, producers and pupils; Recreation Hall; Music Shop; Restaurant and Offices.

Culturiann na hEireann will evolve as a nerve centre of cultural philosophy and activity and will identify and promote Ireland's traditional distinctiveness as a nation. It will not exist in isolation but its influence through the facilities provided and the existing con-



LABRAS O. MURCHU, National President of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

tacts (branches, classes, fleadhanna cheoil, etc.) will permeate through the whole country and through the branches of CCE abroad.

The task of achieving our objective is no more daunting than that which faced the founders of CCE in 1951. By the determination of these men and women a cultural revolution, perhaps never dreamed of by others, was accomplished. Through a similar determination at the present time *Culturiann na hEireann* can and will become a reality, but it must be done expeditiously if the results already achieved and the opportunities already created are not to be lost.

It is expected that finance for *An Culturiann*, which will cost \$750,000 will come

from a number of sources: State contributions; Concert Tours and fund-raising abroad; 1974 Branch fund-raising Sponsorship; Private subscriptions; Subsequent operational income.

We appeal for support from all those who subscribe to the aims and objects of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

If you would like to help this vital national project, our address is CCE, 6 Harcourt St., Dublin 2, Ireland, or you may write to Mr. Bill McEvoy, 928 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove, Long Island, New York 11755 (Telephone: 516-588-3709), or the National Board A.O.H. in America.

Congressmen Briefed On North Ireland

Washington, D.C. --- Massachusetts Congressmen Silvio O. Conte and Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr., recently again invited persons knowledgeable on the situation in Ireland to meet with the Members of Congress.

According to Conte, Reverend Thomas J. Drury, Bishop of Corpus Christi, Texas, Frank McManus, Member of Parliament and Ruairi O. Bradaigh, President of Sinn Fein, addressed members of Congress and their staffs on October 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rayburn Office Building. They also responded to questions.

That evening from 5 to 7 p.m., Congressmen Conte and O'Neill held a reception in honor of Bishop Drury, Mr. McManus and Mr. O. Bradaigh in the Rayburn Office Building.

Conte called the Congressional briefing a "unique opportunity for us to discuss the current situation in Northern Ireland with men who are deeply involved in finding a solution to that area's problems."

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News from Ireland

Tragic Death of Talented Irish Singer's Fathers in Ireland

Up to 100 people watched helplessly as two North Tipperary Co. Council employees were buried alive yesterday under rock and clay, when a road trench they were working in collapsed. The dead are Francis Nagle, 61, married, of Lis-boney, Nenagh, and Edward Butler, 60, Clash, Tomme-vara, Nenagh.

They were laying a water pipe in the trench, almost 12 feet deep, near Toome-vara Creamery on the Nenagh-Roscrea Road. The trench, which was about 5 feet wide, took in half of the main road.

When the trench collapsed

fellow workers dug frantically to free the trapped men.

Mr. Edward Butler was the father of Nora Butler, the talented Irish singer who at the time of her Father's death was on the 1973 Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Concert Tour of the United States. It was on the eve of the Farewell Concert that Miss Butler received the sad news.

The tens of thousands who attended the Concerts across the U.S. and the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, one of the prime promoters of C.C.E., extend their sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Freedom Committee Now Has Deputy Chairman

National President Edward J. Fay, on September 17, 1973, appointed William A. Murphy III, of Irvington, New York, to the position of Deputy National Chairman of the Freedom for all Ireland Committee on the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. He will work with Brother Edward Callanan of San Francisco, the chairman.

Brother Murphy has been a member of Division 11, Tarrytown, N.Y., for over ten years. He has been Chairman of the Freedom for all Ireland Committee of the Westchester County Board, 1966-67 and 1970-73. Among his accomplishments in that position are testimony before the European Subcommittee of the U.S. Congress Foreign Affairs Committee on the Irish Question and the drafting (with Kevin Gerard O'Rourke of Yonkers, Div. 1) of House Resolution 195 in the 92nd Congress for Congressman Mario Biaggi and supporting resolutions for Senator John E. Flynn in the New York State Legislature. This resolution, calling for national self determination for Ireland, was eventually co-sponsored by over fifty members of Congress. He has also, with Mark G. Barrett (Vice-Chairman of the American Committee for Ulster Justice, Div. 3, New York), engaged in extensive lobbying with the Congress in Washington.

Brother William Murphy studied under the Irish Christian Brothers at Iona College (where he edited the Gaelic Review magazine)



William A. Murphy III

and, in 1965, graduated from the Virginia Military Institute where he majored in History and Infantry, was Vice President of the Civil War Roundtable, and was on the Dean's List. He was born in Lubbock, Texas, while his father was stationed at the Lubbock Army Flying School and went through the public schools in Irvington, New York, where his family has lived since they came out from Ireland, by way of Wales, in 1854. He holds a Master of Arts degree in American History from Fordham University in the Bronx with minors in International Relations, British and Irish History, and USSR Geopolitics, and has completed all the coursework for

his Ph.D. His dissertation topic is "The Motivation of the Irish Rebels."

This is Brother Murphy's second year as Chairman of the History Dept. at the Halsted School in Yonkers; prior to that he taught History and Political Science at Our Lady of Victory Academy in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. He studies Irish and has done graduate work at the School of Irish Studies in Dublin. He is experienced in both radio and newspaper journalism. He volunteer-teaches for the Bronx Gaelic League. He spent last summer working on the preparation, administration, and evaluation of a new Strategy and Policy course for the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, during which time he introduced case studies used up there.

Brother Murphy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves out of high school and was trained in infantry and combat intelligence. He was later commissioned in the U.S. Navy and, after volunteering, served two tours in the Viet Nam combat zone including the "Tet" offensive in 1968. He retains his commission as a Lieutenant (Senior Grade) in the U.S. Naval Reserve and New York Naval Militia and is Executive Officer of a Naval Reserve Officer School. His thesis on the Fenian invasion of Canada was serialized in the July, August and September 1972 issues of *An Cosantoir*, Irish Defense Journal.

Brother William Murphy lives with his wife, the former Mary Kelleher of New York (and An Uaimh), in Immaculate Conception Parish, Irvington, New York. His postal address is: William A. Murphy III, P.O. Box 17, Irvington, New York 10533.

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NEW LONDON, CONN. NEWS

SPECIAL TO: THE NATIONAL HIBERNIAN DIGEST

FROM: JOHN FOLEY % THE DAY, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

NEW LONDON, CONN.-- The Ancient Order of Hibernians of New London, winding up another year, feel that they have again proved they are one of the most active divisions in Connecticut.

The small but busy John F. Kennedy Division drew its summer season to a close with its annual picnic for members and guests. The picnic in September followed on the heels of the division's annual Irish Weekend in August, featuring Paddy Noonan and his Irish Band.

The fall schedule features the annual Chaplain's Night and Heritage Night. The division's chaplain is Msgr. Terence P. Finnegan, pastor of St. Mark's Church in Westbrook, Conn. He is the retired chief of chaplains in the Air Force. Heritage Night will emphasize Irish history and culture, with appropriate talks and music. The 1973 season will end with the annual combined Christmas party and installation dinner.

Everything considered, it

was a memorable year for the Hibernians in New London. The division got its first annual feis off the ground, and it proved to be a resounding success. The committee was headed by Jack Madden, John F. Kennedy Division's recording secretary.

It also proved to be a memorable year for Madden. He was awarded the division's annual Distinguished Service Award. The award competition is not limited to members. Other winners have included a governor of Connecticut, two former mayors of New London, a high school principal and a city recreation director. Madden is director of Trident Systems Management at General Dynamics-Electric Boat in Groton.

The major activity of the New London Hibernians in the first quarter of next year again will be the annual Irish Ball. James Gallagher and John Hanrahan headed the committee last year. The Irish Ball was a popular feature in

New London decades ago, and it has been revived in recent years by the local Hibernians.

1972 IRELAND EXPORTS RISE BY 20 PERCENT

Exports from the Republic of Ireland rose to a record level of \$1 billion 617 million in 1972 -- an increase of 20 percent or \$270 million over 1971.

Exports of manufactured goods, the largest contributor to the overall expansion, rose by \$155 million. Food, beverage and tobacco exports increased \$60 million, live animals \$35 million and raw materials \$20 million.

Three factors were largely responsible for the above average performance last year: an accelerating rate of increase in industrial exports, the start up of a number of new export factories, and higher prices for cattle and beef exports.

Exports from Ireland to the United States rose marginally during the year, from \$150 million to \$152 million.

University Offers First In-Depth Course on Irish

Seventy-five Washington and Baltimore area residents are receiving a rare opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding this fall of Ireland and the Irish as students in a new and comprehensive continuing education course at Georgetown University in the Nation's Capital. Sponsored jointly by the Irish American Cultural Institute and by Georgetown's School for Summer and Continuing Education, the 10-week course entitled, *The Irish Experience: Nationalism and Culture*, brings together Irish scholarship and expertise from several nationally known institutions in the capital area.

Planned by the IACI as an educational, sometimes impressionistic, sometimes entertaining but authoritative overview of key aspects of Ireland and the Irish, the course covers elements of Ireland's modern history and culture and aspects of the Irish influence on Europe and America.

Course director is Dr. Frank Gannon, whose doctorate is in politics from the Catholic University of America. A writer on political and economic affairs, Dr. Gannon is a member of the International Board of Directors of the Irish American Cultural Institute and he is also a Director of the Gaelic Hall of Fame.

For history buffs the course deals with the historical background to the contemporary Irish political situation, focusing on Ireland's First Great Nationalist, Hugh O'Neill, the 16th and 17th centuries and the 19th and 20th century antecedents of the contemporary Irish division.

Ireland's contributions to the arts will be touched on through discussions of the Irish Short Story, dramatic readings on the 'Trials of Love' in Synge, Joyce and O'Casey, personal reminiscences of The Yeats Family and Their Friends, a critique of the current Irish cultural scene and a special performance by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (traditional Irish Musicians).

Some influences of the Irish will be reflected through lectures and discussions on "The Impact of Irish and Celtic Motifs on European Literature," "Monuments of Irish Interest in the Nation's Capital" and "The Irish Adaptation to American Culture."

Lecturers and speakers include Vincent J. Gorman, M.A., Lecturer in History, Trinity College (Washington); Terence J. Murphy, M.A., Assistant Professor of History, American University; Frank Getlein - the distinguished "at large" critic of the Washington Evening-Star News; Dr. Riley Hughes, founder and director of the Georgetown Writers Conference, an author or editor of some

12 books; Berenice Reed, M.A., Washington artist and cultural coordinator for National Capital Parks, Department of the Interior; Dr. Joseph Williman, Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Catholic University; Dr. Warren MacIsaac and drama students from the School of Speech and Drama, Catholic University; Courts Oulahan, J.D.; Mrs. Eugene J. McCarthy, author of the recent best-seller "Private Places: Public Faces;" and Dr. Frank Gannon.

The Irish American Cultural Institute, whose official patron is Ireland's former President, Eamon de Valera, is the only active, successful international Irish organization of its kind. Honorary International Chairman is H.S.H. Princess Grace of Monaco and the IACI President is Dr. Eoin McKiernan, with St. Paul, Minnesota.

For further information and a registration form call Georgetown University, School for Summer and Continuing Education, 625-4353. Course begins September 17, 1973.

Or you may contact Mrs. Elizabeth Beall, Director, Continuing Education Courses, Georgetown University, Washington D. C. 20007, Tel: (202) 625-4353.

Nassau County Competition

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pipe) - 1st Peggy Croughan, 2nd Maureen O'Hara, 3rd Pauline Morgan.

Girls 12 years and under 13 -
Competition #19 (Reel) - 1st Patricia Cahill, 2nd Doreen Donnelly, 3rd Patty Love.

Competition #20 (Horn-pipe) - 1st Tricia Ryan, 2nd Maureen Gallagher and 3rd, Rosemary DeBellis and Doreen Donnelly (tie).

Competition #21 (Slip Jig) - 1st Rosemary DeBellis, 2nd, Eileen Coyne, 3rd Maryellen Williams.

Girls 13 years and under 14 -
Competition #22 (Jig) - 1st Mary O'Donnell, 2nd Brenda McFarland, 3rd Kathleen Kelleher.

Competition #23 (Horn-pipe) 1st Kathleen Kelleher, 2nd Brenda McFarland, 3rd Mary Rynn.

Competition #24 (Slip Jig) - 1st Mary O'Donnell, 2nd Kelli Armstrong, 3rd Ethna Clarke.

Girls 14 years and under 16 -
Competition #25 (Jig) - 1st Maureen Devine, 2nd Mary Flynn, 3rd Mary Carroll.

Competition #26 (Horn-pipe) - 1st Joanie Hoey, 2nd Moira Higgins, 3rd Breda Dillon.

Competition #27 (Slip Jig) - 1st Theresa Fleming, 2nd Siobhan Moore, 3rd Maureen Devine.

Girls 16 years and over - -



MEMBERS of Ceoltoiri Eireann, group of traditional Irish artists who toured the United States from October 8 through

October 29. L. to r.: Minnie Kieran, Anne Brolly, Deirdre Collins, Patricia Hanafin and Nora Butler.

Competition #28 (Jig) - 1st Sue Wolfstirn, 2nd Kathleen Sheridan, 3rd Maureen Stein.

BOYS SOLO IRISH DANCING

Boys under 6 years - -

Competition #31 (Reel) - 1st Patrick Cunningham, 2nd Anthony Frazier, 3rd James Connell.

Competition #32 (Jig) - -

1st Daniel Flood, 2nd Gerard McDermott, 3rd Patrick Cunningham.

Boys 6 years and under 7 - -

Competition #33 (Reel) - 1st Patrick Long, 2nd Kevin Forde, 3rd Joseph Murphy.

Competition #34 (Jig) - 1st Patrick Long, 2nd Pater Tarsname, 3rd Gerald Schmidt.

Boys 7 years and under 8 - -

Competition #35 (Reel) - 1st James O'Donnell, 2nd Noel McDonagh, 3rd Connell Furey.

Competition #36 (Jig) - - 1st James O'Donnell, 2nd Terrence Sullivan, 3rd Thomas Lyons.

(To be continued next issue)

SO, WHAT'S THE STORY - IRISH!

There is a lesson for the Irish in the U.S. and throughout the world in these newspaper headlines: "Millions For Israel Fund" . . . "Jews throughout L.I. Dig Down Deep" . . . "U.J.A. Expects to Raise \$50 Million in the Metropolitan Area Over the Next Few Days" . . . "Almost 200 Pints of Blood Were Pledged at a Rally Last Night" . . . "Setting Up a Blood Donor Registry so that - - Massive Amounts Can Be Obtained at Short Notice."

All Irish-Americans would do well to ponder the magnificent spirit exemplified in these news reports. No doubt if the Irish had even half of it, then Ireland today would be at peace - - Irish men and boys would not be caged up in concentra-

tion, camps nor Irish women held and ill-treated in prisons, for defending their families and their rights. The lives of Irish children would not be scarred and ruined by terror, violence and continuing oppression.

So, it took the Jewish people two thousand years before they could proclaim Israel "A Nation Once Again!" They now defend it, and Jewish-Americans give their money and their blood. Do the Irish have to wait still another twelve hundred years before Ireland again gains its freedom and national integrity? The answer is, at least in some part, up to all of us, including Y O U.

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N.Y. AOH News New Home for Glens Falls AOH Well Under Way

Building Committee Chairman Jerry Kelly has really pushed on this project. Just as soon as we received our building permit a couple of weeks ago, he had a bulldozer in and had the basement excavated. With the help of a number of you, he has the ground levelled and the forms all built and before long he expects to have the footings and the slab poured, weather permitting. The water, sewer, power, telephone and CATV facilities are presently being put in. With good luck and the concerted help of all the brothers, the first stage of our building program may be completed this fall and we will have our own meeting place.

So far Jerry has called upon just a few of us for help and the turn-out has been very good--only a very few have turned us down.

Among those who have put in time and hard work, in addition to Jerry, have been Mickey Kelly, Johnny Sullivan, Marty Bethel, Ed Bethel, Mike Boyle, Ray Orton, Dick Linehan, Tom Spellacy, Jack Linehan, Ed Rainville, Bill Condon, Dave Bartholomew, Jack Higgins, Paul Fish, Herb Sprott, Con McAuliffe, Joe Sullivan and Howard Thomas. Others will undoubtedly turn up to work and I have probably skipped somebody, for which I apologize.

A number of young lads have also given us a hand; Jerry Kelly's boys Dennis and Joe, Tom Wade's son "T.J." and his pal George Lockhart; Mickey Kelly's Mike and his brother Pat; Marty Bethel's sons Pat and Mike; Jim Nichols boys Pat, Mike and Jimmy.

We shouldn't forget Dave Little, who has been working out all the legal tangles involved.

During the next few weeks Jerry will be calling upon more of us to help in the construction -- when called upon, please don't refuse. If possible, call Jerry or Jim Nichols and volunteer your time.

Remember Brothers--our Home, when completed, will belong to each and every one of us; so each and every one of us should do as much as we can to contribute to the building of it!

DO YOUR SHARE.

STATEN ISLAND AOH DIVISION HOLDS BALL

St. Columille Division 4 of the Staten Island AOH held a Harvest Ball featuring the Paddy Noonan Band on Saturday, November 10, at St. Joseph's-by-the-Sea High School, Huguenot, S.I. Chairman was John Sullivan.



SOME OF THE ARTISTS with the U.S. Concert tour on their arrival at Kennedy Airport.



MEMBERS of the Ceoltoiri Eireann, group of traditional Irish artists who toured the United States

Connecticut AOH News

New Haven Club Loses Three Beloved Members

On Sunday, September 9, activities at the club ceased when we heard that our good friend and member, Father Carukin, was in serious condition at St. Raphael Hospital. President Sean Gallagher led us in prayer, and all the joy had left the group. On the following day we learned that Father Carukin had left us.

Our members were in great numbers at the Rectory, evening Mass and funeral. We thank them. We will long remember the great evenings with Father, his tales of County Clare and his warm wit and ready ear for troubles of others. He was very active in the

Club, Chaplain of the football Team, and found time to be Regional Chairman for Irish Northern Aid, the Irish History Round Table, and the Hibernians.

He had spoken at the Club at the reception for Father Sean McManus just after his return from Ireland, and was very helpful to the people who were working for unity and friendship between all Irish groups as well as being active in the Interfaith Clergy Association in Hamden. He was Pastor of Saint Rita Church, and made the Hall available for the Gaelic Dramatic Society to present last year's play for Irish Northern Aid.



REV. WILLIAM A. CARUKIN
August 8, 1912-- Sept. 10, 1973

We look forward to meeting him in "Tir n'an Og" where we know a place has been reserved for him.

Another blow to the club was the recent death of our active Chairman of the Standing Committee Jim McKeown who had been active on Ball Committees, raffles, and every other Division affair for many years; and Joseph Looney, a long time member of the division and the son of New Haven's only Past National Director, Bill Looney.

May Joe, Father Carukin, and Jim rest in peace in "Tir n'an Og" - the place of the ever-young - until we meet again.

How Britain Manages the News

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men. Major Colin Wallace is liaison officer for visiting journalists. "Confidential" news "leaks" have often enabled the army to plant fictitious stories for publication by gullible foreign reporters visiting Ulster for the first time. Literally thousands of press releases have failed to disclose the source of information for the release except to attribute the information to "high military sources".

Certain Unionist owned newspapers are used by the army press office, including the Belfast Newsletter, owned by leading Orange politicians, and the Belfast Telegraph, a long time supporter of the Unionist Party. Censorship of newspapers by the government is legal under the Special Powers Act.

The government's censorship efforts in the TV news media have met with less success and some strong resistance. Early in 1972, about 50 B.B.C. journalists protested Prime Minister Heath's efforts to muzzle them and censor their work. When they made their objections known to the reading public, the government censors beat a quick retreat. Experienced American journalists have grown wary of British army press releases and the censorship of news in general emanating from Northern Ireland. Despite this, the British government has been highly successful in distorting the news from Ulster.

Belfast Model Is Rose of Tralee

A 19-year-old Andersonstown, part-time model was recently crowned 1973 Rose of Tralee. Miss Veronica McCambridge, the North's only entrant, was selected by a panel of four judges from the international bouquet of 27 Roses and won the 1,000 pounds first prize.

Miss McCambridge, whose interests are "horse-riding and outdoor activities" drew a special round of sympathetic applause in the Thomas Ashe Memorial Hall

Thousands sang "She was lovely and fair" as the crown was placed on Miss McCambridge's head. when she said it was her ambition to get away from strife

torn Andersonstown and "live on an island off the west coast of Ireland".

She told Brendan O'Reilly the compere, that because of the troubles in Belfast she now had to work as a model in the quiet, smaller towns in the North.

Miss McCambridge, who has six sisters and one brother, lives with her family at 95 Andersonstown Road, and when not modelling helps her mother to run a shop.

Outside the Hall, she was cheered by the biggest-ever crowd to gather at this stage of the Kingdom's mammoth Festival.

Brendan Byrne Wins Election



AT HOLY NAME SESSION--Jersey City Hibernians pose with New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Brendan T. Byrne, following a session of the State Holy Name Coordinating Committee which was addressed by Mr. Byrne. Mr. Byrne is a nephew of the late Past National Treasurer Joseph (Pop) Brennan. Left to right

are Brother Walter McInerney, Brother Harold J. Ruvildt Sr., Mr. Byrne and Brother Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan, K.S.G., past national president of the A.O.H. and currently a municipal judge in Jersey City. Mr. Byrne subsequently won the Nov. 6th election in New Jersey and now is the governor elect.

Connecticut AOH News

University of Dublin Soccer Team Feated

"CEAD MILE FAILTE" Salutations were the prevalent greetings on September 25 when the John F. Kennedy Division, Bridgeport A.O.H. and the Bridgeport Gaelic American Club and the ladies Auxiliaries of both organizations jointly sponsored a reception to the touring University of Dublin soccer team and its official party.

Held at the beautiful glass enclosed Ninth Floor Tower Room of the Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center on the University of Bridgeport campus, the visiting Dublin players were furnished with a breathtaking panoramic view in all directions of the City of Bridgeport.

The Dublin squad on a two week, nine game tour of New England and New York, in which it played some of the East's leading collegiate soccer teams welcomed the opportunity to meet and chat with the members of the Irish societies in attendance at the enjoyable affair.

During the course of the evening the auxiliary ladies outdid themselves to provide a bountiful fare of sandwich-

es, cakes, etc. and of course made certain that an ample supply of Irish soda bread was on hand to satisfy all.

The informal program featured Albert Murphy, President of the John F. Kennedy Division, A.O.H.; Al Byrne, Gaelic American president; Fran Bacon, U.B. soccer coach; and Dr. Tony O'Neill, coach of the University of Dublin soccer team, who introduced the individual members of his squad.

Prior to the reception the Dublin players conducted in the afternoon hours at Seaside Park a soccer clinic to provide soccer tips and the fine points of the game to interested residents of the area.

The following evening, September 26, the Dublin team in the first soccer game ever played on the football field, Kennedy Stadium, and also the first foreign team in action there, squared off against the University of Bridgeport soccer combine.

The Bridgeport team, a top notch outfit with a number 15 ranking in the entire country, handed the Irish boys a 5 to 2 setback

to even the Dubliners record at three victories and three defeats.

In previous matches, the Dublin team had gained triumphs over Providence College, Eastern Connecticut, and Dean Junior College while bowing to University of Rhode Island and Brown University.

Conspiracy To Wipe Out Catholic Schools

The Alliance Assembly member for North Belfast, Mr. John Ferguson, said last night that there was a conspiracy to put an end to all Catholic schools in the area.

He was speaking after the attacks on two schools, one

at Ballysillan Road and the other at Crumlin Road, which were damaged in bomb attacks late last Monday night.

Mr. Ferguson said: "I wish to assure Catholic parents and managers of these schools that the vast majority of Protestants share my horror at these actions. I also demanded that since these schools have been chosen as obvious targets there must be special protection for them."

Troops yesterday defused two bombs at the Convent of Mercy Girls' School which was damaged in a double explosion. One of the bombs consisted of 200 lbs. of explosives packed in a beer keg and one of 30 lb. in a gas cylinder.

Indiana News

Indianapolis Host To State Convention

The Indiana State Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held at Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, August 11. The Kevin Barry Division of Indianapolis was the host division for the convention.

The convention unanimously supported the National Board's resolutions on the Fort Worth Five, abortions and Freedom for All Ireland.

The invitation for the next convention in 1975 was from South Bend, Indiana.

The following officers were elected: President Roger L. Donoghue of Michigan City, Ind.; Vice President Denis Moriarty of Indianapolis; Recording Secretary Frank Kehoe of Indianapolis, and Treasurer Joe Quigley of Indianapolis.

A banquet was held along with the Ladies Auxiliary and new officers were installed by John Hoswell, National Chairman of Catholic Action, of Dayton, Ohio. Fraternally yours, Frank Kehoe

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GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS: Albany Diocese and Anchorage, Alaska.

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FURTHER INFORMATION, WRITE: Rev. Mother M. Bernadette, St. Colman's Presentation Convent, Boght Rd., Watervliet, N.Y. 12189.

Brother Paul Pays Surprise Visit in D.C.

WASH., D.C. - Brother Paul Sullivan, S.D.S., a member of the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. on assignment in Rome, Italy paid a surprise visit to the regular October monthly meeting of the Emerald Isle Division. All present were very pleased and happy to see and talk with Brother Paul. All members miss Brother Paul's attendance at meetings and especially his musical group which so willingly entertained at Emerald Isle Division functions.

The Emerald Isle Division held its election of officers and conducted an installation of officers at the October meeting--so we were glad Brother Paul was with us. It is hoped that Brother Paul will soon conclude his assignment in Rome and return to Washington, D.C. Brother Paul has our prayers and best wishes for a safe return to Rome.

The newly elected officers of the Emerald Isle Division



WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Emerald Isle Division, No. 3, Washington, D.C. is shown presenting a tray as a memento to the Irish Ambassador and Mrs. William Warnock as they prepare to depart for their new post in Switzerland. The presentation was made at a farewell party in the Embassy of Ireland where the Emerald Isle Division joined with the diplomatic community in wishing the Warnocks a fond farewell. Among the dignitaries present were Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts; Mr. Samuel Dash, Chief Counsel of the Watergate Committee; Dr. Robert T. Meyer, Holder of Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University of America (Endowed by A.O.H.); Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke, Head of the world famous

Catholic University School of Speech and Drama and Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Officers of the Emerald Isle Division reading left to right are: James J. O'Connor, Chairman, Catholic Action Committee; Joseph M. Callaghan, Sentinel; Thomas W. Guiner, President; Thomas P. Heery, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Warnock; Edward P. Keefe, Treasurer; Ambassador William Warnock; Frank O'Neill, Historian; Honorable Richard Ryan, Minister of Finance, Republic of Ireland and John W. Ruddy, Secretary. Officers not in picture are: Paul F. Hillery, Vice-President; John C. Dermody, Chairman of Standing Committee and John Francis Comer, Marshal.



Brother Paul Sullivan, S.D.S.

sion, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. are: President: Paul F. Hillery; Vice-President: Frank O'Neill; Treasurer: Alan Russell; Financial Secretary: Thomas P. Heery; Recording Secretary: John W. Ruddy; Chairman of Grievance Committee: John C. Dermody; Marshal: William R. De Waal; and Sentinel: John J. Coughlin. The following appointive officers are: Desmond F. Murphy, Historian and James J. O'Connor, Chairman, Catholic Action.

ASBURY PARK A.O.H. MARKS ANNIVERSARY

ASBURY PARK, N.H.: Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Asbury Park marked its 20th anniversary with a cocktail hour - dinner dance on Saturday, November 3 at the Terrace Gardens, Wanamassa, New Jersey.

Tim Sullivan was chairman and Gerald Higgins was ticket chairman. Gerald G. Sparnkel is the division president.

N.Y. Ladies News

Rosary for Peace At Marion Shrine

The Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New York State Board, held their Pilgrimage for the down-state Counties to the Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, New York, Sunday, September 30, 1973. Mollie Barrett, Nassau County, Chairlady of Catholic Action, lead the Pilgrimage to Don Bosco Chapel for the 12 o'clock Mass. Father Peter Lappin was celebrant of the Mass; Marian Cuff, Onondaga County, was the Lector. Mary Collins (Nassau) and Josephine Ahearn (Suffolk) presented the Gifts. Following Mass, luncheon was served at the spacious cafeteria while others had an outdoor picnic. A tour of the grounds featured gift shops, grottos of Fatima and Lourdes, and the Agony in the Garden.

Father Lappin and the State Officers lead the 3 o'clock procession for the

Rosary along the famous Rosary Way. The Rosary was for Peace in Ireland and all over the world.

State President, George Foley (Troy) greeted the Hibernians, Thomas Landers, State Directory (Queens) and Una Murphy, County President (Queens) headed their group. Helen Fazio, County President (Kings); Kathryn Gaspari County President (Bronx) headed their groups. Mary Davitt (Bronx) escorted a large group around the grounds. Over 200 Hibernians attended.

Benediction was held at 4:30 p.m. at the outdoor church.

The Salesian Fathers bade us a grand farewell and hoped we would return again next year.

Submitted by:
Marguerite Martin

55 Year Member Of Division 8 Dies



Patrick J. O'Sullivan, 81, 218 Abbott St., father of Rev. Patrick J. O'Sullivan CSSP, of Riverside, Calif., and retired Lawrence High School engineer fireman, died unexpectedly recently.

Stricken at his home, he was taken by members of his family to Lawrence General Hospital where he died shortly after being admitted.

He was born in Glenleigh Rothcoole Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, Jan. 27, 1892 and came to this country in April, 1914, at the age of 22. He was a Lawrence resident 59 years. He was

the widower of Julia (Sheehan) O'Sullivan, who died in 1962. He was educated in Ireland.

Mr. O'Sullivan retired from his position at Lawrence High School in 1961, after 40 years service. A daily communicant of St. Patrick's Church, he was a 50-year member of the Holy Name Society and served on the sick and vigil committee 25 years.

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WASH., D.C. - Brother Paul Sullivan, S.D.S., a member of the Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. on assignment in Rome, Italy paid a surprise visit to the regular October monthly meeting of the Emerald Isle Division. All present were very pleased and happy to see and talk with Brother Paul. All members miss Brother Paul's attendance at meetings and especially his musical group which so willingly entertained at Emerald Isle Division functions.

The Emerald Isle Division held its election of officers and conducted an installation of officers at the October meeting--so we were glad Brother Paul was with us. It is hoped that Brother Paul will soon conclude his assignment in Rome and return to Washington, D.C. Brother Paul has our prayers and best wishes for a safe return to Rome.

The newly elected officers of the Emerald Isle Divi-



WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Emerald Isle Division, No. 3, Washington, D.C. is shown presenting a tray as a memento to the Irish Ambassador and Mrs. William Warnock as they prepare to depart for their new post in Switzerland. The presentation was made at a farewell party in the Embassy of Ireland where the Emerald Isle Division joined with the diplomatic community in wishing the Warnocks a fond farewell. Among the dignitaries present were Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts; Mr. Samuel Dash, Chief Counsel of the Watergate Committee; Dr. Robert T. Meyer, Holder of Chair of Celtic Studies, Catholic University of America (Endowed by A.O.H.); Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke, Head of the world famous

Catholic University School of Speech and Drama and Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Officers of the Emerald Isle Division reading left to right are: James J. O'Connor, Chairman, Catholic Action Committee; Joseph M. Callaghan, Sentinel; Thomas W. Guiner, President; Thomas P. Heery, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Warnock; Edward P. Keefe, Treasurer; Ambassador William Warnock; Frank O'Neill, Historian; Honorable Richard Ryan, Minister of Finance, Republic of Ireland and John W. Ruddy, Secretary. Officers not in picture are: Paul F. Hillery, Vice-President; John C. Dermody, Chairman of Standing Committee and John Francis Comer, Marshal.



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ASBURY PARK A.O.H. MARKS ANNIVERSARY

ASBURY PARK, N.H.: Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Asbury Park marked its 20th anniversary with a cocktail hour - dinner dance on Saturday, November 3 at the Terrace Gardens, Wanamassa, New Jersey.

Tim Sullivan was chairman and Gerald Higgins was ticket chairman. Gerald G. Sparnkel is the division president.

N.Y. Ladies News

Rosary for Peace At Marion Shrine

The Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New York State Board, held their Pilgrimage for the down-state Counties to the Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, New York, Sunday, September 30, 1973. Mollie Barrett, Nassau County, Chairlady of Catholic Action, lead the Pilgrimage to Don Bosco Chapel for the 12 o'clock Mass. Father Peter Lappin was celebrant of the Mass; Marian Cuff, Onondaga County, was the Lector. Mary Collins (Nassau) and Josephine Ahearn (Suffolk) presented the Gifts. Following Mass, luncheon was served at the spacious cafeteria while others had an outdoor picnic. A tour of the grounds featured gift shops, grottos of Fatima and Lourdes, and the Agony in the Garden.

Father Lappin and the State Officers lead the 3 o'clock procession for the

Rosary along the famous Rosary Way. The Rosary was for Peace in Ireland and all over the world.

State President, George Foley (Troy) greeted the Hibernians, Thomas Landers, State Directory (Queens) and Una Murphy, County President (Queens) headed their group. Helen Fazio, County President (Kings); Kathryn Gaspari County President (Bronx) headed their groups. Mary Davitt (Bronx) escorted a large group around the grounds. Over 200 Hibernians attended.

Benediction was held at 4:30 p.m. at the outdoor church.

The Salesian Fathers bade us a grand farewell and hoped we would return again next year.

Submitted by:
Marguerite Martin

55 Year Member Of Division 8 Dies



Patrick J. O'Sullivan, 81, 218 Abbott St., father of Rev. Patrick J. O'Sullivan CSSP, of Riverside, Calif., and retired Lawrence High School engineer fireman, died unexpectedly recently.

Stricken at his home, he was taken by members of his family to Lawrence General Hospital where he died shortly after being admitted.

He was born in Glenleigh Rothcoole Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, Jan. 27, 1892 and came to this country in April, 1914, at the age of 22. He was a Lawrence resident 59 years. He was

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National Board News

Bill Kinane Hails Success Of National Board Awards

It was a gala occasion the evening of December 1, at which the installation of Kings County N.Y. officers and ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was topped off by announcing the awardees of the National Board Awards. Chairman of the awards program, Bill Kinane, was enthusiastic in expressing his gratitude to all who helped to put the program across so well.

National Editor Jack Reynolds, representing National President Edward Fay who could not attend, conveyed the latter's congratulations and pride to Chairman Kinane for his dedication and excellent work this year and past years.

The suspenseful evening opened with the annual Mass for deceased members celebrated by the chaplain, Rev. Michael Hannon, in the main banquet hall of Michels on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. The members who died in 1973 were Claude Durey, John Hartigan, Tom McNally and Daniel Moriarty.

Following the Mass the Officers of Division Five for the year 1974 were installed by County President (Kings) Michael O'Connor. They are: President Lawrence O'Keefe; Vice President Michael O'Brien; Secretary Edward Murray; Financial Secretary Anthony Kenny; Treasurer Michael O'Shea; Chairman Grievance Committee Thomas Crinigan; Marshal Jerry Killian; Sentinel Tom Gaffney.

Following the installation of Division 5, the officers of Divisions 9, 23 and 33 of Kings County Ladies Auxiliary were installed: Presidents are Division 9 - Mrs. Helen Fazio; Division 23 - Miss Gert Flaherty and Division 33 - Mrs. Elizabeth McNamara.

After the installations, a full course dinner was served with the following National Officers in attendance: Mrs. Rita Murphy, President Ladies Auxiliary; Jack Reynolds, National Editor Hibernian Digest, representing National President Edward Fay; William Kinane, National Director; Thomas Conroy, National Chairman-Charitable Mission Fund; George Waters, Counsel to National Board; Peter Tierney, Deputy Organizer; John Curry, Deputy Organizer.

The following Past Presidents were honored and each presented with a watch or ring: Mark J. Glynn, 1954-1955; Charles Leonard, 1961-1962; Thomas Crinigan, 1963-1964; Peter Tierney, 1965-1966; John Wallace, 1967-1968; Michael O'Brien, 1969-1970.

Also Michael O'Shea was presented with a watch, having served the Division as an officer for 20 years.

Wives of members honored were each presented with a bouquet of roses.

During the dinner, music was supplied by John and Nancy Ryan (Division 5) and their Tipperary Minstrels. Of all the paid up members of Division 5, Brothers Duncan McLeod and Peter Ward were the lucky recipients of a turkey of their choice to be delivered before Christmas.

Awardees Announced

The much awaited announcement of awards went as follows: First - Bill Flood, Newtown, Connecticut; Second - John J. O'Brien, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.; Third - Tom Klingler, Indianapolis, Indiana; Fourth - Richard C. Herbig, Jarrettsville, Md.; Fifth - Helen Brady, Harrisburg, Pa.; Sixth - A. J. McGlynn, Santa Ana, California; Seventh - Martin A. Cook, Washington, D.C.; Eighth - Joyce Woods, Shafter, Calif.; Ninth - Donna Auld, Melrose, Mass.; Tenth - Kathleen Webster, Troy, N.Y.

Each winner was especially presented by an officer in attendance. First award presented by Jack Reynolds, representing President Edward J. Fay; Second award by Rita Murphy, National President Ladies Auxiliary; Third award by Thomas Conroy, National Chairman Charitable Mission Fund; Fourth award by Marguerite Martin, New York State Board Publicity Chairman; Fifth award by Margaret McAlister, Past New York State President; Sixth award by Michael O'Connor, Kings County Board President; Seventh award by Helen Fazio, Kings County Board Ladies Auxiliary President; Eighth award by Larry O'Keefe, President Division 5; Ninth award by Gertrude Flaherty, President Division 23 Ladies Auxiliary; Tenth award by Elizabeth McNamara, President Division 33 Ladies Auxiliary.

Rounding out the evening was an address by National President Rita Murphy, Ladies Auxiliary, who with her usual lovely self, brought greetings from the National Board and Congratulations to the newly elected officers installed during the evening.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of cash donations towards the Awards:

Complete

Sean Maroney (3), Sacramento, Calif.; P. Bulfin (2), E. Islip, N.Y.; P. O'Donoghue (2), Nyack, N.Y.; J. Rodgers (2), Briston, Pa.; M. E. Collins, Cincinnati, Ohio; Father McCrann, Division 7, Suffolk, N.Y.; J. Costello, Watervliet, N.Y.; J. Connolly, Brooklyn, N.Y.; J. Simmons, Carteret, N.J.; M. Madden, Hicksville, N.Y.; Jim Finn, Staten Island,

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President Fay Appoints Nolan

President Edward J. Fay announces Thomas H. Nolan's appointment as Deputy National Organizer of the AOH in America, Inc. Mr. Nolan resides at 14 Summit Terrace, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960.

Nolan's vital statistics are as follows: Graduate of Everett High School Everett Mass., 1930; Attended Boston Teachers College and Boston University, 1936-38; Served 3 terms as Ward 2 Councilman City of Everett, 1947-48 49-50 53-54; Became a member of Div. 11, Peabody Mass., 1959; President of Div. 11, 1965 and 1966; Essex County President, 1970-1971 and 1972; Appointed Deputy National Organizer by Pres. Edward Fay 1973.

Delegate to the National Constitutional Convention, Pittsburgh, Penna. 1971; Delegate to the National Convention, Dublin, Ireland, 1972.



THOMAS H. NOLAN

Deputy National Organizer

1965-66 Past Grand Knight, Leo Council 508, Knights of Columbus, Peabody, Mass.; Presently Financial Secretary, Leo Council K of C.; Member of the Varsity E Club of Everett High School; Member of the American Society of Notaries.

Married to the former Helen A. Dougan of Manchester, N.H.; Two children - Thomas M. Nolan of Marblehead, Salesman for the Borden Co.; Lois M. Nolan, Flight Attendant, Eastern Airlines.

Mr. Nolan is presently employed as a Quality Control chemist at The Gillette Toiletries Div., Andover, Mass.

A Christmas Message From President Fay



"Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace to men of Good will."

This has got to be the timeless and endless message of Christmas and I extend it to each of you and your family who make up the great brotherhood of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. May the New Year bring you joy even in the midst of the crises of our world.

At this Holy Season of Christmas, again I ask you to reflect on the past and coming year in terms of your participation in the purposes and advancement of our Order. The problems of our troubled people in Ireland are so vast and deep, that only through an organized effort can we help solve them. But the organized effort means the sum total of all our individual efforts under our banner of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Have we been sharing our financial blessings by raising money in our Divisions to feed, clothe and nurse our besieged brothers of northeast Ireland? Are we informing ourselves of the facts and our history so we may exert effective pressure on the legislators and

statesmen of this country to influence for a United Ireland?

Are we upholding the image of a Hibernian by which we can attract more and more Irish Americans to our cause and the preservation of our cultural riches? Are we active in our church, in our local politics, in civic duties, and do we aspire to a leadership role if we are talented for this?

Do we actively support the programs of our Divisions and are we regularly mindful of bringing in a new member?

In these times of increasing confusion in our national life, we can be very clear about what we stand for by strengthening our support of our peoples' sacrifices for freedom and equality under the law. We can gain strength and encouragement from our fellow Hibernians in times of our personal crises and needs. We can strengthen our beloved Catholic Church as it seeks to cope with the stresses of the times.

In the coming year, there will be an abundance of purpose to our lives as we continue to grow as loyal Americans who must share our heritage of freedom with our native land and by example, win others to our cause.

CHRISTMAS Time of Giving

Hundreds of brave Irishmen and Irishwomen will spend Christmas 1973 in British concentration camps in occupied Northern Ireland, in England and sad and surprising as it may seem to many, there are also those who are interned in (the 26 Counties) Ireland.

These are fast becoming the forgotten heroes of a cause which all of us supposedly hold dear: A Free and Independent Ireland!

Far from it that any one of these internees, so interned without charges or trial would ask anything of us, but that we continue to work in our own way this side of the Atlantic for the cause which they and their forefathers are and were prepared to die for.

Christmas is a time of giving, and what other way could we give happiness to all those interned under the so-called British Crown and sorry to say our Irish Government of the 26 counties of Ireland, but by remembering their families during the Holy Season of Christmas.

Yes, Lest We Forget the cause which should be so dear to us, the opportunity is now!

You should include in your charity this Christmas a food package or better still a check for a few dollars to the Prisoners Families Relief Fund. We recommend that all your gifts be sent to a man who has worked continuously in Northern Ireland for the families of prisoners at Long Kesh concentration camp and other camps: - Fr. Dennis Faul. He is well-known and respected this side of the Atlantic by those great organizations which are working for a free Ireland.

Your National President endorses this work.

Give Now in Time For Christmas

Send your Gift NOW to: Rev. Dennis Faul, Prisoners Families Relief Fund Relief Fund, St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon - Occupied Ireland OR in care of National President Edward Fay.

Installation Auburn, N.Y. Set for January

The John F. Kennedy Division #1 Auburn, N.Y., has set a joint installation of officers ceremony for Saturday, January 26 in the club rooms. The program will get under way at 8:00 P.M.

The new officers for the men are: President Jack McNabb; Vice President Ray Diehl; Recording Secretary Jerry Gauthier; Financial Secretary Jack Madden;

Treasurer Bob Welch; Chairman Standing Committee John Cowen; Marshall Paddy Maye; Sentinel Jocko Brennan.

The new officers for Auxillary #2: President Anna Mae Ferguson; Vice-President Anne Greer; Recording Secretary Peggy Diehl; Financial Secretary Kathy Gauthier; Treasurer Debbie Gauthier; Chairwoman Irish History Mary

Melnick; Chairwoman Missions Anne Caci; Chairwoman Catholic Actions Mary Madden; Mistress of Arms Mary Brown; Sentinel Marguerite McNabb; Chairwoman Standing Committee Eillen Ward.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE HIBERNIAN DIGEST

George McGuiggan Dedicated Hibernian, Passes Away

We regret to announce the death of Brother George McGuiggan, long time Hibernian in Division #30, Turtle Creek, Pa. George was a sincere and dedicated member of Division 30, having served as Recording Secretary for over 30 years.

He will be sadly missed by all Hibernians in his Division and County.

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AER LINGUS-IRISH

The Story of John Barry, Father of American Navy

By Robert J. Bateman
State Historian, Mass. AOH

In 1745 a humble and respectable couple named Barry, in County Wexford, Ireland, rejoiced in the birth of a son who was christened John. The father was a farmer, tilling a few acres held precariously by lease. There was at that time a strict English law prohibiting Catholic ownership of property. The mother was an attractive young Irishwoman whose maiden name had been Kelly.

The exact number of children born to the Barry's is not known. There were John, Patrick, Thomas, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor and, maybe, others.

Tradition has it that John Barry was born at Ballysampsion, a tiny hamlet in Tacumshin Parish in the extreme southern part of County Wexford. If so, the family moved shortly afterwards into Rosslare Parish, lying south and east of Wexford harbor. In Rosslare, young Barry spent his childhood days and in Rosslare Churchyard repose the remains of those members of his family who ended their lives in Ireland.

At an early age, John Barry expressed a strong desire to follow the sea and his father encouraged his ambition for he knew Ireland offered no opportunities for his son. To stay at home meant privation and starvation on a tiny leasehold at an exorbitant rental.

Somehow, through the efforts of his father and his uncle Nicholas Barry, at Wexford, young John Barry shipped at about the age of ten as a cabin boy on an Irish merchantman. The date of his coming to America has not been definitely ascertained. But it must have been about the year 1762. He arrived at Philadelphia as second mate of an Irish vessel, when only seventeen.

Romance entered John Barry's life in the summer of 1767, as the tall Irishman pledged his troth to a young Irishwoman. Her name was Mary Clary, age twenty-two. They were wed sometime in October.

Captain of his own ship, the Black Prince, he voyaged to London in 1774 and was astounded to hear high officials and members of parliament talk of sending a punitive expedition to teach the colonies a lesson.

Risking his life, he stayed in London and collected speeches and newspaper clippings of officials in parliament and public office advocating punishment for the colonies. Having experienced the horrors of English "punitive measures" in

Ireland, Barry delivered a trunk filled with incriminating English documents to the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia. Many historians believe this first Naval Intelligence report swayed the vote of the delegates for complete independence.

John Barry distinguished himself throughout the Revolution and French War as a fighter and seaman and his English foes knew him as

"Saucy Jack."

Another little known fact about John Barry is that he served as Aide-de-Camp to General Washington during the bitter days of Valley Forge. He with his brave sailors fought with the General against the English at Trenton and Princeton.

Much has been said and written about Commodore John Barry but I would like to relate the feelings of three men who spoke of John Barry.

Representative, James A. Hamill, of New Jersey stated "First in our American pantheon stands the majestic figure of George Washington, and close beside him John Barry, on whose strong arm Washington was wont to lean with confidence in his

hours of bitter anguish and trial; one the idolized Father of our Country and the other the venerated Father of our Navy."

So strongly impressed was Admiral George W. Melville by John Barry's contribution to the Republic that he solemnly declared... "He was God-given to us."

And, President George Washington, in his letter of appoint stated the following to and about John Barry:

The President of the United States of America
TO: John Barry:

President of the United States, reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities, have

nominated by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint you Captain in the Navy of the United States, and Commander of the Frigate called the United States; to take rank from the fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four....

With issuance of this appointment, President Washington gave to his friend and comrade, John Barry, an immortal place in our Country's history; that of being the Father of the American Navy.

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IRISH CHRISTMAS



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EDITORIALS

By Jack Reynolds, National Editor

Give More in '74

That we are approaching the New Year 1974, let the slogan be for all of us as Hibernians - "GIVE MORE IN '74".

Through the columns of this paper during 1973 we have published deserving causes to which we as Hibernians could dedicate ourselves.

By giving more in 1974 one does not mean that we give a donation to any one of these deserving causes, and then feel that our work of charity is done. No, we should give of ourselves by promoting others to help the particular cause. Those that come foremost to mind are the Prisoners Dependents Relief Fund for Northern Ireland and sad as it may seem, the dependents of those political prisoners interned in the Twenty-six Counties of Ireland. Also the Dallas Defense Fund, which was set up to assist the 'Fort Worth Five' in their legal battle against the Justice Department of the U.S. Government. Though the Fort Worth Five, as we call these gentlemen, have now been freed, there seems a tendency for many of us to feel that the whole matter is now a thing of the past. Such is not so because there is the matter of legal fees incurred. So do please "GIVE MORE IN '74."



JACK REYNOLDS

Regarding the question of the Prisoners Dependents Relief Fund, we are well aware of the situation in Northern Ireland, and these dependents do not beg of you or ask any one of us for help--none should have to ask.

We asked in our last issue that you give in time for Christmas; if you have not done so, it is not ever too late.

Donations should be sent to:
Prisoners Dependents Relief Fund
c/o Rev. Dennis Faul
St. Patrick's Academy
Dungannon, Occupied Ireland or
National Board, in care of
National President Edward Fay

Time To Remember

We all know that Christmas away from home can be a sad and lonely one for a sick brother. He can remember happier times when he was proudly acclaimed as an active member of his division. He was hale and hearty then and was needed. Everyone encouraged and cheered him. . . that was Christmas past. Christmas present finds him woefully contemplating his illness and handicaps. . . no longer needed. . . no longer encouraged. . . possibly, not even remembered.

Hibernians can remember. Encourage and cheer him with a simple inexpensive gesture of holiday good will. . . a morale builder that could speed his recovery.

Americanism

For more than 100 years Hibernians have done much to influence and preserve the American way of life. Our acts of kindness and patriotic responsiveness are numerous, but the needs are even

more. We should not "rest on our laurels".

In this period of intense social and political challenge, the public must not be allowed to lose sight of those things in our American system that are not subject to challenge. The temple of worthwhile Hibernianism activities should be increased.

Our Thanks and Appreciation to You

We end the year 1973, the Assistant Editor Dave Burke and myself, with a special word of thanks to all our Brother and Sister Hibernians for all your support during 1973. To our National Board and all who subscribed so much during the year, our thanks; and to our National President Edward Fay who had so much confidence in us, in our efforts to bring you a paper you could be proud to be a part of, as a Hibernian.

May we extend to each and everyone of you and your families The Blessings of A Holy and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Irish Christmas

A word about an "Irish Christmas" is not inappropriate at this time. The simple hospitality of an Irish Christmas deserves to be transplanted wherever Hibernians have found a home. How many on this Continent, as well as beneath the Southern Cross, will recall the story-tellers of the Irish Christmas season? Those high minded souls, who delighted to recite the ancient legends and rhymes - delighted to tell of Columkille's prophecies, and who were especially fond of rehearsing the Irish customs of Christmas-tide, such customs as attending the midnight Mass, lighting the Christmas fires and the Christmas candles, hunting the wren, and a variety of other observances. It is possible for Hibernians to celebrate all that was best in an "Irish Christmas" in their homes in every land. To do so would be an object lesson that would powerfully impress the young, as well as more mature observers of our own race, and members of other races.

We must increase numerically, and as we increase we must justify ourselves before the world. How can we justify ourselves more powerfully than by proving the superiority of Irish family and neighborhood life over the loose and cold social existence which surrounds many of us? How can we better bring back to us those who have withdrawn themselves into a separate existence - those who have separated themselves from the interests of their own blood - than by showing them that there is no character more splendid than the character of their own ancestry? As a part of this mighty destiny of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, let us resolve that this Christmas shall be an "Irish Christmas" - a Christmas worthy of the Order.

Hibernian Is Governor

Our congratulations to Malcolm Wilson, Member of Division 1 Yonkers, Westchester County, New York on his elevation to the governorship of New York State. Effective Thursday, December 18 Nelson Rockefeller resigned that post, placing his Lieutenant Governor in his vacant chair.

Not only is Governor Wilson an active Hibernian in Westchester County, but he is the first Catholic to hold the governorship of New York since Governor Al Smith.

We wish the new Governor every success and blessing as he steps up to greater challenge and responsibility in his career as public servant.

Book Review

The McGarrity Papers

Next to John Devoy, Joe McGarrity was the most important man in the Irish Revolutionary movement in America. In many respects his work for the home organization was far greater than Devoy's.

McGarrity's Papers and vast correspondence cast new light on many facets of modern Irish history. These include de Valera's American tour of 1919-20 and the 'split' with John Devoy and Judge Cohalan; the Treaty and drift to civil war, de Valera's break with Sinn Fein and the Second Dail in 1926; the role of the IRA in Fianna Fail's coming to power in 1932; the 1939 bombing campaign in England, which McGarrity sponsored and indeed masterminded. It is a dramatic story. As the headlines remind us daily, it remains unfinished.

IRA-FIANNA FAIL NEGOTIATIONS

The Papers tell of the growing disillusionment which created rifts in republicanism after the civil war defeat, and of the massive emigration which decimated the movement. The hitherto secret story of IRA-Fianna Fail negotiations in 1932 is told here along with much more material from the 1930s.

McGarrity told de Valera that England feared most 'the fanatical thing' from the Irish. Hence the 1939 bombing campaign in Britain.

De Valera told McGarrity that a movement must have a plan of campaign, which the IRA lacked, and that 'a movement from the flank' was necessary when frontal assaults failed. Hence Fiance Fail and the entry to Leinster House.

McGarrity thought de Valera the greatest Irishman of his time -- yet broke with him in 1933 when he started to jail republicans.

The gap between them widened until 1939 when McGarrity visited Germany, sailing to America just as the second world war began. Months later McGarrity helped Sean Russell (IRA chief-of-staff 1938-39) slip out of America to Europe and return to Ireland aboard a German submarine. Russell's death off the Irish coast in the arms of Frank Ryan, an old comrade of the IRA, was unknown to McGarrity who died in Philadelphia the same month -- August 1940.

KERRY AUTHOR

Sean Cronin, born in 1922, grew up in the dying Iveragh (Kerry) Gaeltacht. He has worked as a journalist in Canada, the United States and Ireland, and now lives in New York. He spent two years studying the McGarrity Papers which were gathering dust for nearly 30 years in a Philadelphia cellar.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor, I would very much appreciate your sending me the *Digest* to the above address. I am enclosing one dollar inasmuch as I do not know what the fee is. bill me at your convenience.

As a member of the AOH I, myself, an VERY interested since I think I note a certain change in your paper regarding policy in connection with our suffering people in Northern Ireland. I sincerely hope this to be the case. The AOH up to now has been very sadly lacking in taking any lead whatsoever (or very little), in regard to the frightful conditions under which our people are forced to live in their own country. I have first hand experience since I vis-

ited Northern Ireland last year - I also visited Long Kesh (a disgrace to civilization and Christianity) twice, and the Crumlin Road Prison. I saw with my own eyes the conditions prevailing in these Concentration Camps and Prisons. It is time NOW for the Irish people to speak up - protest - and show our people we stand behind them in their bitter struggle. No one is in a better position to do this than the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this country. I believe our Constitution states very clearly that we members stand behind the Irish people in their desire for unity and a United Ireland. Let us prove to them that we MEAN this. - Mrs. Anne McPolin, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Hibernian Christmas Shopping

Those of us who claim to be true Hibernians and supporters of a united Ireland have the opportunity to show it when we do our Christmas shopping. We are hurting the cause of Irish Freedom if we support British industry by purchasing any of their products. Pouring money into England supports their tax structure, which in turn pays for British troops, arms, and equipment in Northern Ireland.

The Christmas shelves are already stocked with British goods of every description from razor blades to Rolls-Royces. Men's and women's toiletries, bicycles, dart boards, tea sets and the tea and biscuits to go with them. Each article has listed the

country of origin. **LOOK FOR IT.** Advise your family and friends that you cannot accept or give anything British.

The same applies to their alcoholic beverages. If you have acquired a taste for scotch, why not acquire a taste for "IRISH"? (Paddy, Powers, Jamiesons, etc.) Forget the beefeater and switch to Cork Dry Gin. While I am on the subject, I would like to see more IRISH and less English and scotch at our "Irish Bars".

So, now you have it. Let's buy American and Irish and never go back to British. It's easy -- I've done it. - Fred A. O'Brien, Mass. Chairman Freedom For All Ireland Committee.

IRISH NEED NOT APPLY.



In the old days that meant anti-Irish discrimination in jobs. Today it means immigration policy that lets only a trickle of Irishmen qualify for U.S. visas in Dublin. Consider the figures: Before the 1965 law was passed, 5,000 to 7,000 Irish emigrated to America each year. Projections for this year show that less than 700 will receive U.S. visas.

There is a bill before Congress now that could help correct this injustice. It is H.R. 165, co-sponsored by 78 concerned Congressmen. And, of course, warmly endorsed by the American Irish Immigration Committee -- Protestants, Catholics and Jews working together for a fairer immigration policy.

You can help the Irish, and other nationalities suffering from the 1965 law. Write to:

Your Congressman, House Office Building
Washington, D. C., or
Rep. Michael Feighan, House Immigration
Subcommittee, House Office Building, Washington,
D. C. or
Sen. Edward Kennedy, Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Tell them the Irish need not apply policy must be changed.

American Irish National Immigration Committee
326 West 48 Street
New York, N.Y. 10036

John P. Collins, National Chairman

Why Can't the English... And the Irish?

By Gerry Tobin

The popular Broadway musical and later award-winning movie, "My Fair Lady," (which were, by the way, based on the play, *Pygmalion*, by Irishman and ardently vocal Irish nationalist George Bernard Shaw) proposes the musical question, "Why Can't the English.....?" The song is a frothy piece, of no great artistic merit. It does however, by its title, prompt some questions to which some answers can be given.

Why can't the English get out of Ireland? Is there really any compelling reason which justifies the continued presence of British power in a country in which they have absolutely no moral right to be. Yes, we have all heard the pious protestations about guarantees given to the Unionist people of Northeast Ulster. These santimonious excuses can carry little weight for those familiar with the long list of promises given by Britain to the Irish people, virtually all of which have been callously and contemptuously broken.

One does not have to go as far back as the Treaty of Limerick - "violated ere the ink with which it was written became dry". There is an abundance of more contemporary violations, well known to anyone who has taken the time to examine the progress of events in the Six Counties since 1969. Apparently Britain feels no obligation to honor pledges given to the people of Ireland. It is almost incomprehensible that the cynicism of British government does not outrage every decent, fair-minded person in the world.

Why Can't the English allow the people of Ireland, all of Ireland, to work out their own destiny? Are we, the Irish, to be that one last patch of Empire which England will not yield? What will it take to convince the British Government of the essential truth of Pearse's declaration, "Ireland unfree shall never be at peace"? Can these men who sit in the seats of power, who can order armies to move at their will, who can under the guise of preserving law and order, impose the most brutal, illegal and immoral repression on a captive people, can they not comprehend that Irishmen at home and abroad can never take the full and justifiable pride in their Irish heritage as long as a part of their homeland lies beneath the domination of a foreign government. And as long as they are denied the right to be proud of the land which gave them birth, Irishmen, wherever they may dwell, will never rest until Ireland is free.

Why can't the English give Ireland back to the Irish? There is no reason why they cannot. If there is, let us hear it from the English, but let us assure them

that the Irish cannot be fooled any longer.

There is however a more cogent question, which could well provide the answer to the preceding ones. It is a question to which we can supply the response, if only we would choose to give it in clear and unequivocal terms.

The question is, why can't the Irish emulate our Jewish brethren?

Consider the response to the recent appeal for help from Israel. Many millions of dollars were raised in an amazingly brief period of time by the Jewish people of the United States for the defense of their spiritual homeland. The question of whether justice lies with the Arab or Israeli in the Middle Eastern conflict is not germane. It has no bearing on the admiration due to the Jewish people of America for their magnificent answer to a crisis less pressing? Why can't the Irish respond to the needs of Ireland as forcefully as the Jewish people answered the call from their homeland.

The excuses, the very obvious excuses, come readily to the tongue. We, the Irish, do not command the financial resources that the Jewish people do. We do not have the advocates in our American government who can make Irish freedom an integral part of our foreign policy.

These arguments or excuses must be rejected.

As Hibernians, we are obliged to work for a free

and united Ireland. It is part of our Hibernian constitution. There are very few Hibernians indeed, who could not afford to contribute as little as \$10 to the cause of Irish freedom. And no one, truly no one, is so impoverished that the cost of a stamp or a phone call to his Congressman is beyond his means.

There is no reason to our lack of action. At best there can be only half-hearted excuses to cover our shame. And failure to move mightily, to unite our efforts, to see clearly and unmistakably that the long cherished goal of Irish freedom and unity must take precedence over all else, is and should be a source of shame to our Order and to each of us as individuals.

Why can't the Irish do as the Jewish people have done? WE surely can. If it is truly our goal to see a united Ireland, then we have the resources. Every letter written, every phone call made, every dollar donated will bring us closer to the day, when we, as Hibernians, can say that we have contributed meaningfully to the freedom of the land which is OUR spiritual homeland. The Irish can - if they will to do it. Then if we can, let us be about it. The Hibernian who sits on the fence is purely and simply a traitor. Let us be able to hold our heads on high and say, "I gave all that was in me, all that I could give, to obtain Irish freedom." Then will we be Hibernians, in the finest sense of the word.

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'God Save All Here'

There is a prayer that's breathed alone
In dear old Erin's Land;
"Tis uttered on the threshold stone,
With smiles and clasping hand;
And oft, perchance, 'tis murmured low
With sign and falling tear,
The grandest greeting man may know-
The prayer, "God Save All Here".

In other lands they know not well
How priceless is the lore
That hedges with a sacred spell
Old Ireland's cabin door.
To those it is no empty sound
Who think oft with a tear
Of long-loved mem'ries wreathing 'round
The prayer, "God Save All Here".

Live on, O prayer, in Ireland still,
To bless each threshold true
The echoes of her homes to fill
With fervor ever new;
And guarding with its holy spell
The soul and conscience clear,
Be graven on each heart as well-
The prayer, "God Save All Here".

News From Danbury, Conn.

Edward Dyer, RIP

Brother Edward Dyer passed to his eternal reward on October 9, 1973. Bro. Dyer was a long-time member of our Division and a devoted friend. The proprietor of Young's Hotel in New Milford, he was a sponsor of our Radio Show since its inception. A devout Catholic he was especially proud of being Irish and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

While Bro. Dyer was a great friend of Hibernianism in his lifetime, even in death he has not forgotten the Hibernian cause. A substantial bequest was made to Division No. 3 in the last will and testament of Bro. Dyer.

Our deepest sympathy to all of his relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.

Joseph McCarthy Knight of the Year

Bro. Joseph McCarthy, Chairman of our Finance Committee, was elected Knight of the Year by the Danbury Knights of Columbus at a recent surprise dinner in his honor. In our opinion the award is long overdue. Bro. McCarthy spent many long hours working for the K of C while remaining one of the most active members of our Division. He was instrumental in getting the AOH to use the beautiful K of C facilities for our meeting rooms. We wish to congratulate Bro. McCarthy on behalf of the Division and wish him many years of health and happiness.

Somebody is Watching

We were very pleased to receive a letter of commendation from the General Manager of the Catholic Transcript. Our Division was complimented for the fine work being done for Catholicism in general. Special accolades were given for our undertaking of the Concert and the purpose for which it was established. We've always felt that our members were second to none. Thank you all for your continued active participation in all of our programs.

Ladies Auxiliary

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sr. Bridget Kelly. Bridget was born on St. Patrick's Day many years ago and was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Ladies will not have a regular meeting in November but will have a brief business meeting after the Memorial Mass on November 19th.

The dedicated ladies have already sent over one thousand dollars to help



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS - Division #14. Major Degrees October 21, 1973. Top row from right: William Donnelly, Pat Burke, Jack Burke, Robert Wholly, Paul Gallagher, Kevin O'Donnell, Thomas McDermott, Joe McCarthy, Wayne O'Hara and Al Mannix.

Second row left to right: Tom Thibault, George O'Toole, Wayne McDonald, Ed Brown, James Hag-

gerty, Bill Quirk, Paul Connolly, Paul Carrol, Ken Billings, John Goodwin, Harold Martin and John T. Corrigan.

First row left to right: Christopher Connolly, Walter Burke, Denis J. Cassidy, Charles Morash, Edward Corrigan, Donald Quinn, Al Murphy, Thomas Brannelly, Bob Shutt, and Kevin Harington.



MAJOR DEGREE TEAM - A.O.H., Div. 14 October 21, 1973. Top row left to right: Ed Quinn, Bill Fleming, Joe Bernie, Jerry Kiley, Paul Kelly, Bob Donnelly, Charles Collins, Bob Sullivan and Pat McDonough.

Front row left to right: Paul Glennon, Mike McDermott, Ed Wallace, Jack McDermott, Pat Shaughnessy, Dan Bowen, Jim McCarthy and Ed Sliney.

shelter victims of war-torn Northern Ireland. Sr. Bernadette McInerney, who has a deep personal interest in Northern Ireland events, can be proud of her accomplishments. We understand she is not finished yet. We wish the ladies continued success in this worthy pro-

ject and again pledge our wholehearted support.

O'Dwyer To Play Here Again

Bro. Doug Godfrey, co-chairman of our St. Patrick's Dance, tells us that he has booked The Gerry O'Dwyer Orchestra again

this year for our annual dance. Doug earlier reserved the beautiful Chatham Oaks for March 16th.

The O'Dwyer group will play for the 70th Anniversary Dinner Dance of the Greenwich Hibernians at the Greenwich Country Club on November 17th. A few res-

ervations are still available. Tickets are \$35.00 per couple. Your president will be on hand with his better half, representing

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Mass. Aux. Holds Annual Holy Hour

The annual Holy Hour for Massachusetts members of L.A., A.O.H. was held on Sunday October 7, at the Don Bosco Chapel Warrenton Street, Boston Mass.

Members from throughout the state filled the chapel to capacity and assisted Father Eugene, rector of the school, in the recitation of the Holy Mass, rosary and benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

Following the service a catered luncheon was served in the school cafeteria. State President Mrs. Lena Haskell and State Vice-President Mrs. Rose Conroy, co-chair ladies, were assisted in the arrangements by Mrs. Mary Waters, Essex County; Mrs. Frances Hamre, Hampden Co.; Mrs. Mary Coakley, Middlesex Co.; Misses Helen Condric and Beatrice Silver, Norfolk Co.; Miss Helen Regan, Plymouth Co.; Mrs. Kathleen McCabe, Suffolk Co. and Mrs. Helen Sesia, Worcester Co.

Two More Airlines For Shannon Airport

SHANNON - Two additional airlines have announced plans to operate services through Shannon Airport and a third carrier will increase flight frequencies at the airport.

The increased traffic has been gained at a time when there is serious concern about the future of the airport following a significant decline in passengers last year. The decision by Pan Am to cancel services into Shannon is regarded as a serious setback to the airport.

Air France will run one all-cargo flight each week through Shannon in the hope of picking up cargo traffic from the duty free airport.

Olympic Airlines of Greece is to divert five transit flights a week through Shannon for six months, beginning next Monday. The airline has services to New York, Chicago and Montreal from Athens with Boeing 707 and 747 aircraft.

Division 8 Gives CEE Proceeds of Concert

The Centennial Year celebration of Rev. James T. O'Reilly Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Auxiliary was off to a rousing start with the colorful concert by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann followed by dancing until 1 a.m.

The concert itself was a standout. Straight from Ireland, the 18 champion entertainers presented Irish music seldom heard on this side of the Atlantic.

It was not the traditional Irish Night, sentimental ballads written in America to wring the heart of men and women far from home. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann offered pure Irish music, some of it dating back to Tara and the roots of Irish culture.

They played the age-old airs on Uilleann Pipes, Ireland's native version of the bagpipes, on fiddles, whistles and concertinas. They caught the heat of the Emerald Isle itself in spirited dance.

The audience loved it and showed it in the waves of enthusiastic applause that greeted every number.

Success was written all over the beaming faces of the local Hibernians responsible for the memorable evening - David Burke, Mayor John J. Buckley, Martin Fitzgerald, Philip Moore, James Howlett, Joseph Cronin, Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, James Finn, Michael McAuliffe and Jack Twomey.

For months they had been planning the night that was completely sold out weeks in advance.

They had made certain the entertainers from Ireland would feel at home. When Danny Barry, Joe Burke, Deirdre Collis, Pat Glacken, Patsy Hanly, Brendan MacEachrain, Tommy McCarthy,

Seaboard World Airlines, the largest U.S. air freight carrier, which has been using Shannon since 1970, is to increase its flight frequencies. Scheduled flights are to be increased by 5 percent and an additional 15 landings per month are to be made by the company's Jumbo Jet all-freight aircraft.

Eugene Nolan, Paddy Ryan, Paddy O'Brien and Antoin MacGabhann took up their instruments to play, they knew they had friends in the audience.

So did the singers and dancers: Anne Brolly, Nora Butler, Michael Hipkiss, Patricia Hanafin, Minnie Kieran, Kevin Massey, Michael O'Carroll and Donncha O'Muineachan.

During their stay in Lawrence, the entertainers were put up at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Shaun Regan, Mr. and Mrs. William Tynan, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William Dynan, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. John Cronin, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Harrington, Thomas Garvey, Miss Margaret Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bateman and Mr. and Mrs. George O'Connell.

Among those clapping the hardest were the dignitaries scattered throughout the hall: Irish Consul General and Mrs. Cornelius Howard, Louis Quinn of Flushing, N. Y.; a former Lawrencian, now national organizer of Comhaltas, Manager and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy of Board Failte in North America, Cong. and Mrs. Paul Cronin, and all the local city council and their wives.

When the buffet was served at 11:30 many a couple sought



DIVISION 8 President John J. Buckley thanking Connie Carroll for the 100th Anniversary cake.

out the women who had worked so hard in planning the evening - Mrs. Helen Mullane, Rose Conroy, Miss Helen Roach, Miss Margaret Webb and Mrs. Mary O'Neill.

All smilingly accepted congratulations on a job well done. After the long concert and refreshments, there wasn't long left for dancing before 1.



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ROBERT EMMET is one of Ireland's most loved martyr-patriots, and his speech from the Dock is one of the most famous in history. Emmet was tried following his abortive rising in 1803 and condemned to death. At noon next day he was hanged, and while his body was yet warm, it was cut down from the gibbet, the neck placed on a block and the head severed. The executioner held it up to the crowd saying: "This is the head of a traitor!"

Emmet said: "My Lords I am asked what I have to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced on me according to law. I have nothing to say that can alter your predetermination nor that it will become me to say, with any view to the mitigation of that sentence which you are to pronounce and I must abide by."

"But I have that to say which interests me more than life and which you have labored to destroy. I have much to say why my reputation should be rescued from the load of false accusation and calumny which has been cast upon it. I do not imagine that seated where you are, your mind can be so free from prejudice as to receive the least impression from what I am going to utter. I have no hopes that I can anchor my character in the breast of a Court, constituted and tramelled as this is. I only wish and that is the utmost that I expect, that your lordships may suffer it to float down your memories untainted by the foul breath of prejudice until it finds some more hospitable harbor to shelter it from the storms by which it is buffeted."

"Were I only to suffer death after being adjudged guilty by tribunal I should bow in silence and meet the fate that awaits me without a murmur. But the sentence of the law which delivers my body to the executioner will, through the ministry of the law, labor in its own vindication to consign my character to obloquy, for there must be guilt somewhere; whether in the sentence of the Court or in the catastrophe, time must determine."

"A man in my situation has not only to encounter the difficulties of fortune and the force of power over minds which it had corrupted or subjugated prejudice. The man dies, but his memory lives. That mine may not perish, that it may live in the respect of my countrymen, I seize upon this opportunity to vindicate myself from some of the charges alleged against me. When my spirit shall be wafted to a more friendly port; when my shade shall have joined the hands of those martyred heroes, who have shed their blood on the scaffold and in the field

in defense of their country and of virtue, this is my hope; I wish that my memory and my name may animate those who survive me while I look down with complacency on the destruction of that perfidious government which upholds its domination by blasphemy of the Most High, which displays its power over man as over the beasts of the forest; which sets man upon his brother and lifts his hand in the name of God, against the throat of his fellow who believes or doubts a little more or a little less than the government standard - a government which is steered to barbarity by the cries of the orphans and the tears of the widows it has made."

"I appeal to the Immaculate God; I swear by the Throne of Heaven before Which I must shortly appear - by the blood of the martyred patriots who have gone before me - that my conduct has been, through all this peril, and through all my purposes governed only by the conviction which I have uttered and by no other view than that of the emancipation of my country from the superhuman oppression under which she has so long and too patiently travailed; and I confidently hope that wild and chimerical as it may appear, there is still union and strength in Ireland to accomplish this noblest of enterprises. Of this I speak with confidence, of intimate knowledge and with the consolation that appertains to that confidence."

"Think not, my lords, I say this for the petty gratification of giving you a transitory uneasiness. A man who never yet raised his voice to assert a lie will not hazard his character with posterity by asserting a falsehood on a subject so important to his country and on an occasion like this. Yes, my lords, a man who does not wish to have his epitaph written until his country is liberated will not leave a weapon in the power of envy or a pretence to impeach the probity which he means to preserve, even to the grave to which tyranny consigns me."

(Here he was interrupted by the Court).

"Again I say that what I have spoken was not intended for your lordship



STATUE OF ROBERT EMMET, one of four cast by Jerome Connors. It stands seven feet tall and weighs about 800 pounds.

whose situation I commiserate rather than envy. My expressions were for my countrymen. If there is a true Irishman present, let my last words cheer him in the hour of his affliction.

(Here Lord Norbury interrupted to say he was not there to listen to treason).

"I have always understood it to be the duty of a judge when a prisoner has been convicted to pronounce the sentence of the law. I have also understood that judges sometimes think it their duty to hear with patience and to speak with humanity; to exhort the victim of the laws, and to offer with tender benignity, their opinions, of the motives by which he was actuated in the crime of which he was adjudged guilty. That a judge has thought it his duty to have done so, I have no doubt; but where is the boasted freedom of your institutions; where is the vaunted impartiality, clemency mildness of your courts of justice if an unfortunate prisoner, whom your policy and not justice, is about to deliver into the hands of the executioner, is not suffered to explain his motives sincerely and truly and to vindicate the principles by which he was actuated? My lords it may be a part of the system of angry justice

"As men my lords, we must appear on the great day at one common tribunal! and it will then remain for the Searcher of all hearts to show a collective universe who was engaged in the most virtuous actions or swayed by the purest motives, my country's oppressor or..... (Here he was interrupted and told to listen to the sentence of the law).

"My lords, will a dying man be denied the legal privilege of exculpating himself in the eyes of the community from an undeserved reproach, thrown upon him during his trial, by charging him with ambition, and attempting to cast away for a paltry consideration the liberties of his country? Why did your lordships insult me? Or rather, why insult justice in demanding of me why sentence of death should not be pronounced against me? I know my lord that form prescribes that you should ask the question. The form also presents the right of answering. This, no doubt, may be dispensed with and so might the whole ceremony of the trial since sentence was already pronounced at the Castle before the jury were empanelled. Your lordships are but the priests of the oracle and I insist on the whole of the forms."

"I am charged with being an emissary of France. An emissary of France! And for what end? It is alleged that I wished to sell the independence of my country. And for what end? Was this the object of my ambition? And is this the mode by which a tribunal of justice reconciles contradiction? No, I am no emissary; and my ambition was to hold a place among the deliverers of my country, not in power; not in profit but in the glory of achievement. Sell my country's independence to France - and for what? Was it a change of masters? No, but for my ambition."

"Oh, my country, was it personal ambition that could influence me? Had it been the soul of my actions, could I not by my education and fortune, by the rank and consideration of my family, have placed myself among the proudest of your oppressors? My country was my idol. To it I sacrificed every selfish, every endearing sentiment; and for it I now offer up myself, O God. No, my lords, I acted as an Irishman, determined on delivering my country from the yoke of a foreign and unrelenting tyranny and the more galling yoke of a domestic faction which is the joint partner and perpetra-

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tor in the partide; from the ignominy existing with an exterior of splendour and a conscious depravity. It was the wish of my heart to extricate my country from this doubly rivetted depotism - I wished to place her independence beyond the reach of any power on earth. I wished to exalt her to proud station in the world.

"Connection with France was, indeed, intended but only as far as mutual interest would sanction or require. Were the French to assume any authority inconsistent with the purest independence, it would be the signal for their destruction. We sought their aid - and we sought it as we had assurance we should obtain it - as auxiliaries in war and allies in peace. Were the French to come as invaders or enemies, uninvited by the wishes of the people, I should oppose them to the utmost of my strength. Yes, my countrymen, I should advise you to meet them upon the beach with a sword in one hand and a torch in the other. I would meet them with all the destructive fury of war. I would animate my countrymen to immolate them in their boats before they had time to contaminate the soil of my country. If they succeeded in landing, and we were forced to retire before superior discipline, I would dispute every inch of ground, burn every blade of grass and my last entrenchment of liberty should be my grave. What I could not do myself, if I should fall, I should leave as a last charge to my countrymen to accomplish; because I should feel conscious that life, any more than death, is unprofitable when a foreign nation holds my country in subjection.

"But it was not as enemies that the succours of France were to land. I looked indeed, for the assistance of France; but I wished to prove to France and to the world that Irishmen deserved to be assisted, that they were indignant at slavery and ready to assert the independence and liberty of their country. I wished to procure for my country the guarantee which Washington procured for America - to procure an aid which, by its example, would be as important as its valor; disciplined, gallant, pregnant with science and experience; that of a people who would perceive the good and polish the rough points of our character. They would come to us as strangers and leave us as friends after sharing in our perils and elevating our destiny. These were my objects; not to receive new taskmasters but to expel old tyrants. It was for these ends I sought aid from France, even as an enemy, could not be more implacable than the enemy already in the bosom of my

country.

"I have been charged with that importance in the emancipation of my country as to be considered the keystone of the combination of Irishmen, or, as your lordship expressed it "the life and blood of the conspiracy." You do me the honor over much; you have given to the subaltern all the credit of a superior. There are men engaged in this conspiracy who are not only superior to me, but even to your own conceptions of yourself, my lordmen before the splendor of whose genius and virtues I should bow with respectful deference and who would think themselves disgraced by shaking your blood-stained hand.

(Here he was again interrupted).

"What, my lord, shall you tell me on the passage to the scaffold which that tyranny (of which you are only the intermediary executioner) has erected for my murder, that I am accountable for all the blood that has been and will be shed in this struggle of the oppressor - shall you tell me this and must I be so very a slave as not to repel it? I do not fear to approach the Omnipotent Judge to answer for the conduct of my whole life; and am I to be appalled and falsified by a mere remnant of morality here? By you, too, although if it were possible to collect all the innocent blood you have shed in your unhallowed ministry in one great reservoir, your lordship might swim in it.

"Let no man dare, when I am dead to charge me with dishonor; let no man attain my memory by believing that I could have engaged in any cause but that of my country's liberty and independence or that I could have become the pliant minion of power in the oppression and misery of my country. The proclamation of the provisional government speaks for our views; no inference can be tortured from it to countenance barbarity or debasement at home; or subjection humiliation or treachery from abroad. I would not have submitted to a foreign oppressor for the same reason as that I would resist the foreign and domestic oppressor. In the dignity of freedom I would have fought upon the threshold of my country and its enemy should enter only by passing over my lifeless corpse. And am I, who lived but for my country and who have

subjected myself to the dangers of the jealous and watchful oppressor and the bondage of the grave, only to give my countrymen their rights and my country her independence - am I to be loaded with calumny, and not suffered to resent it? No, God forbid.

(Here Lord Norbury told Emmet his sentiments and language disgraced his family and education, particularly his father, Dr. Emmet).

"If the spirits of the illustrious dead participate in the concerns and cares of those who were dear to them in this transitory life, oh! Every dear and venerated shade of my departed father look down with scrutiny upon the conduct of your suffering son and see if I have, even for a moment, deviated from the principles of morality and patriotism which it was your care to instil into my youthful mind, and for which I am now about to offer my life.

"My lords, you are impatient for the sacrifice. The blood which you seek is not congealed by the artificial terrors which surround your victim - it circulates warmly and unruffled through the channels which God created for noble purposes but which you are now bent to destroy for purposes so grievous that they cry to heaven. Be yet patient. I have but a few more words to say. I am going to my cold and silent grave - my lamp of life is nearly extinguished - my race is run - the grave opens to receive me and I sink into its bosom.

"I have but one request to ask at my departure from this world; it is the charity of its silence. Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them. Let them and me rest in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remained unscribed and my memory in oblivion until other times and other men can do justice to my character. When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then let my epitaph be written. I have done.

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A Christmas Tradition in Ireland
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Left to right: Front row - Kelly Sullivan, Kim Brennan, Tracy Rogers and Betty Anderson. Second row - Diane Burke, Marybeth Tobin, Mary Greene, Peggy Green and Patty Koen. Rear row - Betsy Brennan, Tom Kelly, and Kathy Brennan.

The Margaret Brennan dancing school was formed four years ago (1969) by the Instructors, namely: Betsy Brennan and Kathy Brennan, also Sheila Doherty (not present when the picture was taken) and the girls' Aunt Margaret Brennan, who passed away in 1970. Through the co-operation of Div. 18, A.O.H. in Salem and its Ladies Auxiliary, the school has flourished and now boasts about fifty pupils. The Ladies Auxiliary and friends have made the costumes the girls wear, and assist in every possible way. The Division as a whole presented 40 Kelly Green Jackets to the girls at their annual recital last year. At the end of each season they also give a party to the pupils and their parents, at which both men and women give of their time. The accordionist is Tom Kelly. Division 18 and its Auxiliary are to be commended!

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Sinn Fein Says Three Spy For The British

DUBLIN: Official Sinn Fein last week named three men it claims are British spies operating in the Republic. One is a first secretary working for the British Embassy, A. J. Johnstone; the others are Colonel Simpson, said to be living in Sandford, Co. Dublin, and a Mr. VanDe Vandeur or Van Der Mee, believed to be a South African.

The British Embassy described the Sinn Fein claim as "a load of old rubbish" and, pressed for reaction, the Irish Government Information Service said that allegations of spying made without evidence were of no value and could endanger the reputations of innocent people.

At the British Embassy, Mr. Johnstone was said to be on leave and not due to return to Dublin until next week. He had been, as Sinn Fein claimed, in the world's major trouble areas during the past 15 years, when he served in Egypt, Gibraltar, Aden, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Colonel Simpson, according to Sinn Fein, had transferred from "a crack British regiment" to the Royal Marines to facilitate his operation in the Secret Service; Mr. Van Dei is said to divide his time between the Republic and Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein said that both Mr. Johnstone and Colonel Simpson were permanently guarded.

In spite of the denial by the British Embassy and the response of the Government Information Service, Sinn Fein was adamant that its source of information, an Englishman who was not named, was accurate and dependable. His information has been checked and double-checked, Sinn Fein said.

IRELAND'S EXPORTS INCREASE 20% IN '72

DUBLIN - Exports from the Republic of Ireland rose to a record level of \$1 billion 617 million in 1972 - an increase of 20 percent or \$270 million over 1971.

Exports of manufactured goods, the largest contributor to the overall expansion, rose by \$155 million. Food, beverage and tobacco exports increased \$60 million, live animals \$35 million and raw materials \$20 million.

Three factors were largely responsible for the above average performance last year: an accelerating rate of increase in industrial exports, the start up of a number of new export factories, and higher prices for cattle and beef exports.

Exports from Ireland to the United States rose marginally during the year, from \$150 million to \$152 million.

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DUBLIN: The first ever survey of American manufacturing companies in Ireland, conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ireland, estimates total capital investment by U.S. enterprises in Ireland at \$420 million, while total employment provided by the companies is estimated at 17,000 persons.

Fifty-five American manufacturing establishments, out of a total of 126, provided data on which the survey is based.

The figure for the 55 companies who replied to the questionnaire have been extended to cover the 71 firms who did not reply, as the variety of size among the latter group, the U.S. Chamber points out, is not substantially different from the 55 which actually replied.

Of the total number of employees of the U.S. manufacturing companies -- all are Irish except for some 400 who are American or of other nationality (estimated at approximately 100).

During the past three years, the survey shows, nearly two-thirds of production (65.4 percent) has been exported annually, but only 15 percent has gone to the United States. Therefore the principal market for American manufacturers in Ireland is not the United States but Common Market (EEC) nations.

This fact will undoubtedly be used by American businessmen here (and the U.S. Chamber itself) to counter trade union arguments in American that U.S. investment in other countries is used to produce goods for the U.S. market while avoiding high union wages in the states.

TURNOVER

Approximately \$42.5 million of estimated annual turnover of \$542 million is remitted by the American establishments to the United States in the form of royalties, profit, engineering fees, salaries and other forms of payment.

Purchases of goods and services in Ireland total \$115 million, and the annual payroll is \$77.5 million.

Of the 55 respondents to the survey, 41 were established in or after 1959, and employ 6,777 persons with a weekly payroll of \$473,625. Total capital investment is estimated at \$170 million, while exports amount to 82 percent of their total production.

The remaining 14, established before 1959, appear to be geared towards serving the domestic market, since 80 percent of their sales are in Ireland. This group's investment is nearly \$25 million employing 2,383 persons with a weekly payroll of \$225,000.

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions of the survey of "American Manufacturing Establishments in Ireland" conducted by the United States Chamber of Commerce, were as follows:

1. The principal market for American manufacturers in Ireland is not the United States, but the E.E.C. (38 percent vs. 15 percent).

2. Remittances of all kinds to the United States are not distorted, standing at a modest but healthy 7.4 percent of turnover.

3. The Industrial Development Authority has been remarkably successful in encouraging the establishment of export-oriented industry during the past 14 years.

4. An average weekly wage of 30.50 (\$76.25) indicates that cheap labor is not being exploited.

5. Upwards of 44 percent of the turnover is left in Ireland in the form of local purchases and wages.

6. If turnover is taken as the same as output, and the American companies export 65.4 percent thereof, the American contribution to the export performance is \$352 million, of 26 percent based on 1971 figures.



St. Patrick's Day To Hail Irish Dead

DUBLIN: St. Patrick's Day is to become a Day of National Commemoration "which all Irishmen can share, irrespective of their tradition, denomination or politics," Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave announced.

The government said it had decided that it should be a day

"on which the state will solemnly commemorate all who died for Ireland and all victims of civil strife in Ireland, as well as rededicating the people of Ireland, under St. Patrick, to the pursuit of peace."

The government statement said that "St. Patrick's Day is a feast which has been celebrated by many generations of Irish people. The great event which it commemorates -- the coming of Christianity to Ireland -- has long been celebrated by Christians of all denominations and serves to remind us of a common heritage dating from long before our present divisions."

The decision takes effect from St. Patrick's Day in 1974.

The government statement did not give any details on how the day of commemoration should be observed.

For the past few years St. Patrick's Day has been observed in many places as a day of prayer for peace in Northern Ireland, where civil strife has taken hundreds of lives.

An editorial in the Irish Press urged that authorities in Northern Ireland observe St. Patrick's Day as a holiday and that there be joint observances in the North and in the Irish Republic in the south.



JOHN CARDINAL WRIGHT, a member of Division #2, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and National President Edward Fay pictured with the officers of the Serra Internal Club of Pittsburgh on the

Cardinal's recent visit to Pittsburgh. Ed Fay is Vice President of Serra in Pittsburgh and as Program Chairman introduced his guest speaker, Cardinal Wright.

Focus: the Irish question

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The Irish Question is essentially the question of who shall rule Ireland, and in whose interest: the people of Ireland, ruling in their own behalf, or an alien power, subordinating the interests of the Irish people to the foreigner's own conception of his needs.

Ireland has been a distinct geographic, cultural, and political entity from the earliest times. Even the mighty Roman Empire could not number the Irish Nation among its subject peoples. Already long possessed of a structural unity in its own ancient law, culture, literature, and written language, Ireland adopted Christianity in the Fifth Century, and during the Dark Ages was the bastion of civilization and classical education for Western Europe. After two centuries of Viking raids, the Irish nation emerged victorious, preserving its domestic institutions and its political and territorial integrity.

The Gaelic (Irish) system of law and political organization is based upon the principle of subsidiarity; that is,

that anything which could be accomplished in the private sector was left to the private sector and things in the public sector were treated at the lowest echelon possible. Government was, in other words, decentralized. Presiding over Ireland was a High King, who led the nation in national affairs, whose office was elective, but who did not directly govern the people in their domestic affairs. In addition to the Province of Meath, which was the High King's bailiwick, were the four provinces of Ulster (the North), Leinster (the East), Munster (the South), and Connacht (the West). These were somewhat analogous to our own United States save that, in Ireland, sovereignty was always the attribute of the nation as a whole, never divided among its organic, subsidiary parts. This was an established functioning system then before the first Saxon ever set foot on Britain.

The decentralization of the Irish system made conquest by foreign invaders a most difficult proposition, for even if the foreigners were to capture the High King in

his capital, that is all they would have, and the rest of the country could continue to function. The Normans invaded England in 1066 and conquered it in short order. The Norman invasion of Ireland began in 1169, over eight centuries ago (when a local political leader unconstitutionally sought foreign military assistance in a domestic quarrel), and yet did not achieve even apparent political success until the seventeenth century, half a millennium later. (Throughout most of this period, the writ of the King of England was confined to a variable east coast area centering around Dublin, known as "the Pale".) Even this success has not been permanent as each succeeding generation of Irishmen has asserted their right to national freedom, often in arms and in blood, right down to the present day.

The history of the development of the Irish nation in many ways anticipated the development of the American nation in which we are participating today. Just as the immigrant joins the native American to form "e pluribus unum" a new nation, so have most of the immigrants to Ireland become 'issis hibernicis hiberniores', themselves more Irish than the

Irish. For example, when we think of the Fitzgeralds, we think not of Norman rulers, but of Irish patriots who led more than one revolt against the evils of English rule in Ireland. And Patrick Pearse, leader of the 1916 Easter Rising and "patron saint" of the twentieth century the troubles intensified when the King of England (James I) escalated a policy of suppressing the native Irish by "planting" the most rebellious counties of the North, the Province of Ulster, with British Protestants (largely Church of England landlords and lowland Scots Presbyterian tenant farmers). This policy reached genocidal proportions in mid-century under Oliver Cromwell. In 1690 the Irish Catholic nobility backed James II in his attempt to regain the throne of England. The Protestant "Planters" supported the victorious William of Orange, and, to this day, are known as "Orangemen". The defeat of the Stuart cause at the Battles of the Boyne, July 12, 1690, and Augheim, July 12, 1691, was also the death knell of the native Irish nobility, many of whom fled to the continent under the (later violated) Treaty of Limerick in what is known to history as the "Flight of the Wild

Geese."

The eighteenth century saw the English government impose upon Ireland excessively harsh Penal Laws (1692-1792) aimed at those who did not belong to the Established Protestant (Anglican Episcopal) Church. Irish Catholics and Dissenters (members of the Presbyterian congregations, including most Ulster "Planters") both suffered, resulting in significant Irish Catholic and Protestant (Scotch-Irish) emigration to America prior to 1776. An Irish Catholic, in fact, had no existence under law his liberties, property, religion, and even his literacy having been proscribed. In 1782 Edmund Burke denounced the Penal Laws when he wrote in approval of the Irish Parliamentary movement. In 1798 Protestant, Catholic, and Dissenter combined in American inspired republican revolution. They were led by Theobald Wolfe Tone, a liberal Protestant reformer, who, having despaired of meaningful reform while still connected to England, sought "to break the connection with England, the never-failing source of all our political evils, and

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'Lest we forget'

Ireland has been a distinct geographic, cultural, and political entity from the earliest times. Even the mighty Roman Empire could not number the Irish Nation among its subject peoples.

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century.

to assert the independence of my country...To unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of all past dissensions, and to substitute the common name of Irishmen in place of the denominations of Protestant, Catholic, and Dissenter..." After heavy fighting in Ulster, Wexford in the southeast, and Mayo in the West, the rebellion was brutally crushed.

In order that Ireland might be more closely supervised, England caused the desestablishment of the Irish Parliament, and by the Act of Union (1800) an unwilling Ireland was forcibly integrated into the United Kingdom (1801) in a manner similar to that used to snuff out the last vestiges of Scottish legislative independence in 1707. In 1803, Robert Emmett, a member of the ruling-class Anglican communion, led an abortive insurrection in Dublin in which he sought to procure for Ireland "the guarantee which Washington procured for America;...not to receive new taskmasters, but to expel old tyrants."

In 1829, a major political effort for Irish Freedom began under Daniel O'Connell. O'Connell, virtually inventing the modern techniques of mass democratic non-violent political organization and agitation, got himself elected to the British Imperial Parliament at Westminster, representing the County Clare. He proceeded to win "Catholic Emancipation", the final repeal of most of the old Penal Laws. In the 1840's he led the "Repeal" movement, which sought to repeal the Act of Union and restore the legislative independence of Ireland. Repeal failed for two main reasons: first, the active coercion of the British government which used physical force, or the threat of physical force, against the always legal, constitution, and emphatically non-violent O'Connell; and second, because of the "Great Famine" (beginning in 1845) which left Ireland prostrate for nearly two decades at mid-

The Famine is the great watershed of modern Irish history. It was the most severe economic, political, cultural and social dislocation ever suffered by the Irish people. Blight destroyed the potato crops, the staple food of some eight million tenant farmers. Two million died the horrible death of starvation with its attendant diseases of typhus (rickettsia), relapsing fever (spirochaetes), dysentery, scurvy, and famine dropsey (hunger oedema). Over two million more emigrated in desperation, usually to America. During this period, English absentee landlords continued to export Irish grain to England for profit; hundreds of thousands of tenants were evicted for non-payment of rents and saw their houses tumbledown to prevent reoccupation. It seemed to most Irish that the British government encouraged and aggravated the famine in Ireland for the purpose of thinning the population. The "Famine" period holds for the Irish the same psychological significance as the Nazi period holds for the Jews.

The Famine clearances sewed dragon's teeth from the Hudson to the Mississippi. The 1848, William Smith O'Brien, an Irish Protestant landlord and twenty-year member of Parliament, despaired of meaningful reform and, inspired by Thomas Davis an Irish Protestant nationalist poet, O'Brien led the ill-fated "Young Ireland" revolt against English rule in Ireland. Most of the leaders were either killed or exiled. In 1858 Irish revolutionary exiles in New York City, embittered by the famine experience, concluded that physical force was the only method that would bring an end to the manifest evils of English rule in Ireland. They founded the Fenian Brotherhood, known in Ireland as the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) and sponsored unsuccessful risings in Ireland in 1865 and '65. In 1866 and 1870 an Irish-American force of Civil War veterans (from North AND South) invaded Canada, but withdrew when their re-



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Emerald Isle Division, A.O.H., Washington, D.C. continues to participate in civic activities by presenting a check for the benefit of the project "Aiding Leukemia Stricken American Children (ALSAC)." Frank O'Neill, Acting President of the Emerald Isle Division is shown presenting a check to Monsignor Raymond J. Boland, Pastor, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

who accepted the check for ALSAC. In the picture reading from left to right are Edward P. Keefe, Past Treasurer; James J. O'Connor, Chairman, Catholic Action; Monsignor Boland; Frank O'Neill, Eugene D. Corkery, Past President; and John J. Coughlin, Sentinel. Monsignor Boland is a member of the Emerald Isle Division and is Assistant Director of the Washington, D.C. Archdiocesan CYO.

supply and reinforcement plans were thwarted by the United States Government. Nevertheless, the IRB survived and grew, and the United States had a "Fenian" threat to use in diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain.

In 1871 the course of legal action, dormant since the death of O'Connell in 1847, came once more to the fore in the Home Rule movement organized by Isaac Butt. In 1878, Michael Davitt proposed a cooperative arrangement whereby the singleminded courage and devotion of the Fenians (physical force) could be brought to support a constitutional movement whose character and leadership chose the Land Question that is, ultimate return of the land to the Native Irish who worked it, and to whom it had originally belonged. Out of this new fusion came the Irish Parliamentary Party and a new national leader, Cambridge-educated son of an Irish Protestant gentry father and an American mother, Charles Stuart Parnell. Land reform progressed during 1881-1905. Parnell led the national Land League not alone for its own sake, but also because of the opportunity it presented for "laying the foundation for the regeneration of our Ireland's legislative independence." In 1886 Parnell (and his party's 86 MP's) con-

vinced Gladstone and the Liberal Party to move Home Rule for Ireland. Gladstone realized that if he did not deal with Parnell, he would have to deal with the men who stood behind him, the Fenians.

At this point a small Liberal faction led by Joseph Chamberlain combined with Tories led by Lord Randolph Churchill to form the "Unionist" coalition to topple Gladstone from power. Chamberlain launched a campaign of character assassination against Parnell; and, for English partisan political purposes, Churchill went to Belfast and played the "Orange Card." He was so effective in stirring up sectarian passions that his son, Sir Winston Churchill, writes of his "rousing England and inflaming Ulster." As a result of such concerted efforts, Chamberlain and Lord Randolph Churchill destroyed most of the remaining Protestant-Catholic goodwill created by Wolfe Tone and the United Irishmen of 1798. This period saw the genesis of the idea of a separate Ulster and of the "Unionist" party, both ideas formulated in England by Tories for the sole purpose of controlling the elections and thereby the Government. This intensification of the English policy of promoting discord has created the Frankenstein monster of civil strife which even they

can no longer control.

Home Rule for Ireland finally passed the British House of Commons in 1912, but implementation was to be delayed for up to two years by the opposition of the House of Lords. German arms were smuggled into Ulster for an illegal, militant Protestant-Unionist army, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF). Thus the gun was reintroduced into Irish politics by alleged loyalists for the purpose of opposing through violence an act of the British Parliament. Units of the British Army stationed in Ireland vowed to fight on the UVF. This Unionist conspiracy to resist Home Rule was one of the most gigantic political bluffs in history. In addition to having an effect in England, it also convinced Germany that Ireland would arise in rebellion the moment war was declared. The British government capitulated and, on the excuse of the outbreak of World War I, postponed the implementation of Home Rule indefinitely. It must be remembered that what Unionists on both sides of the Irish Sea were after was not the partitioning of Ireland, but the defeat of Home Rule and the Liberal Party. It was largely a maneuver of partisan politics.

NEXT ISSUE:

The Easter Rising and The Northern Irish State

Tri-State Board and Convention in Mass.

The Massachusetts State Board held a Constitutional Convention on Saturday, November 24 at the McQuade Library on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., to update and clarify the existing laws of the Mass. A.O.H. The delegates met for registration and held a joint meeting, and then broke into groups for Committee Workshops. Over forty delegates were in attendance from various divisions within the State of Massachusetts. Divisions were represented from Lawrence, Lynn, Peabody, Salem, Malden, Watertown, Marlboro, and Worcester.

The opening remarks were made by the National Director and State President John J. Buckley. Also addressing the delegates was National Secretary William J. Bartnett from New York. During the afternoon sessions, a Tri-State Board Meeting consisting of State Boards from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts was held to discuss the pros and cons of the future of the A.O.H. in America.

The following National Officers made reports bringing the State Boards up to date: National Secretary William J. Bartnett on the computerization of membership and its aid to Financial Secretaries; National Director John J. Buckley on the importance of being selective when State, County and Division Presidents make their appointments of officers such as Chairmen of Catholic Action, Catholic Missions, Historians, Organizers and Freedom for All Ireland Committees.

One of the most important suggestions to come up was the feasibility of having an Atlantic State Conference with State, County, and Division Presidents and their appointed officers.

Deputy National Chairman William Murphy from New York and the Freedom for All Ireland Committee gave a lengthy report on legislative matters before the Congress of the United States with regards to Irish Immigration, House Resolution 161 and several other resolutions and bills before the Congress.

Deputy National Organ-

izer Thomas Nolan of Massachusetts offered his assistance to the three State Boards throughout New England.

Assistant Editor David R. Burke spoke on the Hibernian Digest and the importance of soliciting ads for the Digest.

State President John White, State Secretary John Henry and State Organizer Thomas Lane represented the Connecticut State Board.

Representing the Rhode Island State Board were State President Neil Sullivan, State Secretary James Mahoney, State Directors Edward Duggan and Raymond Lynch and other State officers of the Rhode Island State Board.

State Chaplain Msgr. John Grant rendered his assistance during the Constitutional Convention and the Tri-State Board Meeting.

Representing the Massachusetts State Board were State President John J. Buckley, Vice-President John Connolly, State Secretary Edward T. Wallace, State Treasurer Fred Coakley, Past National President Walter O'Leary, and State Organizers John Devlin and William Cashman.

Three resolutions were made and passed. 1.) A National A.O.H. Board Meeting to be held within 45 days. 2.) The feasibility of a Charter to the National Convention for the members of the 3 states. 3.) That the representatives of the National Board along with other major Irish organizations meet with the Irish Ambassador to the United States in Washington for clarification of questions on policy and pending legislation in Congress, and establishing better relations with the Irish Government.

It was agreed by all present that the Tri-State Board Meeting was very fruitful and effective. It was also voted to hold another Tri-State Board Meeting in the Spring, hosted by the Connecticut State Board. Brother Thomas O'Hara of Division 8, Lawrence, and State Secretary Brother Wallace were Co-Chairmen of the Convention. They were assisted by Essex County Recording Secretary James Howlett.



AMONG THE HARD WORKERS at the Tri-State meeting from l. to r. were: Neil Sullivan, President of Rhode Island; William Murphy of New York, Deputy Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland; John White, President of Con-

necticut; Thomas Nolan of Massachusetts, Deputy National Organizer; William Bartnett of New York, National Secretary; John Buckley, President of Massachusetts; and David R. Burke, Assistant Editor of the AOH Digest.



TRI-STATE BOARD MEETING in session at the McQuade Library on the

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STATE PRESIDENTS presiding over the Tri-State Board meeting, l. to r. President Neil Sullivan of Rhode Island, President John White of Connecticut, and President John J. Buckley of Massachusetts.

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CONVENTION COMING UP

Hibernians from across the nation are beginning to make plans to attend the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians which will be held in Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, starting on July 30, 1974.

Convention Chairman Edward F. Callanan, Jr. and his committee are making elaborate plans for the event and from all expectations it will be one of the largest AOH national conventions in the history of the order.

While Disneyland itself is a big attraction, visiting delegates and their guests will find many other interesting places to visit between convention sessions.

Watch for more convention details in the next issue of the Digest.

Washington A.O.H.**Ten Week Course Offered
On Irish Nation-Culture**

WASHINGTON: Residents of the Washington-Baltimore area have a rare opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding this fall of Ireland and the Irish through a new and comprehensive continuing education course at Georgetown University in the Nation's Capital. Sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute and by Georgetown's School for Summer and Continuing Education, the 10-week course entitled, "The Irish Experience; Nationalism and Culture," brings together Irish scholarship and expertise from several nationally known institutions in the capital area.

Planned by the IACI as an educational, sometimes impressionistic, sometimes entertaining but authoritative overview of key aspects of Ireland and the Irish, the course will cover elements of Ireland's modern history and culture and aspects of the Irish influence on Europe and America.

Course director is Dr. Frank Gannon, whose doctorate is in politics from the Catholic University of America. A writer on political and economic affairs, Dr. Gannon is a member of the International Board of Directors of the Irish American Cultural Institute and he is also a director of the Gaelic Hall of Fame.

For history buffs the course will deal with the historical background to the contemporary Irish political situation, focusing on Ireland's first great Nationalist, Hugh O'Neill, the 16th and 17th centuries and the 19th and 20th century antecedents of the contemporary Irish division.

IRISH SHORT STORY

Ireland's contributions to the arts will be touched on through discussions of the Irish short story, dramatic

readings on the "Trials of Love" in Synge, Joyce and O'Casey, personal reminiscences of the Yeats Family and their friends, a critique of the current Irish cultural scene and a special performance by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (the traditional Irish musicians organization).

Some influences of the Irish will be reflected through lectures and discussion on "The Impact of Irish and Celtic Motifs on European Literature," "Monuments of Irish Interest in the Nation's Capital" and "The Irish Adaptation to American Culture."

Lecturers and speakers include Vincent J. Gorman, M.A., lecturer in history, Trinity College (Washington); Terence J. Murphy, M.A., assistant professor of history, American University; Frank Getlein - the distinguished "at large" critic of the Washington Evening-Star News; Dr. Riley Hughes, founder and director of the Georgetown Writers Conference, an author or editor of some 12 books; Berenice Reed, M.A., Washington artist and cultural coordinator for National Capital Parks, Department of the Interior; Dr. Joseph Willaman, professor, Department of Modern Languages, Catholic University; Dr. Warren Mac Isaac and drama students from the School of Speech and Drama, Catholic University; Courts Oulahan, J.D.; Mrs. Eugene J. McCarthy, author of the recent best-seller "Private Faces; Public Places" and Dr. Frank Gannon.

OFFICIAL PATRON

The Irish American Cultural Institute, whose official patron is Ireland's former President, Eamon de Valera, is the only active, successful

international Irish organization of its kind. Honorary International Chairman is Princess Grace of Monaco and the IACI President is Dr. Eoin McKiernan, with international headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For further information and a registration form call Georgetown University, School for Summer and Continuing Education, 625-4353. Course begins September 17, 1973.

**WWII IRISH NEUTRALITY
DISCUSSED IN ARTICLE**

ST. PAUL, MINN.: Many Americans still believe that Ireland was pro-Nazi during World War II writes author T. Ryle Dwyer in an article "American Efforts to Discredit de Valera during World War II" published in the current issue of Eire-Ireland Magazine here.

Much of the effort behind the plot came from David Gray, the American minister to Ireland. When he assumed his post in 1940, Mr. Gray found that Prime Minister Eamon de Valera and his government favored the defeat of Hitler, but the hostility of certain segments of the Irish people toward Britain made an Anglo-Irish alliance impossible without provoking civil strife.

Envoy Gray, however, believed that something had to be done to ensure that the question of the partition of Ulster would not poison the Anglo-American alliance after World War II.

Therefore, in spite of great Irish efforts to aid the Allied cause while remaining neutral, Mr. Gray deliberately set about trying to force Mr. de Valera into an unfavorable position and thus discredit Irish-American political opinion in regard to Ulster. Although many, even British diplomats, found the plan at best unethical, it was carried through by Mr. Gray.

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PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO flew into Dublin June 29 for a meeting with the Irish-American Cultural Institute, as represented by its president, Dr. Eoin McKiernan. Princess Grace is international chairman of the Institute, formed 10 years ago to promote Irish culture in the U.S. and which now has 20,000 members. At the State luncheon given for the IACI and in her honour, Princess Grace made the following gracious remarks:

Your Excellencies, Distinguished guests, and fellow members of the Institute,

It is a great pleasure for me to be here today - for many reasons: First of all to have the opportunity to meet you personally, and officially accept my position as International Chairman of the Irish-American Cultural Institute.

I have been familiar for several years with the Quarterly Review published by the Institute, and want to congratulate you on the wonderful way it is presented. It has been a source of great pleasure to read, and I have learned so much from the many fascinating articles.

I think it was the Institute's motto "Not ancestor worship but filial gratitude" that attracted me first. And I am very proud to join in the effort to spread knowledge of

the history of Ireland as well as the many valuable contributions to both the old and the new world made by Ireland's sons and daughters. It is an Irish heritage and one we all treasure - And it is my sincere hope to be long associated with you in this common endeavor to offer our children and friends everywhere whatever gifts we can cull from the nobility of the lives of a great people.

And it seems very poignant to me that this particular meeting is being held here in Dublin at this moment - A moment of historic change - when all Irishmen are bidding a sorrowful farewell to an outstanding leader and great fellow countryman - and at the same time welcoming the new president with hope and encouragement.

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Bloody Sunday

Sam Dash Challenges Lord Widgery's Cover-Up

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Re: Lord Widgery's Report on "Bloody Sunday"

1. There would have been no deaths in Londonderry on 30 January if those who organized the illegal march had not thereby created a highly dangerous situation in which a clash between demonstrators and the security forces was almost inevitable.
2. The decision to contain the march within the Bogside and Creggan had been opposed by the Chief Superintendent of Police in Londonderry but was fully justified by events and was successfully carried out.
3. If the Army had persisted in its "low key" attitude and had not launched a large scale operation to arrest hooligans the day might have passed off without serious incident.
4. The intention of the senior Army officers to use 1 Para as an arrest force and not for other offensive purposes was sincere.
5. An arrest operation carried out in Battalion strength in circumstances in which the troops were likely to come under fire involved hazard to civilians in the area which Commander 8 Brigade may have underestimated.
6. The order to launch the arrest operation was given by Commander 8 Brigade. The tactical details were properly left to CO 1 Para who did not exceed his orders. In view of the experience of the unit in operations of this kind it was not necessary for CO 1 Para to give orders in greater detail than he did.
7. When the vehicles and soldiers of Support Company appeared in Rossville Street they came under fire. Arrests were made; but in a very short time the arrest operation took second place and the soldiers turned to engage their assailants. There is no reason to suppose that the soldiers would have opened fire if they had not been fired upon first.
8. Soldiers who identified armed gunmen fired upon them in accordance with the standing orders in the Yellow Card. Each soldier was his own judge of whether he had identified a gunman. Their training made them aggressive and quick in decision and showed more restraint in opening fire than others. At one end of the scale some soldiers showed a high degree of responsibility; at the other, notably in Glenfada Park, firing bordered on the reckless. These distinctions reflect differences in the character and temperament of the soldiers concerned.

9. The standing orders contained in the Yellow Card are satisfactory. Any further restrictions on opening fire would inhibit the soldier from taking proper steps for his own safety and that of his comrades and unduly hamper the engagement of gunmen.

10. None of the deceased or wounded is proved to have been shot whilst handling a firearm or bomb. Some are wholly acquitted of complicity in such action; but there is a strong suspicion that some others had been firing weapons or handling bombs in the course of the afternoon and that yet others had been closely supporting them.

11. There was no general breakdown in discipline. For the most part the soldiers acted as they did because they thought their orders required it. No order and no training can ensure that a soldier will always act wisely, as well as bravely and with initiative. The individual soldier ought not to have to bear the burden of deciding whether to open fire in confusion such as prevailed on 30 January. In the conditions prevailing in Northern Ireland, however, this is often inescapable.

JUSTICE DENIED

A Challenge to Lord Widgery's 'Report on Bloody Sunday'

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

BY SAM DASH

1. The record of the Widgery Tribunal justifies a finding that the 13 known civilian dead were unarmed when they were killed on January 30, 1972 in Londonderry, and that they were shot either recklessly or deliberately by paratroopers of the First Battalion Parachute Regiment.

2. The military plans and strategy approved in advance by the Commander of Land Forces in Northern Ireland and the leadership of the Stormont government for dealing with the civil rights march in Londonderry on January 30 reveal that these officials should have known that they were exposing thousands of peaceable citizens to a high risk of death or serious bodily injury.

3. Those in command decided to accept a high risk of civilian deaths and injuries, despite the urgent warning of this risk by the Chief Superintendent of Police in Londonderry and his strong recommendation that the march be permitted to take place without any military

interference. This senior police official, who had greater experience with the Catholic community of Londonderry than the higher authorities who ignored him, informed the senior Army commanders that he was satisfied that the marchers would be non-violent, with the possible exception of a hooligan fringe group, made up mostly of teenagers, whom he suggested could be photographed, if they rioted, permitting arrests at a later time.

4. The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA) which organized the march on January 30, planned, and took steps to insure, a non-violent march. They wanted to avoid any confrontation with military and police forces. Without any support from the record of testimony before him, Lord Widgery apportions a major share of the responsibility of the civilian deaths in Londonderry on January 30 to NICRA. His grounds were that the march made "a clash between the demonstrators and the security forces almost inevitable." But NICRA had informed the Chief Superintendent of Police of their plans to assure that the march would be non-violent. They had no way of learning about, or anticipating, the secret military strategy for the march, which involved substantial Army reinforcements, and they did not expect the special assignment of an aggressive combat paratroop regiment for arrest operations.

5. The senior Army officers' claimed expectation that the march would be used as a cover by a large number of terrorists, armed with guns and bombs, who would attack the military and police forces is unsupported in the record of the Widgery Tribunal. It is significant that Lord Widgery, in his report, omits any conclusion supporting this Army claim.

6. The record supports a finding that there were some civilian gunmen in the Bogside area on January 30 who occasionally shot at the paratroopers after they charged into the Bogside and started to shoot at civilians. But the presence of some gunmen did not justify the paratroopers in firing aimed or reckless shots at unarmed civilians.

7. The Commander of Land Forces in Northern Ireland made a reckless decision when he personally assigned the First Battalion Parachute Regiment to Londonderry with the special mission to conduct arrest operations. His action made

a military attack on civilian demonstrators more likely, creating a high risk of civilian deaths and injuries. The record of the Inquiry shows that the First Battalion Parachute Regiment had a notorious reputation in Northern Ireland for brutality to civilians. The paratroopers were trained to be quick on the trigger to kill in aggressive warfare against a dangerous enemy and were singularly unsuited for action against civilian demonstrators or rioters.

8. A large scale arrest operation by the paratroopers was unjustified. The main body of the marchers had accepted the military action to contain the march in the Bogside area and had avoided any confrontation with the military or police forces. Although a hooligan group had thrown an assortment of missiles, none of which were explosive, at the soldiers behind the containment barriers, the soldiers were successful in dispersing these rioters by the use of rubber bullets, CS gas and a high pressure water canon. Photographs had been taken by the Army and arrests of the rioters could have been made later, at a time which would not endanger the large number of peaceable civilians who were in the Bogside area because of the march.

9. The record of testimony before Lord Widgery raises serious questions as to whether a formal order authorizing the arrest operation by the paratroopers was in fact issued.

(a) The arrest operation was required to be authorized by the brigade commander and there is persuasive evidence in the record placing in doubt Lord Widgery's conclusion that the brigade commander gave the order to launch the arrest operation.

(b) The official brigade log entries of orders for that afternoon show that Support Company, which fired all the Army live rounds on January 30, never received any order to leave their barrier.

10. If the brigade commander issued an order for arrests, the only order, which is attributed to him in the record, authorized a very limited arrest operation by Company C of the paratroop regiment in the perimeter area of the Bogside. It specifically prohibited a "running battle down Rossville Street where all the known civilian deaths occurred. The brigade commander's later interpretation of this order at the Inquiry, in support of the paratroopers' action was unconvincing. However, it was understandable in light of the tragedy that had occurred. Lord Widgery finds that the kind of arrest operation carried out by the paratroopers was covered by an order by the brigade commander and dismisses the official Brigade log entry, supporting a contrary

finding, as having been mistakenly entered.

11. The strong weight of the civilian testimony heard by the Tribunal, including the numerous eyewitness statements which were submitted to the Tribunal, support a finding that the soldiers first fired on the civilians immediately upon leaving their Army vehicles, rather than Lord Widgery's finding, which accepts the paratroopers version that they were fired on by civilian gunmen before they returned fire.

12. Although some of the paratroopers claimed they came under steady and heavy firing when they entered the Bogside to make arrests, none of the many paratroopers in that area were even slightly wounded. The testimony of Army commanders on the spot and of all the civilian witnesses does not support this claim of heavy civilian fire, which must be considered as spurious.

13. The record justified a finding that none of the known dead or wounded held or threw any nail bombs at the time he was shot. Lord Widgery's report generally supports this finding. However, the explanation that Lord Widgery provides for the paratroopers that they could have reasonably mistaken a brick thrower for a nail bomber is totally unsupported by the paratroopers' own testimony.

14. The record compels the conclusion that the only nail bombs claimed by the Army to be found in the possession of any of the known dead were deliberately planted in Gerald Donaghy's clothes. In the face of clear and convincing testimony supporting this conclusion, Lord Widgery's statement in his report that the argument of the planting of these bombs is speculative is unacceptable.

15. A reading of Lord Widgery's report in its entirety, together with the testimony of the paratroopers, make unacceptable his finding that the paratroopers were, for the most part, telling the truth.

Further, Lord Widgery neglected to call many additional civilian eyewitnesses who could give evidence on a number of crucial matters which were the subject of conflicting testimony between Army and civilian witnesses he heard. These additional civilian eyewitnesses had given written statements, which had been submitted to the Tribunal. Many of these witnesses would have testified if they had been invited to the Inquiry by the Tribunal.

16. Lord Widgery was unjustified in deciding that the evidence concerning the wounding, as opposed to the killing, of civilians was not germane to his Inquiry. The wounding of civilians by the paratroopers should have been a crucial subject of

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the Inquiry. Findings as to the woundings were necessary to help resolve the issues concerning the judgment used by the paratroopers in shooting at the civilians who died on January 30. Yet Lord Widgery ignored the woundings in his Report, other than by some incidental references.

17. The particular forensic test used to determine whether any of the known dead had fired a weapon is subject to too many limitations to justify any positive findings. This test is not preferred by major crime laboratories anywhere. Thus, Lord Widgery's conclusion that "there is strong suspicion that some (of the known dead) had been firing weapons or handling bombs in the course of the afternoon and yet others had been closely supporting them" is without reliable scientific foundation.

Albany News Plan Now For '75 Ireland Trip

It's almost six months since the Trip to Ireland was first announced. It was stated then that time flies and you will agree it does.

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Round trip airfare is \$200.00 and maybe less. You have a choice of getting off at Shannon or Dublin. Also transportation is furnished from Albany to the Airport.

This is an opportunity to plan a vacation and take advantage of everything this trip has to offer. You will have many opportunities to get together with your group and attend the functions planned for your enjoyment.

So do not hesitate....sign up now. Starting in January cards will be issued to anyone who desires monthly payments. Ten dollars monthly will cover airfare. When signing up please indicate if this is desired.

Send inquiries and reservations to: John Fitzgerald Kennedy Division Five, AOH, 91 Quail Street, Albany, New York 12206.

New Years Dance

The Annual New Year's Eve Dance will be held on Monday, December 31 at the Hibernian Center in Albany. The gala event features buffet, open bar, favors, with dancing from 10:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. to the music of Matt Bruder.



JUDGE JAMES F. CLARKE, of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 9 of Allegheny County, has taken on another important assignment. He was recently elected president of the Catholic Youth Association, which has headquarters in the Lawrenceville district of Pittsburgh. He has long been active in the organization and has served on the Board of Directors

New Immigration Bill Introduced

There is good news for all those involved in the long tedious fight to get the present immigration law amended. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has introduced a bill in the Senate to amend that law which has in practice discriminated against would-be immigrants from Western Europe in general and Ireland in particular.

Senator Kennedy's bill

(S.2643) will now go before the Judiciary Committee chaired by Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.). Last year a reform measure (the Rodino-Ryan Bill) passed in the House of Representatives but nothing of consequence happened in the Senate. Introduction of this bill is most encouraging to the various Irish-American groups working to amend the unjust law.

Ladies Auxiliary National Annual Irish Essay Contest Rules

JUDGING: Judging will be based on originality, knowledge and organization of material. A maximum of two ranking essays in each subject from each State or province must be forwarded with a closing date postmark of March 17, 1974. Upon completion of judging, winners will be notified through their sponsoring his-

Only FOUR essays, TWO from each grade level may be entered for National judging from each State or Canadian province.

SUBJECTS: For Grades 6, 7, and 8 - "THE FOLK-LORE OF IRELAND". For Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 - "THE ABBEY THEATRE".

TIME: Contest opens October 1, 1973 and closes February 1, 1974.

LENGTH OF ESSAY: Not less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words - Grades 6, 7, and 8.

Not less than 750 nor more than 1,500 words - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

ELIGIBLE: All interested students in PUBLIC, PRIVATE, and PAROCHIAL Schools.

PRIZES: Prizes for each level - \$100.00 \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00.

National Essay Contest Ready for Kick-Off

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not intended to conflict with any other essay contest sponsored by any State, County or Division. The purpose is to spread knowledge of the Irish Heritage instead of keeping it to ourselves.

Essay Topics And Rules

Competition 1

ELIGIBLE: All students attending public, private or parochial elementary schools.

TOPIC: "ST. BRENDAN, THE NAVIGATOR".

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 500 to 750 words.

Competition 2

ELIGIBLE: All students attending high schools and academies.

TOPIC: "EAMON DEVALERA".

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 800 to 1,000 words.

Competition 3

ELIGIBLE: All members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, their friends and all students attending colleges and universities.

TOPIC: "THE PENAL LAWS".

LENGTH OF ESSAY: 1,200 to 1,500 words.

TIME FOR CONTEST

Competition will open on March 1, 1974 and will close May 1, 1974. Division Presidents will collect essays no later than May 5th and immediately forward them to

their County President. County Presidents will transmit essays as quickly as possible to their State President.

Each State President shall appoint a Committee to examine all essays in each competition. The State President shall forward these nine essays to the National Chairman of Irish History at the address listed below. The essays should reach the National Chairman by May 15th.

WRITING AND PAPER

Essays may be typed or handwritten on white paper, size 8-1/2x11 inches; and only one side of the sheet is to be used.

Contestants shall not write their names or addresses or any other identification marks on essays; instead they shall put this information on separate slips of paper and clip them to the essay.

PRIZES

Each competition shall have three Medals as prizes. First Prize - Gold Medal, Second Prize - Silver Medal, and Third Prize - Bronze Medal.

Each one of the nine Medals shall be called "Ancient Order of Hibernian History Medal."

AWARD CERTIFICATE

An Award Certificate will be presented to the Ancient Order of Hibernian Division, School, Academy, College, or University, which produces the writer of a First Prize essay in any of the three competitions.

JUDGING OF NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Essays submitted by State Presidents by May 15 to the National Historian shall be judged by three Judges whose names shall be published after the First, Second and Third Prize winners in each contest are made known. Each essay shall be judged on the basis of grammar and punctuation, sentence structure and knowledge of the subject as shown by writer's facts, order of ideas and organization of facts, as well as originality in writing and in the construction of essay.

Additional information on the National Essay Contest may be obtained by writing to the National Historian: Aloysius J. Melia, National Historian, 530 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

torians. Additional circulars are available.

IMPORTANT: Each essay must have on a separate sheet: Contestant's name, age, and home address; school's name and address; number of words in essay exclusive of Foreword, Introduction, or Bibliography.

Suggested Bibliography

"The Folk-lore of Ireland" - Colum, Padraic - IRISH FOLK-LORE; Evans, Emyr-Estyn - IRISH FOLKWAYS; Flood, Joseph Mary - IRELAND, ITS MYTHS AND LEGENDS; Mahon, Michael Patrick - IRELAND'S FAIRY LORE; Kennedy, Patrick - LEGENDARY FICTIONS OF THE IRISH CELTS; Curtin, Jeremiah - MYTHS AND FOLK-LORE OF IRELAND.

"The Abbey Theatre" - Dawson, Byron - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Fay, Gerard - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Fay, William George - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Holloway, George - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Kavanagh, Peter - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Malone, Andrew E. - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Robinson, Lennox - THE ABBEY THEATRE; Yeats, William B. - THE ABBEY THEATRE.

Mary E. Foley
National Historian
Ladies Auxiliary A.O.H.

Irish Tourist Board Wins Five Major Awards

NEW YORK: The Irish Tourist Board received five major awards in the 17th International Advertising Awards Contest held in conjunction with the 46th Annual Convention of the Hotels Sales Management Association (HSMA) International which was held in Dublin recently. HSMA is an international body of 4,000 hotel executives, 500 of whom attended the convention. The awards were presented to Mr. Stanly Wilson, Advertising and Publishing Controller, Irish Tourist Board, by Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Vice President - Advertising and Public Relations, Marriott Hotels, Washington, D.C., at a reception sponsored by Time Magazine in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin.

The contest, open to organizations engaged in promoting travel and tourism, attracted over 600 international entries this year. The awards received by Irish Tourist Board include:

Blue Riband (United States and Canada): Convention Bureau of Ireland promotional booklet.

Blue Riband (United States and Canada): Promotional magazine insert for Convention Bureau of Ireland, directing attention to convention facilities in Ireland.

Certificate of Excellence: Travel trade advertising in United States and Canada, including the Maritz incentive travel brochures and mailers. The Maritz incentive program launched last year by the Irish Tourist Board - first scheme of its kind for American travel trade - offers incentives to agents, based on the volume of holidays in Ireland they sell.

GENERAL TIRE TO MAKE TENNIS BALLS IN IRELAND
Mullingar, Co. Westmeath: General Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, plans to build a factory in County Westmeath for the manufacture of tennis balls.

The new plant, which will be located in the Mullingar Industrial Park, is expected to be in production by June 1974. The plant will employ 110 at full production and export 100 percent of its output to the European markets.

The Irish plant will be established under the direction of General Tire's chemical plastics division, which is headquartered in Akron.

General Tire is interested in diversifying and expanding its interests in Ireland. At present, the company is exploring the tennis related equipment for export.

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While in Dublin HSMA executives were received by the President of Ireland, Mr. Erskine Childers. Picture shows HSMA President Sig. S. Front (left) and his wife Toni admiring a portrait of the former President of Ireland, Eamonn de Valera, being shown to them by President Childers.

Magazine Reports British Anti-Catholic Terror

A calculated campaign of terror and assassination directed against the Roman Catholic minority in North Ireland is being carried out by the British Army, according to an article in the December issue of *Triumph* magazine.

"A tour through various sectors of the area makes it transparently obvious that Catholic neighborhoods are singled out for systematic harassment, intimidation and death," writes Paul A. Fisher, special correspondent of the magazine, who visited North Ireland during the last two weeks in October.

"Squads of soldiers in full battle dress roam through Catholic housing areas 'with fingers ever on the triggers of their Sterling rifles and sub-machine guns' while children play in front of their homes," he states.

"Forcible entry into homes at all hours of the day and night is a way of life for Catholics, but is almost unheard of in Protestant sectors."

The article contends that

unprovoked attacks by British troops on civilians in Catholic sections are commonplace, as are arbitrary arrests on "trumped-up charges," and sentencing to concentration camps on testimony of unidentified witnesses who are not permitted to be questioned by the defendant or his counsel.

Between August, 1972, when internment began, and February 2, 1973, more than one-thousand Catholics had been either interned or detained in Ulster without trial. During this entire period, not one Protestant was subjected to such incarceration, even though government officials were well aware of violence perpetrated by Protestant terrorists. In all, more than 1,500 men, women, and children have been jailed as political prisoners, almost all of them Catholics.

The magazine records the testimony of a number of civilian residents of Catholic sectors who have been physically assaulted and abused by unprovoked attacks by British troops. Typical of

such treatment is the following experience of Mrs. Elizabeth Bannon of Belfast:

"A soldier placed his gun against my jaw and fired a rubber bullet. As I was falling, he hit me with the butt of his rifle. My jaw is broken and wired shut. I am unable to eat solid foods. Seven stitches were placed in my temple, and I suffer severe pains in my ears, head, and face. During the week I was in the hospital, soldiers looked in at me and laughed."

Even more chilling is an organized campaign of civilian assassinations that has resulted in more than 200 deaths since the spring of 1972.

A number of these murders were preceded by torture involving numerous stab wounds, and, in at least two cases, crosses were burned into the backs of the Catholic victims. Some 80 percent of those so murdered have been Catholic, according to reports in the North Ireland press.

There is a widespread belief among minority citizens

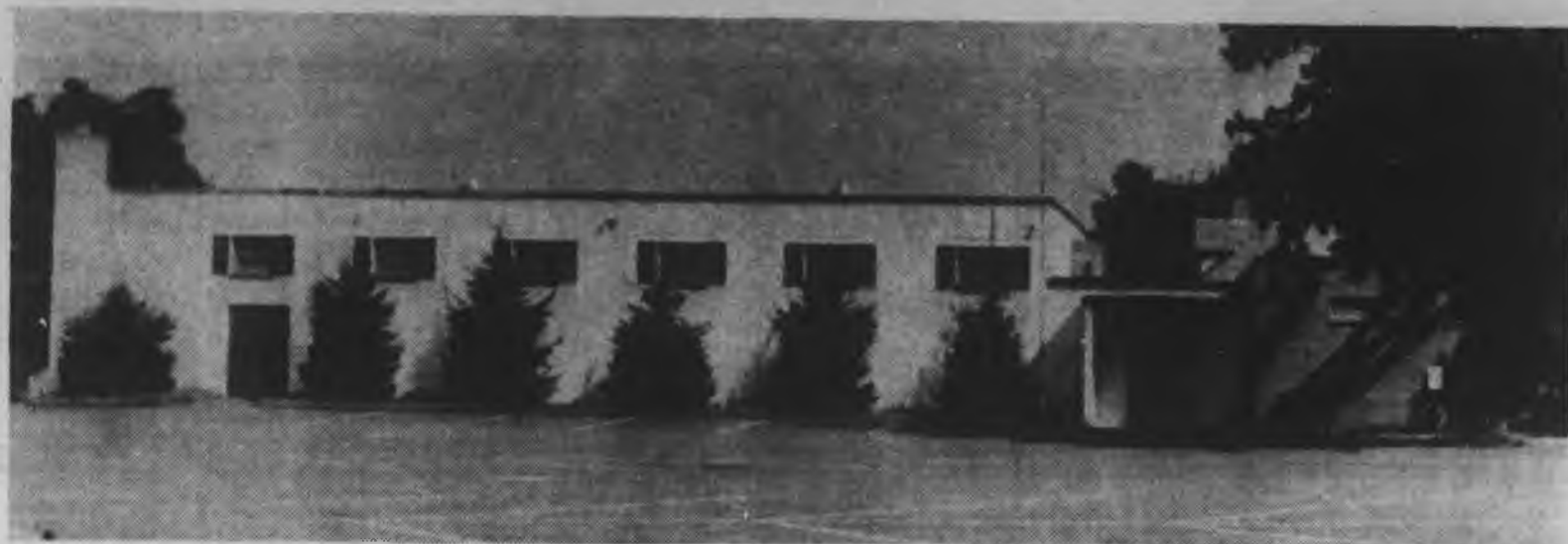
in North Ireland that this assassination campaign is part of a deliberate British Army policy set forth in a book written in 1971 by Brigadier Frank Kitson during his service as Army Commander in Belfast. Kitson's book, *Low Intensity Operations - Subversion and Peacekeeping* is frequently cited in North Ireland.

Prior to his visit, Fisher said he believed the recent "Troubles" were caused by Northern Catholic hot-heads seeking "headlines". Now, he confesses he was "deadly wrong". Summarizing he says: "British policy toward the Catholics in Northern Ireland is an awesome, systematic, brutal, and inhuman physical and psychological assault on a race of people by a so-called civilized government."

A spokesman for the magazine said that the article is being brought to the attention of Members of Congress and Delegates to the United Nations with an urgent plea that they do everything possible to end "this moral outrage."

and a new members room

Massachusetts Feature Visiting Hibernian Homes to Be Proud Of



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS Division #14, Watertown, Mass. Club Hall and Lounge. Largest membership of over 600 members. Hall holds 300 people and lounge 125. Open from

7:00 P.M. to 11:45 P.M. on week nights and 1:00 P.M. to 11:45 P.M. Saturdays and Sundays. Located at 151 Watertown Street, Watertown, Mass.



DEDICATION AND RENOVATION of Div. #11 Hall, Peabody, Mass. October 12, 1973. Left to right: Den Davis, Chairman of the Building Committee; John Dunn, President of the Building

Association; Honorable Mayor Nicholas Mavroules; Frank Connors, Division 11 President; Rev. Dennis Colman, Chaplain of Division 11.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, Robert G. Furlong, President-Elect of Division 10, Edward T. Calnan Irish Historian, Frank A. Calnan President of the Building Corporation and past Massachusetts State President, and Denis G. Cassidy outgoing Division President and Essex County Vice President.

Division 10's building, a seventy year old structure saw major improvements beginning in the early sixties with a new brick facade constructed entirely by the members, many of whom are qualified tradesmen. Renovations on the interior consisted of new bathrooms, a completely renovated lower hall, and a new members room. In

recent years the upper hall has been renovated and seats two hundred fifty to three hundred people comfortably. The latest project has been the installation of new bar facilities complete with a self-contained beer tap system. Building expansion plans are being considered for the future.

The Division holds weekly meetings every Monday evening. Bar facilities are open each weekday and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to midnight and from 1:00 P.M. on Sundays.

Division 10 would like to extend a warm invitation to any member visiting in the area to drop in to say hello.

Testimony Being Taken By Human Rights Commission

STRASBOURG, France-The personal account of former internees who suffered mental and physical punishment while being interrogated by British forces in Northern Ireland are being given to a three-man delegation of the European Commission of Human Rights, which began taking secret testimony last week.

No information is being released either by witnesses or the commission on what this evidence consists of, but a spokesman for the commission said that it was being taken in respect of alleged violation of Article 3 of the Convention of Human Rights, which covers freedom from torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, or punishment.

At the time when the use of torture by British troops in the North was exposed, it was shown that men were subjected to a variety of disorientation techniques, including being hooded, subjected to continuous monotonous noise, made to stand for prolonged periods with fingers pressed against walls, beatings and deprivation of food and sleep.

This treatment according to medical opinion at the time, was intended to break the will of the men - placed under intense strain by the interrogation techniques which have since been withdrawn by the army - so that they would answer questions about the IRA.

INTERMENT

It was also said in 1971 that some men placed under such a strain could carry the effects throughout their lives and that it could not be justified, regardless of the internal security position existing in Northern Ireland after Aug. 9, 1971, when internment was introduced.

The importance of the medical effects on the man is certain to have been emphasized to the Commissioners - who already have statements from three witnesses, submitted by the Irish Government and this is indicated by the presence

of psychiatrists on both the Irish and British legal sides at the hearing.

On the Irish side there is Prof. Robert Daly of the department of psychiatry, University College, Cork, and Prof. G. Bastiaans of the department of psychiatry, Leyden State University, Holland, and on the British side there is Dr. D. Leigh and Major M. E. Girling, an army officer.

There are understood to be 15 witnesses from the North in a Strasbourg hotel, summoned by the commission, which will pay their expenses.

HEARINGS

The hearings began before the three Commissioners - Prof. Felix Ermacora of the University of Vienna, and Prof. Torkel Opsahl of the University of Oslo, and Prof. Carl Aage Norgaard of the University of Aarhus in Denmark. Present were the Irish Attorney General, Declan Costello, and his advisers, and the British legal representatives, led in the absence of their Attorney General by Paul Fiscott, legal counselor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The witnesses were called to the first floor chamber where the hearing is taking place in the commission building, situated beside the Council of Europe.

In a briefing for Irish, French and Italian reporters - there is a noted lack of interest in the case by British publications - Anthony McNulty, secretary of the commission, said he was not able to give the names of witnesses for reasons of security.

ANONYMOUS

While the names would normally be expected to appear in the report of the proceedings to be published by the commission at a later stage, it seems very likely indeed that the Irish Government will be seeking to have the witnesses remain anonymous.

The witnesses who have been put forward by the Irish Government were selected by the commission, and the commission even declined to indicate the number called.

Season's Greetings

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Ft. Worth Five Man, Law Officer Sworn In Together

Kenneth Tierney of Yonkers, New York, (formerly of Dublin and County Galway) and Hon. Thomas J. Delaney, Police Commissioner of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and newly elected Sheriff of Westchester County, were among those new members sworn into the Ancient Order of Hibernians by Westchester President Charles Smith at the December, 1973, County Board Meeting.

Ken Tierney, together with Tom Laffey, Danny Crawford, Paschal Morahan and Matt Reilly, was unjustly imprisoned for 11 months in 1972 and 1973 as the result of a misdirected government probe into pro-Irish activities in the United States undertaken on behalf of the British government. Brother Tierney credits the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America with playing a major role in his eventual release, with contributing to the support of his wife and children, and with upholding the traditions of American justice in the face of the influence of the English governors by supporting their families; he congratulated the officials.

Brother Tierney regards his imprisonment as particularly ironic in that he is the son of a policeman; his father a Galway man, was for 18 years a member of the Dublin Metropolitan Guards and then served with the Guardai Siochana in Monaghan (where he had a very good working relationship with the Gallagher family, one member of whom was recently in Port Laois prison and another is a priest in Westchester). Ken lives with his wife and four children in St. Peter's Parish, Yonkers.

Tom Delaney was recently elected Sheriff of Westchester County carrying every city and town on the Republican and Conservative tickets, a doubly impressive accomplishment in that 1973 was virtually a Democratic sweep. Brother Delaney served in the U.S. Navy dur-

ing World War II in both the North Atlantic and the Pacific, leaving active duty after 4 years as a Lieutenant. He once taught at the Maritime Academy, is a graduate of Iona College, New Rochelle, New York, and is retired from the New York City Police Department with the rank of Captain. Tom Delaney is also a member of the New York and Westchester Police Emerald Societies and the Mount Vernon Irish-American Association. Brother Delaney's parents come from the County Cavan; he lives in the Parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Mount Vernon, New York.

Sworn in at the same ceremony were John J. McFadden, Councilman William B. Finneran, and Professor Edward F. Leonard. John McFadden is a Vice President of The Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City, was Tom Delaney's campaign manager, and is a cousin of Moire Drumm of Belfast (Vice President of the "Provisional" Sinn Fein). Bill Finneran is a newly-elected Democratic Town Councilman in the Town of Greenburgh (which the Republicans had controlled since the Civil War). A management consultant, he was previously a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps. Bill's parents are from Glennamaddy and Clifden in the Co. Galway. He lives with his wife and children in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Elmsford, New York.

Professor Edward Leonard is a native of New York City; his father comes originally from County Westmeath. A United States Marine Corps combat veteran, during World War II, he fought in the Pacific theater with the 4th Marines, 6th Marine Division, in the Okinawa campaign and later served in both China and Japan. He is a graduate of DeLasalle Institute and St. John's University and did his graduate work at

Columbia. He was the Conservative Party candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York State in 1970 and is a member of their State Executive Committee. He is often outspoken in his advocacy of the Cause of Irish Freedom; some of his writing on behalf of Freedom for all-Ireland has recently been read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Mario Biaggi. Professor Leonard now lives with his wife and four children in Holy Family Parish in New Rochelle, New York, where he is Associate Professor of History and Political Science at Iona College.

Westchester County President Charlie Smith of Div. 17, White Plains, said that it was a special honor to be able to swear in so distinguished a group of men, and that he was particularly encouraged when Brother Tierney said that he has never lost faith in the American judicial system despite the efforts of the English to subvert our government to their own ends through the influence of such Anglophile groups as the English speaking Union. Charlie Smith pointed out the importance of giving peace of mind to Republican political prisoners by supporting their families; he congratulated the Westchester Hibernians for their Christian Charity in adopting the Tierney family.

William A. Murphy, deputy National Chairman of the Freedom For All Ireland Committee, welcomed the new members of the Order on behalf of National President Edward Fay and the National Board; he said that the AOH was indeed fortunate to receive new members who had already distinguished themselves in support of the Cause of Irish Freedom.

All of the new members belong to Division 11, Tarrytown, save John McFadden who is in Division 1, Yonkers.



PROMINENT MEMBERS sworn in at Westchester Board Meeting are 1. to r. Professor Edward Leonard, Kenneth

Tierney, County President Charlie Smith, Sheriff Tom Delaney, and Councilman Bill Finneran.

Kennedy Memorial Medal

Particulars of the 1974 Kennedy Memorial Medal award appeared in the September-October issue of the *National Hibernian Digest*.

Eligible Nominators are requested to submit the name of their candidate, with a biographical sketch of their nominee, not to exceed 300 words, before January 15, 1974.

Kindly refer to Article XXVII of the National Constitution. All nominators are instructed to read this Article prior to their nominations.

Direct all nominations to J. Robert Tweedy, Chairman, Kennedy Medal Committee, 1974, 8207 Loch Raven Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.

J. Robert Tweedy, Chairman
Kennedy Medal Committee, 1974

ED. NOTE: You will find Article XXVII of the National Constitution on Page Five of the September-October issue of the *National Hibernian Digest*.

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Three Division Installation Recently Held

Members of three Divisions of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held a joint installation ceremony recently in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Officers installed were as follows:

Div. 4, Haverhill, Mass.

President: Geraldine Rheume; Secretary: Lucy Harwood; Treasurer: Nellie Coughlin; Mistress-at-Arms: Mary Lapierre; Standing Committee: Rose Donovan; Vice President Catherine Nadeau; Financial Secretary: Winifred Kelley; Historian: Bridie Davidson; Sentinel: Susie O'Leary.

Div. 14, Haverhill, Mass.

President: Marion Kelley; Secretary: Alice Lyons; Treasurer: Evelyn Fitzgerald; Mistress-at-Arms: Lucille Perrault; Sentinel: Lucy Gardella; Vice President: Katherine Arsenault; Financial Secretary: Mary Reaney; Irish Historian: Julia Barbolian; Standing Committee: Rose Batchelder.

Div. 20, N. Andover, Mass.

President: Kathleen Goebel; Secretary: Mary Daw; Historian: Mary Gallagher; Mistress-at-Arms: Ruth Bingham; Sentinel: Betty Killen; Vice President: Alice Devan; Treasurer: Mary Cronin; Financial Sec-



DR. ROBERT T. MEYERS and two of his students, studying material used in his classes at the Catholic University of America. Professor Meyers, pictured

at right, holds the Chair of Celtic Studies, founded by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the University, which is located in Washington D.C.

retary: Margaret Haltmaier; Standing Committee: Kay Holmes.

The installation ceremony was followed by a buffet lunch.

Installing officer was Madelyn Cashman, Essex County President, assisted by Catherine Shine, Past Essex County President.

HAVE A MERRY
IRISH CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY
IRISH NEW YEAR!

Hibernian Race Draws Excited, Cheering Crowd

WASHINGTON: Hibernians from the District of Columbia, Baltimore, and Northern Virginia journeyed on November 2 to the Laurel Race Course, Laurel, Maryland, to join an enthusiastic crowd that had gathered for the ninth annual running of the Hibernian Race, with a purse of \$11,000. The day was beautiful, in the lower 70's, and the turf was in typical Irish condition, slightly soft.

The grand winner of the Hibernian Race, the eighth race of the day, was won by a great thoroughbred horse, and a favorite named "Winsom Imp." Perhaps without knowing it, the track did a discrete job in pointing out to us the winning horse even before the race began, by suiting-up the jockey in bright emerald-green colors. Off to a good start, jockey Carlos Jimenez paced his horse well but in relative seclusion, until he rounded the last turn. Then, in a sudden burst of speed he came out in front, and crossed the finish line with a good half-length lead. With no exception, all Irish eyes were smiling as they made their way to the cashier's window.

Next year, on the first Friday of November, we hope to see many of our friends at the Hibernian Race for 1974 from other parts of the United States and Canada. We invite you to join with us, in a thrill

that is just so great that we must share it with you. As Lillian Fay, our Past National President of the Ladies Auxilliary explained, "Missing the Hibernian Race is like ignoring St. Patrick's Day."

Birmingham Priest Gets Twelve Years

BIRMINGHAM, England - Father Patrick Fell, found guilty by a jury of conspiring to commit arson and criminal damage was jailed for 12 years last week.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court also found him guilty of taking part in the control and management of an IRA unit at Coventry, where he is an assistant priest at All Souls Church.

Guilty verdicts were also returned against three of the other six men in the dock -- Francis Stagg and Anthony Lynch who got ten year sentences and Thomas Rush, sentenced to seven years.

Three other men, Anthony McCormick, Herbert Kelly and Patrick Burke were acquitted and discharged.

A Provisional IRA spokesman described the sentences as "savage."

Father Fell and Stagg were convicted of two charges of conspiracy to damage buildings and a third of taking part in the control and management of the Coventry unit of the IRA.

Lynch was convicted of possessing explosives and Rush was found guilty of conspiracy.

Some of the verdicts were by an 11-1 majority and the jury, out for a total of seven hours, failed to agree on charges.

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Massachusetts News

Msgr. Michael Houlihan Was Hibernian Chaplain

Rt. Rev. Michael J. Houlihan, 86, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Watertown for 18 years and a former state chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, died recently at St. Patrick's Manor, Framingham, after a long illness.

Msgr. Houlihan attended St. James High School in his home town of Haverhill, and was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1911.

After completing clerical studies at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, he was ordained at Holy Cross Cathedral on May 28, 1915 by William Cardinal O'Connell. He received his master's degree from Holy Cross College in 1921.

He was the first pastor of St. Theresa's Church of Revere in 1937. He had previously served as a curate at St. Columbkille's in Brighton, St. Anthony's in Cohasset, St. Joseph's in Malden, Our Lady of Lourdes in Newton Upper Falls, and Most Precious Blood in Hyde Park.

Looked upon as one of the best Irish scholars in the state at the time, Msgr. Houlihan had a great affection for anything pertaining to Ireland and would sometimes preach in Gaelic.

While at St. Theresa's he was affiliated with a number of chapters of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). He was chaplain of the Suffolk County Hibernians for several years before he was named state chaplain in December 1946 by Archbishop Richard Cushing.

Msgr. Houlihan was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's in Watertown on June 16, 1947. He celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest in 1965.

After his retirement in 1968, Msgr. Houlihan lived

at 35 Starknought Heights Rd., Gloucester.

Besides serving the AOH, he was a member of the Eire Society of Boston, Clan na Gael, American Irish Historical Society and the Knights of Columbus.

A concelebrated funeral Mass was offered in St. Patrick's Church, Watertown.

Whitelaw Called Early to Key Post

LONDON - William Whitelaw has been called back to Britain to take up the key post of Minister of Employment. His successor as Northern Ireland Secretary of State will be Francis Pym the Government's Chief Whip in Parliament. That was also the job Mr. Whitelaw held before he went to Belfast.

The announcement comes as a surprise. Mr. Whitelaw was expected to leave the North, but not until early next year. His recall at this time is being attributed by political observers to the seriousness of Britain's economic position and Mr. Whitelaw's present high popularity there.

Mr. Whitelaw is expected not only to deal with the unions - whose militancy over pay increases is the biggest current challenge to the conservative Government - but also to have a strong voice on price and wage stabilization and general economic policy.

In Belfast, the announcement of his transfer caused concern among most moderate politicians. Many of these had hoped he would preside at this week's tripartite talks in London to discuss implementation of a Council of Ireland.

However, the deteriorating economic situation has apparently prompted Prime Minister Edward Heath to name Mr. Whitelaw to the new position immediately.

Britain has just gone through the coldest November in 100 years. Streets and offices have been darkened by power cuts, and homes chilled by heating cuts. Trade figures and stockmarket prices have been toppling. Coal miners and electricity workers are on slowdown and there is a threat of railroad and engineering strikes. In short, a mood of crisis is building.

In Northern Ireland, even those who disagreed with him praised his genial personality and his negotiating ability. So now he has the job of negotiating with the unions - particularly the coal miners - who have been strongly critical of Mr. Heath and his government.

Washington Ladies Auxiliary



EMERALD ISLE DIVISION TOURS U.S. CAPITOL. The Ladies Auxiliary, AOH, Washington D.C. participated in a special tour of the U.S. Capitol on October 30. Pictured on the steps of the Capitol, front row: Kathryn Gatins, Secretary; Lillian Fay, Past National President; M. Patti Flynn, President of

District Board; Mary Cloonan Redwine, President.

Second row: Marie Lanahan; Winifred Quigley, Vice President; Grace Snyderwine.

Third row: Gertrude O'Brien, Justine Shields, Marguerite Hannon, Anne Gorman, Marie Baird, Helen Cryer.

Can You Help Save Irish Traditions?

Does YOUR memory hold a treasure of old Irish customs and habits - known from your own childhood in Ireland, perhaps, or from reminiscences of a family member who "came across"? That treasure should be shared. The Department of Irish Folklore in University College, Dublin, is trying to record these dying traditions before they have passed beyond recall.

The Department is currently appealing for local information about the lighting of bonfires to celebrate festivals or events. This lore is being gathered for the "Atlas of European Tradition," in which Ireland through the college, has been invited to participate together with all countries of Europe.

Bonfire celebrations is the first subject on which the Department is collecting data; others will follow. While any scrap of information is welcome, the Department stresses that one fact is essential: the exact location townland, village, etc. - from which the information comes. A list of specific questions concerning bonfires has been compiled. To secure this list, or to contribute information directly, please write:

The Department of Irish Folklore,
Arts Building
University College,
Belfield,
Dublin 4.

Kings County AOH Ball Is Huge Success

The 6th Annual Charity Ball of Joseph G. Moriarty Division 4, Kings County, Brooklyn, N.Y. was a huge success.

Co-chairmen Owen Doherty, George Kelly and their committee are to be commended for the preparation of this event, the Sixth Annual Charity Ball of the Division Four, Kings County, Brooklyn, which took place on Saturday, November 10 at the Mary Queen of Heaven Auditorium, East 57th St. and Ave. M, Brooklyn.

Among those present were: John Curry, Deputy State Organizer, AOH; Michael O'Connor, County President, and his wife; Ms. Margarite Martin, Ladies Aux. AOH; Ms. Helen Fazio, County President, Kings County Ladies Aux.

Rhode Island News

Irish History Class To Be Co-Sponsored

The Rhode Island A.O.H. State Board and the Denis E. Collins Division 1 of Newport, Rhode Island are co-sponsoring an Irish History Class at Salve Regina College. The instructor of the course is Paul F. O'Malley, Professor of History at Providence College, who is also a member of Division 11, Providence. Arrangements for the course were made by State President, Neil Sullivan and State Secretary James J. Mahoney. Because of the success of this past semester, the course will be re-introduced in the Spring.

Connecticut News

By John Henry

The first State Board meeting chaired by newly elected President, John White of Greenwich, was held at Glastonbury, Conn. The various delegates were the guests of the Celtic Division, Hartford. Auxiliary President Julia Lynam was also chairing her first meeting. The president of the host Division is Val Scott. Several important issues were discussed and President White made known his new appointments. Three new positions were added to the Board - deputy State Organizers. These men are charged with the chore of starting new Divisions in the largely barren upstate area. A chairman was also appointed for the State Essay contest.

Greenwich Dances

The Greenwich Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held a Seventieth Anniversary Dinner Dance last month. The affair was held at the Greenwich Country Club with over 300 people in attendance. Tom Lane is the President of the Division and Jack Higgins was the general chairman of the Banquet. Sharing the duties with the chairman was Chris Kyne. The guest speaker of the evening was John Gleason, former police chief of the Greenwich police force. Among the guests on the Dais were His Excellency Bishop Walter W. Curtiss, Bishop of Bridgeport; John White, State President; Senator Lowell Wiecker (briefly), and Fiast Selectman of Greenwich William Lewis, who declared that day as Hibernian Day and presented the Thomas Davis Division with a commemorative scroll. The master of ceremonies was Griff Harris, former First Selectman. The Gerry O'Dwyer Orchestra provided music for dancing. We add our congratulations to the Division.

Danbury's Irish Concert

The John A. Gildea Division of Danbury held a very successful Irish Concert at the Danbury High School recently. Dan Ryan was the general Chairman of the event, aided by a large committee. The show was a benefit for the Divisions new Scholarship Fund. The stars of the Show were Paddy Noonan, Martin Flynn, Mary McGonigle, Marie McEntegart and her Chorale (making their stage debut), the Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing, and Deirdre Dana-her a young Irish Harpist from New York. Paul Burns and Phil Gallagher acted as co-masters of ceremony.

Meriden Honors Member

Mike Gill of Meriden was tendered a Testimonial at the new AOH Hall in Meriden. Mike retired this year as State Treasurer after

some seventeen years of service. Mike was awarded Honorary Life Membership by the National Board and also received a citation from the City of Meriden. A very large crowd attended the affair which began with a Champagne Cocktail hour. Following a roast beef dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Martins Band from Springfield.

Meriden Highlights

Staying with the Meriden Division for a moment we find there are two counts of congratulations in order. First we congratulate President John Kasey and his division on the purchase of their new Clubrooms and the refurbishing of their bar and lounge. The bar and lounge is about the finest around. Also to be congratulated is Mike Cassidy of the Meriden Division on his election as an Alderman of the Meriden City Council.

Stamford Man Honored

Ed Baker of the General Philip Sheriden Division of Stamford was honored by his Division recently for his long and dedicated service to the Division. Ed has been Financial Secretary of the Stamford Division for the last 26 years. Mike Murray, Division Vice President, was the general chairman of the affair and Tony Walsh was the Master of ceremonies. Mayor Julius Wilensky presented Ed with a briefcase from the City of Stamford and Ed also received a plaque from his Division. The Division presentation was made by Division President Joe Butler.

Norwalk Team Scores

Norwalk Hibernians sponsored a Little League team in that City this past summer. The team was managed by Dick Stewart and finished third in a torrid Championship battle. The winning team was coached by Bob Johnson, a member of the Norwalk Division. This was the Hibernian's first venture in this field and all reports indicate a very successful year. The Hibernians will be involved again next summer.

Waterbury Reelects Man

Tim Carmody of Waterbury has been reelected to his third term as President of the Monsignor Slocum Division in Waterbury. Tim has had a very successful term of office and it is easy to understand why he is such a popular choice. Tim has been very active in the continuing success of the Annual Waterbury Feis. Pat Creedon has been keeping the dancing feet of Waterbury very happy with a well balanced social program. A most popular event is the annual New Year's Eve

Dinner Dance. This year the Evergreens will entertain.

New Britain Growing

The newest Division in Conn. is the New Britain Division. The Division is named the John Downey Division after the New Britain man who was in a Chinese prison for almost a quarter of a century. Larry Burke is the founder and first President of the Division and he is making great strides. The membership is increasing monthly and Larry plans on a very big Division when in full flight. The Division held a very successful dance in October as their first venture. The dance was very well attended and John Downey and his family also attended which lent historical significance to the event. With the formation of the New Britain Division came the rebirth of the Hartford County Board. Russell Oakes of the Hartford Division is the first President of the County. George Walsh is serving as Secretary of both the New Britain Division and the Hartford County Board. We look forward to big things from this area.

Joint Sponsorship

The Middletown and Bridgeport Divisions had something else in common in September. They both sponsored the Dublin University freshman soccer team which made a short New England tour. The Trinity team played Bridgeport University in Kennedy Stadium and the following night played Wesleyan University at Middletown. This was a fine piece of work by both these Divisions and we offer our congratulations. We're not going to mention the won-lost record of the Dublin team!!!!

Danbury Installation

The Danbury Hibernians held their first Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 16. Prior to the Party the Division installed its new officers. The new President is Peter Hearty who hails from Armagh. Peter is a fine choice to succeed Tipperary-man Dan Ryan, and he can be expected to continue

the progressive policies of the Division. Following the installation the Christmas Party will be held in the K of C Hall.

New London Feis

The boys up New London way are keeping busy. Their Annual Feis is now a fixture in the Feis schedule and this year's event was a great success. This Feis keeps the Irish culture flag flying in New London and the Division can be quite proud of their efforts.

Bridgeport Kennedy Division Honors Eugene O'Neill

At the annual Bridgeport dance of the Bridgeport Connecticut John F. Kennedy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians Eugene O'Neill was honored as the first recipient of an honorary life membership in the division. and was presented with an engraved plaque in recognition of the award by John F. McCarthy, chairman of the award committee.

Mr. O'Neill was honored foreman of the United Illuminating Company with over 40 years of active service was a charter member of the Bridgeport Hibernian Division and also had the distinction of being a charter officer of the organization, having served several terms as chairman of the standing committee. A most active and dedicated member of the Kennedy Division Mr. O'Neill has served on numerous committees in connection with the various programs and activities of his division.

A fine Christian gentleman he can also derive a great feeling of pride and accomplishment in the family he raised of five children - three daughters are nuns, one son is a priest and the other son a policeman.

Martin J. Devaney Heads Bridgeport AOH Kennedy Division

Martin J. Devaney has been elected to head the Bridgeport John F. Kennedy Division as its president for the year 1974. Other officers also elected include: William Reynolds, vice-president; Richard Callahan, fin-

ancial secretary; Patrick Boland, recording secretary; Frank McEvoy, treasurer; John Brophy, marshal; James Kerr, chairman of Standing Committee and Michael Clifford, sentinel.

Brother Martin J. Devaney, a native Bridgeporter, has an educational background at St. John's Prep School, Danvers, Mass., and also at Roosevelt Aviation School, Mineola, Long Island, New York. He has been employed for many years at the Avco Lycoming Division plant at Stratford, Conn. and holds the position of a foreman of the Maintenance Division.

A most active member of the John F. Kennedy Division he has been foremost in serving the cause of Hibernianism in this area and has lent his efforts in serving his division in many capacities. On the officer level, he has served with distinction in the offices of sentinel, marshal, and vice-president and is presently heading a most important committee as chairman of the membership committee. Over the years he has been an outstanding committee member in connection with the various activities on the social and spiritual programs of the organization and headed as chairman such events as the division's dinner dances and family outings.

Mr. Devaney's efforts have also been devoted to civic and fraternal causes and he has been honored as a life member of the Town of Stratford's Library Board and also in the Raymond T. Goldback Post 9460 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Other affiliations include the AVCO Lycoming Management Club and the Holy Name Society of St. James Church.

Married to the former Mary Wynne, he resides at 400 Ferry Blvd., Stratford, Conn. with his family of Martin Jr., a senior at the University of Connecticut, his daughter, Mary Ellen, a freshman at the University of Bridgeport, and daughter Susan, a 9th grade student at St. James parochial school.



LEFT TO RIGHT: George Carpenter, President Div. 18, Salem. Rev. Denis Coleman, Chaplain Div. 11, Peabody. David R. Burke, Essex County President, Msgr. Joseph P. Burke, J.C.D. Essex County Chaplain, and Div. 8 Chaplain of Lawrence. Mrs. William

Cashman Essex County President Ladies Auxiliary, Rev. John F. McGovern, Chaplain Div. 18, Salem. Rev. Robert Coleman, Chaplain Div. 10, Lynn. Absent when photo was taken, Msgr. John Grant, Mass., A.O.H. Chaplain.

Michigan Students Study In West Connemara Area

TULLY CROSS, Co. Galway - The beautiful Renvyle Peninsula in West Connemara is serving as a campus for a group of American Students this winter. The thatched cottages of Connemara West Ltd. in Tully Cross are acting as their residence halls.

Since mid-September, 14 students, eight boys and six girls, are in residence. The first part of their course will last until Dec. 15. Registration for the second study term, which begins in January 1974, promises even more participants.

The students, all of university age, are accompanied by two faculty members, Elizabeth Jennings, M.A., and Sister Mona Schwind, M.A. Their home college, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich., is a small liberal arts college with a student population of about 1,200. It was begun by a congregation of Dominican Sisters in Michigan in the 19th century.

The Aquinas College Overseas Study Center Program is relatively new in its present form. The college has previously sponsored study and travel programs during the summer with a portion of the time devoted to study in Ireland. Aquinas maintains a study center in Ireland with its own campus, its own faculty, and a course of studies largely derived from Ireland's heritage - past and present.

LOCAL RESOURCES

The resident instructors are directing courses in Irish literature and history with much reliance on area and local resources. The basic courses are complemented by a wide range of topics for group and individual study.

Among them are study of the Irish countryside; the organization of national, regional and local government; mythology and folklore; the Abbey Theatre; and native crafts.

The program, according to the Aquinas instructors, aims at giving the students an opportunity to learn, at first hand, aspects of a country rich in cultural heritage.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Impressions of the first month in residence are generally positive. In the words of one participant: "The cottages are rightfully the natural beauty, and Christian values. Service to the host community is the second of the program's aims."

Consequently, students hope to render some assistance to the area by serving as assistants in area schools, helping out in area projects and with area needs.

Many of the American students spent the summer back in Michigan working in fac-

tories, road construction projects, in shops and businesses to finance the trip and the cost of a semester away from home. Most have had at least one year of education on a university level.

Some of them plan teaching careers, further education for professions, and all of them working careers. To most, the Irish Overseas Study Center seems a most worthwhile and happy experience.

Pride of the community, the country is beautiful, the people friendly and helpful, and the opportunities for a rich and meaningful study-living program unlimited."

The people of Tully Cross have welcomed this opportunity to share their experiences with young people from another country. The presence of the youthful group in a small rural village throughout the entire winter has given the area new life and increased the social dimension of the community.

Financially, there are benefits also - the main one being the security which occupancy of the cottages throughout the entire winter period gives to the Rent-A-Cottage project.

Ladies Auxiliary National Board Holds Meeting

The National Board of the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians met in New York City at the Commodore Hotel, November 9th and 10th. The meeting was conducted by the National President, Rita Murphy, Yonkers, N.Y.

The following officers were in attendance: Margaret Rust, Burlington, New Jersey; Ann Burgess, Montreal, Canada; Margaret Judge, Akron, Ohio; Margaret Webb, Lawrence, Mass.; Mary Foley, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Sally Murphy, Baltimore, Md.; Audrey O'Malley, Portland, Ore.; Peggy Dowd, Washington, D.C.; Betty Donovan, Fairview Heights, Ill.; Violet Forceia, Stillwater, Minn.; Zee Foley, San Jose, Calif.

Past National Presidents Mary Hurley, Mary Bennett, Mary King and Rita McDonough were also present, and Kathleen Lenergan, Past Canadian National Vice President from Canada; Eileen McGinn, State President of the Auxiliary in Maryland; and Marian Guilfeyle, New York, who is co-chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee also attended.

The meeting proved to be most successful. Many prob-

Health Care to Be Free to All

DUBLIN: A sweeping health care program which will bring virtually free hospital care service to almost everyone in the Republic of Ireland was announced recently by the Government.

Deputy Prime Minister Brendan Corish, who is also the Minister for Health made the surprise announcement on August 30. According to Mr. Corish the new plan which will be made available at a nominal charge of \$17.50 a year, extends coverage to all people employed, self-employed, and to farmers in all income groups. It will make 300,000 more people including dependents, fully eligible for hospital services and will guarantee hospital care to virtually every citizen of the Republic.

Previously Government supported hospital service in Ireland has been confined to persons earning less than \$4,000 a year and to farmers who paid an annual tax of less than \$150 on their holdings.

SURPRISED

Announcement of the hospital project took the nation by surprise. The original intention of the coalition Government was that the charges should be related to income or salary. Many people would then have had to pay far more than \$17.50 a year. But Mr. Corish takes the view that since rich and poor alike will benefit from the same service, all should pay the same rate.

The \$17.50 charge will not cover the cost of running the service. The additional cost to be met by public taxes, is not expected to amount to more than \$14-million a year -- not a particularly heavy burden on the Government finances.

There has been widespread initial support for the new health plan. The Irish Congress of Trade Unions applauded the move. The only overt opposition was from the Irish Medical Association and the Medical Union, which said that the country could not afford a virtually free hospital service and that its hospitals were not equipped for the greater demands that will be made on them.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 6

The new program, which will go into effect on April 6, counters some of the criticism leveled at the Republic from Northern Ireland about poor and inadequate social-welfare and health services in the south.

The new health service makes this Northern loyalist criticism a little less credible. The Republic is catching up slowly but surely with the North in social welfare

lems in connection with plans for the convention, revision of the L.A.A.O.H. Constitution and Ritual, and ways and means of raising funds to cover the expenses of the National Conventions were resolved.

and public health.

In Northern Ireland which falls under the British Health Service, everyone has a medical card providing free medical treatment and a nominal, fixed charge for pharmaceutical prescriptions. In the Republic, medical card holders are still confined to the lower income groups, and doctors and medicines, though even that is much more than any Northern family would pay.

1951 CONTROVERSY

In 1951 a major controversy arose over a similar plan proposed by an earlier Coalition Government. At that time the late Catholic Bishop of Dublin, the Most

Rev. John C. McQuade, opposed the plan contending that the free aspect offended the church's social teaching. The Health Minister of the time, Dr. Noel Browne, refused to yield, and the church-state confrontation led to the resignation of the Government.

Speaking of the new program Dr. Browne, now a Senator, said: "It's a big advance over my plan for mothers and children and I welcome it."

There has been no comment from the Church, but it is known that the plan is widely supported by individual members of the clergy, particularly younger priests.

NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION

ANNOUNCES

1974 Feiseanna

May 12 - - - - -	New London, Conn.
May 19 - - - - -	Parents & Students of Irish Musicians & Dancers Assoc. of New York.
May 26 - - - - -	Greater Cleveland Feis, Ohio.
June 2 - - - - -	Irish American Home Feis Hartford, Conn.
June 8 - - - - -	Gaelic American Art Society, Chicago, Ill.
June 9 - - - - -	United Irish Counties, N.Y.
June 15, (16 Rain Day) - - - - -	Detroit Gaelic League Feis, Mich.
June 22 - - - - -	Freehold Feis, Friendly Sons of Shillelagh, N.J.
June 29 - - - - -	Dayton, Ohio.
June 30 - - - - -	A.O.H. Feis, Stanford, Conn.
July 6 - - - - -	Hamilton Feis, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
July 7 - - - - -	Gaelic A.A. of New Haven, Conn.
July 13 - - - - -	Rochester Feis, N.Y.
July 20 - - - - -	Pittsburgh Irish Center Feis, Pennsylvania.
July 28 - - - - -	A.O.H. New Feis of Rockland County, N.Y.
August 24-25 - - - - -	Catiskill N.Y.S. Feis, N.Y.
Sept. 7-8 - - - - -	A.O.H. Long Island Feis, N.Y.
Sept. 15 - - - - -	A.O.H. Nassau County Feis, N.Y.
Oct. 5 - - - - -	A.O.H. Syracuse Feis

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More Results of Nassau Co. Feis Competition

These results are continued from an article appearing in the Sept.-Oct. 1973 issue on Page Seven.

Boys 8 years and under 10 -
Competition #37 (Reel) - 1st Kevin Gallagher, 2nd John Schmidt, 3rd Michael Dolan.

Competition #38 (Jig) - 1st John Schmidt, 2nd Ramon Casey, 3rd David Corbett.

Competition #39 (Hornpipe) - 1st Kevin Gallagher, 2nd Denis Barron.

Boys 10 years and under 12 -
Competition #40 (Reel) - 1st Douglas Crane, 2nd James Burke, 3rd Gerard Tully.

Competition #41 (Jig) - 1st Gerard Tully, 2nd James Burke, 3rd Douglas Crane.

Competition #42 (Hornpipe) - 1st James McCarrill, 2nd Neal Jordan, 3rd Kevin Dolan.

Boys 12 years and under 14 -
Competition #43 (Reel) - 1st Michael O'Shea, 2nd Laurence Dolan, 3rd Joseph McEvoy.

Competition #44 (Jig) - 1st Joseph McEvoy, 2nd Michael O'Shea, 3rd Kevin Mulligan.

Competition #45 (Hornpipe) - 2nd Kevin Mulligan, 3rd Robert de Poortere.

Boys 14 years and under 16 -
Competition #46 (Reel) - 3rd - Joseph Kearney.

Competition #47 (Jig) - 3rd John Fennessy.

Competition #48 (Hornpipe) - 3rd John Fennessy and Joseph Kearney (tie).

Boys 16 years and over -
Competition #50 - 1st Patrick McCarthy.

Competition #51 (Hornpipe) - 3rd Patrick McCarthy.

GIRLS ADVANCED
SOLO IRISH DANCING

Girls (under 8 years)
Competition #52 (Reel) - 1st Una McBride, 2nd Bernadette McCarthy, 3rd Patricia Long.

Competition #53 (Jig) - 1st Bernadette McCarthy, 2nd Sharon McDermott, 3rd Bernadette Fee.

Girls (8 years and under 10)
Competition #54 (Reel) - 1st Sheila O'Callaghan, 2nd Eileen Murphy, 3rd Kathleen Pendergast and Debbie Meehan (tie).

Competition #55 (Jig) - 1st Noreen Morgan, 2nd Deirdre McGrath, 3rd Mary Anne Schulok.

Competition #56 (Hornpipe) - 1st Mary Anne Schulok, 2nd Geraldine Conway, 3rd Colleen McGrath.

Girls (10 years and under 12)
Competition #57 (Reel) - 1st Karen Early, 2nd Marybeth Griffith, 3rd Laurie Irwin.

Competition #58 (Jig) - 1st MaryAnn McNulty, 2nd Kathleen Coen, 3rd Eileen Mullen and Eileen McGrath (tie).

Competition #59 (Hornpipe) - 1st Margaret Kelleher, 2nd Maureen Hourihan, 3rd Marybeth Griffith and Bette Jane Fischer (tie).

Girls (12 years and under 14)
Competition #60 (Jig) - 1st Marcella McElwain, 2nd Sarah Lafferty, 3rd Kathleen Madden.

Competition #61 (Hornpipe) - 1st Marcella McElwain, 2nd Sarah Lafferty, 3rd Eileen Conway.

Competition #62 (Slip Jig) - 1st Rosemary Talty, 2nd Catherine Fleming, 3rd Mary Schneider.

Girls (14 years and under 16)
Competition #63 (Jig) - 1st Kathleen Kelleher, 2nd Evelyn O'Keefe, 3rd Sheila Kennedy and Maryanne Rooney (tie).

Competition #64 (Hornpipe) - 1st Noreen Curry, 2nd Kathleen Coffey, 3rd Evelyn O'Keefe.

Competition #65 (Slip Jig) - 1st Ellen Cunningham, 2nd Noreen Curry, 3rd Kathleen Crehan.

Girls (16 years and over)
Competition #66 (Jig) - 1st Maureen Hyland, 2nd Moira Kennedy, 3rd Nancy Tighe.

Competition #67 (Hornpipe) - 1st Nancy Tighe, 2nd Mary Paul, 3rd Eileen McLoughlin.

Competition #68 (Slip Jig) - 1st Maureen Hyland, 2nd Moira Kennedy, 3rd Noreen McDonagh.

BOYS ADVANCED
SOLO IRISH DANCING

Boys (under 8 years)
Competition #69 (Reel) - 1st Thomas Farrell, 2nd Timothy Kelly, 3rd John O'Sullivan.

Competition #70 (Jig) - 1st Peter Daly, 2nd Thomas Farrell, 3rd Sean Flynn.

Boys (8 years and under 10)
Competition #71 (Reel) - 1st Kieran McKiernan, 2nd Edward Fee, 3rd Patrick Dowling.

Competition #72 (Jig) - 1st Patrick Dowling, 2nd Daniel Hourihan, 3rd Kiernan McKiernan.

Competition #73 (Hornpipe) - 1st Kevin McGrath, 2nd Edward Fee.

Boys (10 years and under 12)
Competition #74 (Reel) - 1st Brendan Keohane, 2nd Patrick Reynolds, 3rd Daniel O'Gallagher.

Competition #75 (Jig) - 1st John Mulvey, 2nd Daniel O'Gallagher, 3rd Patrick Golden.

Competition #76 (Hornpipe) - 1st Herbert McDermott, 2nd Patrick Reynolds.

Boys (12 years and under 14)
Competition #77 (Reel) - 1st Thomas McGrath, 2nd Patrick Woods, 3rd John McLoughlin.

Competition #78 (Jig) - 1st Joseph Hourihan, 2nd Patrick Burke, 3rd Tim Carty.

Competition #79 (Hornpipe) - 1st Thomas Griffith, 2nd Patrick Burke and Thomas McGrath (tie), 3rd Joseph Hourihan.

Boys (14 years and under 16)
Competition #80 (Reel) - 1st Kevin Coughlan, 2nd Kenneth Regensburg, 3rd Frank Talty.

Competition #81 (Jig) - 1st Kevin Coughlan, 2nd Sean Dolan and John Kennedy (tie), 3rd Kenneth Regensburg.

Competition #82 (Horn-

pipe) - 1st Colm Lynch, 2nd Frank Talty.

Boys (16 years and over)
Competition #83 (Reel) - 1st Brendan Molahan, 2nd Michael Murphy.

Competition #84 (Jig) - 1st James Sayre.

Competition #85 (Hornpipe) - 1st Brendan Molahan, 2nd James Sayre, 3rd Michael Murphy.

CHAMPIONSHIP DANCING
Boys Minor (under 12)

#86 - 1st Christopher Werba, 2nd John Farrell, 3rd James Conway.

Boys Junior (12 years and under 15)

#87 - 1st Eugene McDonnell, 2nd Brendan McKiernan, 3rd John McGrath.

Boys Intermediate (15 years and under 17)

#88 - 1st Sean Cunnane, 2nd Donald Burke, 3rd James Early.

Boys Senior (17 years and over)

#89 - 1st Eugene O'Brien, 2nd Kenneth Verlin, 3rd Tim Bakke.

Girls Minor (under 11 years)
#90 - 1st Geraldine Quinn, 2nd Dymphna Flynn, 3rd Kathleen O'Leary.

Girls Junior (11 years and under 13)

#91 - 1st Betty Conway, 2nd Mary McCorry, 3rd Joanne Buckley.

Girls Intermediate (13 years and under 15)

#92 - 1st Eileen Golden, 2nd Mary Healy, 3rd Moira Quinn.

Girls Advanced Intermediate (15 years and under 17)

#93 - 1st Colleen Griffith, 2nd Donna Farrell, 3rd Marion McDonnell.

Girls Senior (17 years and over)

#94 - 1st Maureen Bakke, 2nd Philomena Gillilan, 3rd Patti Fischer and Helaine Sander (tie).

BOYS AND GIRLS
FIGURE DANCING

Under 8 years -

Competition #95 - Three-hand Reel - 1st Una McBride, Eileen Hand, Eileen Brennan, 2nd Arlene McDonagh, Kieran McGrath, Ann Marie Byrne, 3rd Peggy Gillespie, Theresa Geenty, Renee Rizzi.

Competition #96 - Sweets of May - 1st John O'Sullivan, Mary McNerney, Michael O'Sullivan, Eileen Cronogue, Sheila Ginn, Sheila Hourihan, Maureen Kelleher, Cathy Curran.

8 years and under 10 -

Competition #97 (Eight-Hand Jig) - 1st Patricia McMorrow, James O'Sullivan, Sheila Kelleher, Maura McMorrow, Patrick O'Hara, Daniel Hourihan, Anne McDonagh, Matthew Curran, 2nd Sheila Greaney, Bridget Dixon, Paula Croke, Nuala Furey, Theresa Cotter, John Fogarty, Helen Coen, Patrick Dowling, 3rd - Eileen Murphy, Patricia O'Connor, Maura Fogarty, Eileen Houston, Michael Carolan,

Mary Dixon, Noreen O'Connor and James Sullivan.

Competition #98 - Four-Hand Dance - 1st Denise Colfer, Karen Tighe, Maureen Colfer, Kevin McGrath, 2nd - Ann Sheehy, Ramon Casey, Siobhan Dolan, Terence McNamara, 3rd Diane Fleming, John Farrell, Dymphna Flynn, Thomas Farrell.

10 years and under 12 -

Competition #99 Three Tunes - 1st Karen Early, Maryann Pocsics, Kerry Sullivan, Catherine Cotter, Anne Marie Foran, Kathleen Coen, Margaret Forde, Kathy Bolger, 2nd Deirdre McGrath, Marion Ingram, Eileen Mullen, Laura Kelly, Colleen McGrath, 3rd Kelly Anne Conroy, Mary Ellen Williams, Anne Marie Hawkes, Pauline Daly, Megan Greenfield, Christine Werber, Rosemary Reilly, Elliston Bradli.

Competition #100 - Four-Hand Dance - 1st Maureen Hourihan, Sheila O'Donnell, Mary McCorry, Bette Jane Fischer tied with Thomas Monahan, Patricia Conway, Michael Monahan, Maura Quinn, 2nd Sheila McHugh, Eileen Walsh, Eileen Connors, Elizabeth Mulhern, 3rd Mary O'Sullivan, Nancy Ryan, Patricia Conoque, Mary Ann Curran.

12 years and under 14 -

Competition #101 - Glen-car Reel - 1st Barbara Mulhern, Mary LaFlare, Mary Ellen Gloof, Mary Ellen Williams, Marianne Cowden, Sheila Hogan, 2nd Kathleen Kelleher, John Cronogue, Marian Moohan, Margaret Kelleher, Joseph Hourihan, Kathleen O'Hara.

Competition #102 Eight-Hand Dance - 1st (tie) Joanne Buckley, Patti Murphy, Catherine Hogan, Peggy Croughan, Eileen Whelton, Mary Ann McNulty, Lisa Dardzinski, Joan O'Callaghan tied with Maureen Lane, Laurence Dolan, Philip Lane, Tara McGarry, Kevin Mulligan, Catherine Russellman, Kevin Kelly, Gail Mulvihill, 2nd Theresa Kelleher, Joann Cloud, Eileen Dolan, Kim Brady, Kathleen Fahey, Kelli Armstrong, Siobain Mulhern, Mary Schneider.

14 years and under 16 -

Competition #103 Muiris Reel - 1st Mary Coen, Kevin Coughlan, Anne Greaney, Patrick Burke, Tricia Carney, James Burke, Marion McDonnell, James Early (No second prize), 3rd Mary Davern, Patrice Corbett, Paul-ette Corbett, Siobhan Moore, Rosaleen Tiernan, Eileen Mulligan, Bobby Mulligan, Kerry Anne Kelly.

Competition #104 Six-Hand Dance - 1st Colleen Worrell, Maureen Mullen, Betty Ann Conway, Ellen Cunningham, Mary Riordan, Jeanne Clancy, 2nd Eileen Golden, Mary Healy, Aileen, Terry Guilfoyle, Sheila, Maureen Hodgkinson, 3rd Mary Jean

Hodgkinson, Kathleen Coffey, Kathleen Callaghan, Stella Grace, Eileen Callaghan, Maureen Roarty.

16 years and over -

Competition #105 Eight-Hand Dance - 1st Mary Paul, Sean Meehan, Philomena Gilliland, Matthew Bakke, Maureen Bakke, Patrick Tighe, Dorothy Regan, Danny Tighe, 2nd Kathy Fischer, Mary Ryan, Joanne Collins, Kathleen Hourihan, Maureen Hyland, Margaret McCorry, Maureen Fischer, Patti Fischer.

Competition #106 Four-Hand Dance - 1st Maureen Devine, Mary O'Donnell, Eileen McDonagh, Noreen McDonagh, 2nd Margaret McGrath, Evelyn O'Keefe, Brigitte McGrath, Brian Mulvihill, 3rd Helaine Sander, Patricia Buckley, Clare Moriarty, Peggy Moriarty.

National Board Awards Hailed

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N.H.; J. L. Walsh, Louisville, Ky.; C. M. Gallagher, Biddeford, Me.; E. L. Conboy, White Plaine, N.Y.; D. G. Carter, Akron, Ohio; J. McGlarry, Altamont, N.Y.; and D. Goodwin, Trenton, N.J.

M. J. Corcoran, Happaage, N.Y.; C. M. Shea, Santa Rosa, Calif.; E. P. Crawley, Pawtucket, RI.; J. Longberry, Staten Island, N.Y.; J. McKiernan, Louisville, Ky.; U. J. Murdock, Biddeford, ME.; J. J. Clark, Colonia, N.J.; T. Hamilton, Jr., Southport, Conn.; Ed Brennan, Salem, Mass.; H. B. Carey, Trenton, N.J.; R. Bolland, Binghamton, N.Y.; J. R. O'Carroll, N. Versailles, Pa.; D. Cleary, Danbury, Conn.; J. E. McCallus, Orwigsburg, Pa.; C. Leonard, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ed Kilmartin, Danbury, Conn.; J. P. Cuddahy, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; M. S. Coen, Billerica, Mass.; K. Cahill, Valley Stream, N.Y.; Bill Tymon, Westport, Conn.; Rev. O'Sullivan, Methuen, Mass.; Pat Doheny, Verona, N.J.; Anthony Zemetis, Meriden, Conn.; E. J. Moore, Pittsburgh, Pa.; G. Hefferan, Ada, Mich.; Geo. Leyden, Waterbury, Conn.; P. A. Darmody, Silver Spring, Md.; J. F. Gallagher, Bronx, N.Y.; M. Burke, Youngstown, Ohio; M. Giblin, Waterbury, Conn.; B. L. Doyle, South Bend, Ind.; S. Costello, Minot AFB, ND.; C. M. Egan, Montclair, N.J.; J. P. O'Keefe, Flushing, N. Y.; D. Anderson, Cromwell, Conn.; and Jack Reynolds, Suffolk, N.Y.

The largest contributor to the Awards was Brother James R. Mattingly, Indianapolis, Indiana with 7 complete units.

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Mass. Freedom Committee Active on Multiple Fronts

Fred O'Brien, chairman of the Mass. Freedom for All Ireland Committee on Saturday, November 17 with a large delegation of Brother Hibernians from all parts of Mass. went to Boston to picket and protest the docking of the ship Queen Elizabeth II. Delegations from Div. 8 of Lawrence, Mass., Div. 10 of Lynn, Mass., and Div. 14 of Watertown, Mass. had large groups present.

The Freedom for All Ireland Committee is preparing several resolutions pertaining to the reunification of Ireland for the 1974 legislative session, to memorialize Congress on similar bills that are being introduced by the National Board. In addition, all State officers (elected and appointed) County Presidents, and Division presidents and their respective Chairmen of Freedom for All Ireland Committees were sent "Irish Freedom" petitions and the October issue of Triumph magazine. A donation from the State Board was sent to the Dallas Defense Fund.

Division 10 of the Ladies Auxiliary in Lynn, Mass., headed by Mrs. William Cashman recently sent packages over to Ireland to the prisoners in Long Kesh concentration camp. The packages contained 100 sponge type footballs that cannot be punctured by the British barbed wire that surrounds the prison. The Irish freedom fighters will use them during their exercise period.

On October 27 the Northern Ireland Aid Committee of Lynn, Mass. held their First Annual Banquet and Dance with the guest speaker being Kenneth Tierney of the Fort Worth Five. Joseph McHugh Chairman of the Essex County Freedom for All Ireland Committee led a large delegation of Hibernians to the affair, including State President John J. Buckley, who was one of the guest speakers; who

during the course of his speech asked for a joint effort by all Irishmen and organizations so that we can reach our common objective for the reunification of Ireland.

Also in attendance were Fr. Dennis Coleman, Chaplain of Div. 11 of Peabody, Essex County President David R. Burke, Essex County Vice President and President of Div. 10 of Lynn Dennis Cassidy, Essex County Financial Secretary and newly elected President of Div. 8 in Lawrence, Joseph Cronin, State Organizer of the Mass. State Board William Cashman and his wife, who is President of Essex County Ladies Auxiliary, Ben Davis Chairman of Div. 11 Freedom for All Ireland Committee in Peabody, Fred O'Brien Mass. Chairman of Freedom for All Ireland Com-

mittee, Frank Connors President of Div. 11 in Peabody, and Pat Hennessey a member of the Freedom for All Ireland Committee at Div. 10 in Lynn.

Mass. State Chairman, Freedom for All Ireland Committee Fred O'Brien suggests that all County and Division Chairmen purchase a copy of the book "Justice Denied" by Prof. Sam Dash.



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